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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC

Doing Business As

DISCUS

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

1250 EYE STREET NW NO 400

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

WASHINGTON, DC 20005

F Name and address of principal officer

PETER H CRESSY

1250 EYE STREET NW NO 400

WASHINGTON,DC 20005

D Employer identification number

52-0971454

E Telephone number

(202) 628-3544

G Gross receipts \$ 14,670,383

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3)

☒ 501(c) (6)

(insert no)

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website: WWW DISCUS ORG

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?

☐ Yes

☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other

L Year of formation 1973

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	TO FURTHER THE INTERESTS OF THE DISTILLED SPIRITS INDUSTRY	
Revenue	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	13
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	13
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	42
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	115,000
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	6,187
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	264,603	328,092
Expenses	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	13,178,058	13,751,752
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	32,529	13,667
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	511,660	551,535
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	13,986,850	14,645,046
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	60,500	47,500
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	0	0
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	8,148,289	8,641,958
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) $\rightarrow$ 0	0	0
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	6,644,744	6,900,787
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	14,853,533	15,590,245
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-866,683	-945,199
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	8,040,672	6,417,848
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	12,380,318	14,783,463
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	-4,339,646	-8,365,615

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2012-10-25

Date

JEAN B GOODING SVP FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

FREDERICK LONGWOOD

Date

Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

P00439715

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

TATE AND TRYON

2021 L STREET NW SUITE 400

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

EIN $\rightarrow$ 52-1855942

Phone no $\rightarrow$ (202) 293-2200

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes

☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL IS A NATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING AMERICA'S LEADING DISTILLERS AND NEARLY 70% OF ALL DISTILLED SPIRITS BRANDS SOLD IN THIS COUNTRY OVER THE YEARS, THE COUNCIL HAS SERVED AS THE DISTILLERS' VOICE ON POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL, STATE CAPITALS AND FOREIGN CAPITALS WORLDWIDE OUR STRONG COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBILITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING WE DO AS AN ORGANIZATION AND AS AN INDUSTRY

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes

No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes

No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROMOTION OF THE OBSERVANCE OF LAWS RELATIVE TO THE INDUSTRY, AND ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRADE GROUPS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE, TO THE END THAT FULL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION MAY BE HAD IN CONSIDERING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS OF THE INDUSTRY

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

EXERTING ALL LEGITIMATE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION, WHETHER ECONOMIC, STATUTORY, REGULATORY OR OTHER, AGAINST PRODUCTS OF THE INDUSTRY, AND TO OPPOSE UNDUE AND UNFAIR PREFERENCE AND ADVANTAGE OF ANY KIND

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

WORKING FOR THE PREVENTION OF PRACTICES WITHIN THE INDUSTRY WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO SOUND PUBLIC POLICY, AND OPPOSING IMPROPER METHODS AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS PRACTICE TO THE END THAT PROPER RELATIONS BE MAINTAINED BY THE INDUSTRY

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses

\$

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors(see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3	Yes
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5	Yes
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a	Yes
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. 	11b	No
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. 	11c	No
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. 	11d	Yes
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11e	Yes
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11f	Yes
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12a	Yes
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 	12b	No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV	16	No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	Yes	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance					
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐					
				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	1a	60		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. .	2a	42		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account or securities account)?	4a			No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	Yes		
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	Yes		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).					
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?				8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.					
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter					
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?				12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.					
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.	13a			
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b			
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand.	13c			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?				14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b			

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	13	
	1b	13		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
8a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure	
17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ☒ _____
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ☒ THE ORGANIZATION 1250 EYE STREET NW NO 400 WASHINGTON, DC 200053922 (202) 628-3544

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization’s tax year

- List all of the organization’s **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization’s **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization’s five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization’s **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization’s **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MICHAEL J KEYES BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(2) MARTIN P BIRKEL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(3) IVAN MENEZES BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) DONN LUX BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) JIM CLERKIN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) SURIYA PARKSUWAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) PAUL DUFFY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) JOHN R FRANK BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) ROBERT FURNISS-ROE BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) BILL NEWLANDS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) ALBERTO DE LA CRUZ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) JAMES BAREUTHER BOARD CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(13) JOHN MCDONNELL BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(14) PETER H CRESSY PRESIDENT/CEO	35 00			X				3,327,409	0	51,300
(15) JEAN B GOODING SR VP FINANCE/ADMIN	35 00			X				173,045	0	49,812
(16) LYNNE J OMLIE SR VP/GC/CORP SECRETARY	35 00			X				372,362	0	21,500
(17) MARK S GORMAN SR VP GOVT RELATIONS	35 00				X			285,449	0	25,288

Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) DAVID E WOJNAR VP STATE GOVT RELATIONS	35 00				X			176,682	0	44,119
(19) ROBERT S BUDOFF VP OFFICE LEGAL DEPT	35 00					X		169,061	0	44,033
(20) FRANKLIN L COLEMAN SR VP PUBLIC AFFAIRS	35 00					X		292,299	0	51,875
(21) DAVID A CULVER VP FED GOVT RELATIONS	35 00					X		178,808	0	18,160
(22) MICHELE FAMIGLIETTI VP FED GOVT RELATIONS	35 00					X		176,084	0	23,680
(23) DAVID M OZGO SR VP ECONOMIC & STRATEGIC	35 00					X		233,240	0	46,973
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								5,384,439	0	376,740

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Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization▶18

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1

Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
HILLCO PARTNERS LLC 823 CONGRESS AVENUE SUITE 900 AUSTIN, TX 78701	LOBBYING	110,000

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Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶1

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	228,092				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	100,000				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		328,092				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	DUES	900099	13,224,011	13,224,011			
	b	UNIV NUMERIC CODE FEES	900099	310,095	310,095			
	c	REIMBURSEMENT	900099	208,646	208,646			
	d	PUBLICATION SALES	900099	9,000	9,000			
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		13,751,752				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		39,004			39,004	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
		Gross rents	436,535					
		b Less rental expenses	0					
		c Rental income or (loss)	436,535					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		436,535			436,535	
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other				
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory						
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	25,337					
		c Gain or (loss)	-25,337					
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-25,337			-25,337	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .						
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b	Less cost of goods sold	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	CONSULTING FEES	900099	115,000		115,000			
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		115,000					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		14,645,046	13,751,752	115,000	450,202		

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	47,500			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	4,526,966			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	1,041,809			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	1,727,668			
9	Other employee benefits	1,020,783			
10	Payroll taxes	324,732			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	250,900			
c	Accounting	37,834			
d	Lobbying	1,882,434			
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	936,220			
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	321,560			
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	1,348,773			
17	Travel	533,482			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	371,486			
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	24,901			
23	Insurance	72,398			
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	354,030			
b	DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	159,629			
c	SUBSCRIPTS/RSCH MATERIA	151,309			
d	EQUIPMENT LEASE/MAINTEN	149,556			
e					
f	All other expenses	306,275			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	15,590,245			
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			25,700	1	18,837
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,710,385	2	1,916,893
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			656,583	4	523,083
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			1,843,340	5	1,822,335
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			301,276	9	391,886
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	1,142,737			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,021,647	81,738	10c	121,090
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			1,052,250	11	706,692
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			74,074	12	74,074
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			2,295,326	15	842,958
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			8,040,672	16	6,417,848	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			1,521,144	17	1,400,425
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			176,270	19	384,340
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			10,682,904	25	12,998,698
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			12,380,318	26	14,783,463
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			-4,339,646	27	-8,365,615
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets				28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			-4,339,646	33	-8,365,615
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			8,040,672	34	6,417,848

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	14,645,046
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	15,590,245
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-945,199
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-4,339,646
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	-3,080,770
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	-8,365,615

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☒

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 52-0971454
Name: DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE
UNITED STATES INC

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC	Employer identification number 52-0971454
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$ 95,812
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$	
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$	
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	☐ Yes	☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV		

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$	95,812
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$	
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$	95,812
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☒ Yes	☐ No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV		

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns															
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		☐ Yes ☐ No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		No
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2		No
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	Yes	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	13,197,011
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	4,781,467
b	Carryover from last year	2b	1,777,567
c	Total	2c	6,559,034
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	5,277,485
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	1,281,549
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC

Employer identification number
52-0971454

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	
	Yes No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	
	Yes No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)

☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes

No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes

No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization’s accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** ☐ Public exhibition
- d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b** ☐ Scholarly research
- e** ☐ Other
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization’s collections and explain how they further the organization’s exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization’s collection? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 
- b** Permanent endowment 
- c** Term endowment 

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		738,142	712,537	25,605
e Other		404,595	309,110	95,485
Total. Add lines 1a-1e <i>(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)</i> 				121,090

Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	14,645,046
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	15,590,245
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-945,199
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-3,080,770
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-3,080,770
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-4,025,969

Part XII

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	14,645,046
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	14,645,046
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	14,645,046

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	15,590,245
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	15,590,245
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	15,590,245

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	DISCUS IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES ON ITS EXEMPT ACTIVITIES UNDER SECTION 501 (C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. DISCUS BELIEVES THAT IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN, AND THEREFORE, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. DISCUS' INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE GENERALLY SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE IRS FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY WERE FILED.
PART XI, LINE 8 - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		FAS 158 ADJUSTMENT -3,080,770

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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UNITED STATES INC

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52-0971454

Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ▶ ☐

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC4400 UNIV DRIVE MS 1A3 FAIRFAX,VA 220304444	54-1603842	501(C)(3)	35,000				UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT
(2) AMERICAN COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND HEALTH 1995 BROADWAY 2ND FLOOR NEW YORK,NY 10023	13-2911127	501(C)(3)	5,000				UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT
(3) AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 100 NORTH 20TH STREET 4TH FLOOR SUITE 400 PHILADELPHIA,PA 19103	13-6163539	501(C)(3)	7,500				UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

3

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

0

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
	☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☒ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	Yes
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	Yes
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
	☐ Compensation committee ☒ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	Yes
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a	The organization?	5a	
b	Any related organization?	5b	
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a	The organization?	6a	
b	Any related organization?	6b	
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9	

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, columns (D) and (E) for that individual

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) PETER H CRESSY	(i)	1,413,189	299,264	1,614,956	9,800	41,500	3,378,709	1,563,427
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) JEAN B GOODING	(i)	150,646	11,250	11,149	6,826	42,986	222,857	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(3) LYNNE J OMLIE	(i)	356,390	11,250	4,722	9,800	11,700	393,862	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(4) MARK S GORMAN	(i)	259,100	22,500	3,849	9,800	15,488	310,737	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(5) DAVID E WOJNAR	(i)	165,078	11,250	354	6,912	37,207	220,801	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(6) ROBERT S BUDOFF	(i)	167,514	0	1,547	7,001	37,032	213,094	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(7) FRANKLIN L COLEMAN	(i)	253,187	29,620	9,492	9,800	42,075	344,174	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(8) DAVID A CULVER	(i)	172,490	6,000	318	6,900	11,260	196,968	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(9) MICHELE FAMIGLIETTI	(i)	169,730	6,000	354	6,900	16,780	199,764	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(10) DAVID M OZGO	(i)	205,891	22,250	5,099	8,739	38,234	280,213	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	PART I, LINE 1A	SPOUSAL TRAVEL WAS PROVIDED FOR PETER CRESSY, PRESIDENT & CEO. AMOUNT WAS INCLUDED IN TAXABLE INCOME ON HIS W-2.

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Part I

Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501 (c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II

Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c)Original principal amount	(d)Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g)Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) PETER H CRESSY COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF SPLIT DOLLAR LIFE		X	1,932,621	1,822,335		No	Yes		Yes	
Total ▶	\$ 1,822,335									

Part III

Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b)Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c)Amount of grant or type of assistance

Part IV

Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

Part V

Supplemental Information
Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO 2 CLASSES, (A) ACTIVE MEMBERS AND (B) AFFILIATED MEMBERS ALL PARENT AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, OR AFFILIATED COMPANIES, AND ALL COMPANIES UNDER SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CONTROL OR MANAGEMENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A GROUP AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE MEMBERS PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OR THE IMPORTATION AND SALE OF BEVERAGE DISTILLED SPIRITS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ACTIVE MEMBERS EACH ACTIVE MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE RIGHTS OF SUCH MEMBER AFFILIATED MEMBERS PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN ANY BUSINESS CLOSELY RELATED TO OR ALLIED WITH THE BEVERAGE DISTILLED SPIRITS INDUSTRY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE AFFILIATED MEMBERS AFFILIATED MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ONLY SUCH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME PRESCRIBE
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT/CEO, SVP FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL COUNSEL, AND TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE IT IS FILED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY AS WELL AS TO ALL OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES, EACH IS REMINDED TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND TO REPORT ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE DISCUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE PRESIDENT/CEO'S COMPENSATION IN DECEMBER AS PART OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROCESS COMPARABILITY DATA ARE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION OF THE DELIBERATION OF THE BOARD TO THE SVP FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE PAYROLL THE PRESIDENT/CEO IS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES COMPARABILITY DATA ARE PROVIDED TO THE PRESIDENT/CEO THE TOTAL COMPENSATION IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT GENERALLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BUT IF REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS WERE TO BE RECEIVED, THE ORGANIZATION WOULD CONSIDER MAKING THEM AVAILABLE TO THE REQUESTOR
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	FAS 158 ADJUSTMENT -3,080,770 TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5 -3,080,770
		FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C THE AUDIT OVERSIGHT PROCESS HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No
(1) DISCUS PAC 1250 EYE STREET NW SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20005 04-3661167	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	DC	527(F)				No
(2) DISCUS TEXAS PAC 1250 EYE STREET NW SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	DC	527(F)				No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35A, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1

During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a

Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b

Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c

Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d

Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e

Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f

Sale of assets to related organization(s)

g

Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

h

Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

i

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

j

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

k

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

l

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

m

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

n

Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

o

Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

p

Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

q

Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

r

Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

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No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Schedule R (Form 990) 2011

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation	
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Form

4562

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2011

Attachment
Sequence No 179

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

See separate instructions. Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC	Business or activity to which this form relates FORM 990 PAGE 10	Identifying number 52-0971454
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7		
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8		
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9		
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2010 Form 4562	10		
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11		
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12		
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2012 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13		

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A		
17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2011	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	0
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☐ Yes ☐ No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost	
25Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)							25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use									
		%							
		%							
		%							
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use									
		%				S/L -			
		%				S/L -			
		%				S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28			
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29		

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2011 tax year (see instructions)					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2011 tax year				43	
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	