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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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benefit trust or private foundation) ► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

01/01 2012, and ending For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 20 12 D Employer identification number C Name of organization THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE Check if applicable Doing Business As The Biomimicry 3'8 Institute 86-1153859 Address change Room/suite E Telephone number П Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Name change 406-543-4108 Initial return PO Box 9216 City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code П Terminated Missoula, MT 59807 G Gross receipts \$ Amended return H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No Application pending F Name and address of principal officer **Bryony Schwan** PO Box 9216, Missoula, MT 59807 If "No." attach a list (see instructions) √ 501(c)(3)) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527 501(c) (Tax-exempt status www.biomimicryinstitute.org H(c) Group exemption number ▶ Website: ▶ Form of organization ✓ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ► 2005 M State of legal domicile МТ L Year of formation Summary Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The purposes of this corporation shall be to naturalize biomimicry in the culture by promoting the transfer of ideas, designs, and strategies from biology to sustainable Activities & Governance human systems design. Check this box ▶ ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 8 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) 0 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 103 Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 0 7a Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0 Current Year Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h). 1,076,110 714.819 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 39.237 46,537 2,876 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . 81 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . 10,198 11 10,017 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 12 1,125,626 774,249 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) . . . O 5.000 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) O 0 14 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part) (X column) (A) lines 5-10) 109,288 0 15 Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 70 l 16a 2,988 18,691 Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (P) line 25)
Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 1 1001-2400 885,219 1,239,907 17 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (997,495 1,263,598 18 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 1 128,131 -489,349 19 End of Year 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 1,157,936 692,871 78,725 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . 53,388 1,104,548 614,146 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 ക 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 office-) s based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge SCANNED NOV 10/22/2013 Signature of officer Sign Here **Beth Rattner, Interim Executive Director** Type or print name and title Date Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Check I if self-employed Paid **Preparer** Firm's EIN ▶ Firm's name Use Only Firm's address 🗲 Phone no May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☐ No

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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 purposes of this corporation shall be to naturalize biomimicry in the culture by promoting the transfer of ideas, designs, and
	strategies from biology to sustainable human systems design. About Biomimicry: Efforts to address climate change, consumption,
	pollution, deforestation, poverty, disease and the myriad other issues that threaten the planet have to date been primarily reactive
	(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 1)
2	Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the
	prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?
_	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?
	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 are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others,
	the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.
	the total experience, and revenue, if any, for each program convice reported.
4a	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 369,740 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 38,639)
14	#1. EDUCATION PROGRAMS: While biomimicry offers us a completely new way of problem solving, few engineers and designers
	think about turning to nature as a source of inspiration. Our educational institutions do not encourage engineers or designers to
	take biology courses, nor have most biologists been trained to apply their field of study to address human problems. Our long-term
	goal is to nurture a global community of practitioners who will transform the world through biomimicry. The Biomimicry 3.8 Institute
	is striving to inspire and educate students around the world by training educators at every level, providing the tools and resources
	educators need, and supporting practitioners, educators, students and others through a global network. As the thought leaders in
	the field, the Biomimcry 3.8 Institute will, at the same time, continue to deepen the practice of biomimicry and broaden the
	knowledge platform needed to practice biomimicry. With the goal of inspiring and educating students around the world, the
	Biomimicry 3.8 Institute's 2012 education program goals were to: Establish the first biomimicry degree programs at colleges and
	universities via our Biomimicry Affiliate and Fellows Program; Develop cutting edge curriculum for universities, schools and
	Informal education venues; (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 4)
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4b	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 225,532 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)
	#2 ASKNATURE (BIOMIMICRY DESIGN PORTAL) Practitioners of biomimetic design express one consistent need-access to
	relevant biological information organized by design and engineering function. Innovators working on safer antimicrobials, for
	instance, want to learn about how nature resists biofilming in the form of snail shells, kelp fronds, and dolphin skin e.g., all in one
	place. Until we developed www AskNature.org, there was no catalog of nature's solutions to design and engineering challenges.
	AskNature is the online inspiration source for the biomimicry community, the world's first and only digital library of nature's
	solutions organized by function, and the only resource that can serve as a cross-pollinating tool and collaboration forum among
	biologists, engineers, designers and other innovators. For the last few years we focused our efforts on developing the first beta
	version of the site, populating it with content, developing some tools and soliciting feedback from users. In 2012, working with our
	internal Digital Development Team and outside consultants we analyzed the best solutions for developing the AskNature 2.0
	framework. Our anticipated new system will allow us to become highly flexible in our architecture and allow us to scale in an
	on-demand fashion and to be highly redundant and available. As a side note, we are also excited that our AskNature "Nuggets"
	(inspirational biomimicry on-line videos) are now going to be featured at the Weisman Museum at the University of Minnesota
4c	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 95,071 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)
	#3. REGIONAL BIOMIMICRY NETWORKS The demand and interest in biomimicry continues to grow as people all over the world
	explore how biomimicry can inform and transform their regional economies and societies to become more resilient and ecologically
	aligned. The Biomimicry 3.8 Institute works with leaders in various regions to help develop local biomimicry networks. This
	strategy is essential for the discipline of biomimicry to spread and take root in our culture. Our work is to keep these networks in
	touch with one another, and to provide them with the very best tools to do their jobs. Our goals for the year were to support the
	current regional networks in Northeast Ohio, The Netherlands and South Africa, and help develop emerging networks in Texas, the
	Pacific Northwest, California, Ontario (Canada), Mexico and Japan. Aside from accomplishing these goals, we established a
	Regional Network Beta Cohort Program (meaning established networks) and invited 11 regional networks to participate: Puget
	Sound, Oregon, Bay Area (CA), Switzerland, Texas, Chicago, Northeast Ohio, NYC, Netherlands, Mexico and South Africa. Japan
	will take more time because of the language and cultural barriers but they are still actively pursuing their program. Through the
	(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 3
	(Expenses \$ 238,566 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 7,898)
4e	Total program service expenses ▶ 928,909

Part-	Checklist of Required Schedules	 -	· · ·	
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	Yes	No
2 3	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 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	√	
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		<u> </u>
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		✓
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		✓
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		√
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8		✓
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; 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		✓
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		✓
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		√
	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		✓
	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		*
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		1
e f	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 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 .	11e		✓
	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a		✓
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 and XII is optional	12b		✓
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		1
14 a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		✓
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, Parts I and IV	14b		1
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15		· ·
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16		1
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 (see instructions)	17	1	<u> </u>
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	•	1
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		1
20 a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a		1
	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		<u> </u>
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Part l	V Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)			
			Yes	No
	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		<u>✓</u>
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		✓
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated			
24a	employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		<u>✓</u>
	\$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a	į	✓
	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24b 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		✓
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		✓
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		✓
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 b	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a 28b		√
С	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 direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	√	
29 30	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		√
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		1
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		1
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		1
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	✓	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		1
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		1
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R,			
	Part VI	37		✓
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	1	
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	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 16		res	NO
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and			
	reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	1	[
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 0			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? .	2b		
_	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		/
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<u>3b</u> _		
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, securities account, or other financial			
	account)?	4a		1
ь	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		✓
þ	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		/
_	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			,
b	organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		✓
U	gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
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	,	1
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	70		
e f	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7e 7f		1
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		1
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		1
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	a ==		
	organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		1	
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a 9b		
ь 10	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	90		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . 10b			i
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	}	ĺ	
ь	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources		ĺ	
	against amounts due or received from them.)			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		-
b 12	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			1
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		+
a	Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			1
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which			1
	the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans]		
C	Enter the amount of reserves on hand			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		✓
-	If "Ves " has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No " provide an explanation in Schedule O	14h	İ	1

Part	response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. S Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI	ee ins	tructi	ons.
<u>Section</u>	on 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	:		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . 1b 8			,
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	1	
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		✓
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the pnor Form 990 was filed?	4		✓_
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .	5		✓_
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		✓_
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		✓
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		✓
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
а	The governing body?	8a	✓	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	✓	
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? <i>If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O</i>	9		/
Secti	on B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Reven	ue C		
			Yes	No
10a b	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		_
	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 filling the form?	11a	/	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.	40-	·	
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	<u> </u>	
c b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes,"	12b	, ,	
40	describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	✓	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	14	1	
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?	17	•	
а	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	1	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	<u> </u>	✓
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). 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		1
b	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		
Secti	on C. Disclosure		1	
17 18	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed None Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.	n 501	(c)(3)s	only)
19	✓ Own website ☐ Another's website ☑ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O) Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.			oolicy,
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records organization: Bryony Schwan, (406)543-4108	of the	9	

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

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. 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, and 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 ne	or any relate	d org	aniz	atio	n c	ompe	nsa	ted any currer	t officer, director	, or trustee.
(A) . Name and Title	(B) Average			Pos ieck		than o		(D) Reportable	(E) Reportable	(F) Estimated
	hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	Individua or directo		a Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
Janine Benyus Director	13	1						o	47,611	6,816
David Oakey	5		<u> </u>	_			İ			
Director	0	1	l					O	0	0
Lynelle Cameron	1									
Director		✓						0	0	0
Duke Stump	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
John Elkington	1									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Ashok Goel	1									
Director	0	✓	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	0	0	0
Cynthia Hester	5							1		
President	0	✓	<u> </u>	✓	<u> </u>		_	0	0	. 0
Susan MacCormac	5			١.	ŀ					
Secretary	0	✓	ļ	✓	ļ	ļ	_	0	0	0
Paul Tripp	5			Ι.	1	ļ				
Treasurer	0_	✓	_	✓	<u> </u>	ļ	╄	0	0	0
Bryony Schwan	40			١,		ľ				
Executive Director	2	ļ	1	✓	_	├ ─	+	ļ. o	100,600	8,796
	<u></u>									

Part	Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)													
	(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any						an ee)	(D) Reportable compensation from	(E) Reportable compensation related		(F) Estimated amount of other		
		hours for related organizations below dotted line)	ndıvidua or directo	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	organizatioi (W-2/1099-M		compe from organ and re		
		•												
									<u> </u>					
		ļ												
1b c	Sub-total		 on A					>	0	148	,211		15	5,612
<u>d</u>	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	t not limited	d to t					▶ e) w	ho received m		00,000 o	f	15	5,612
	reportable compensation from the organ	ization > c)				_						Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former or employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete	fficer, directions of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of the direction of t	ctor, o	or ti uch	rust <i>ind</i>	ee, livid	key i ual		oloyee, or high	nest compe	nsated 	3		✓
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the organization and related organizations	e sum of re	porta	ble	con	npe	nsatio	on a	and other comp complete Scl	pensation from	om the r such			
5	individual	or accrue c	ompe	nsa	tion	ı fro	m an	y ur	related organi	zation or ind	 lividual	4		√
Section	for services rendered to the organization on B. Independent Contractors	7 IT "Yes," (comp	iete	Sci	nea	uie J	ior .	such person	<u></u>	• •	5		<u>√</u>
1	# 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1													
	(A) Name and business add	dress						_	(B) Description of s	services	Co	(C) empens	ation	
				•				-						
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2	Total number of independent contract							o t		ove) who				
	received more than \$100,000 of comper	isation iron	ı ıne (лya	いいとさ	auOl			0					

Part	: VIII	Statement of Revenue					
		Check if Schedule O contains a response	nse to any ques				<u>. </u>
				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
nts nts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a	0				
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	b	Membership dues 1b	0				
	С	Fundraising events 1c	0				
	ď	Related organizations <u>1d</u>	0				
	е	Government grants (contributions) 1e	0				
ntio er S	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants,					
contributing of the		and similar amounts not included above 1f	714,819				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	5,352				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	Business Code	714,819			
ng i	0-	= 1	-	. 24.025	24.025	0	0
leve	2a	Education Workshops/Speaking Engag		34,035 5,863	34,035 5,863	0	0
ë	b	Biomimicry Products	611600 611600	3,689	3,689	0	
Ž	d	Student Design Challenge	611600	2,950	2,950	0	0
Š	e	Online Courses	011000	2,930	2,330		
Ja	f	All other program service revenue .	-	0	0	0	0
Program Service Revenue	g	Total. Add lines 2a–2f	•	46,537			
	3	Investment income (including divid		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
		and other similar amounts)	▶	2,876	o	0	2,876
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt be	ond proceeds ►	0	0	0	0
	5	Royalties		10,017	10,017	0	0
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents					
	b	Less: rental expenses					
	С	Rental income or (loss)	0			-and	
	d	Net rental income or (loss)	•				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of (i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		assets other than inventory					
	ь	Less: cost or other basis					
		and sales expenses .					
	С	Gain or (loss)0	0				
	d	Net gain or (loss)	▶ _		<u> </u>		
Pe	8a	Gross income from fundraising		1			
/enne		events (not including \$ 0					
		of contributions reported on line 1c).					
į.		See Part IV, line 18 a					
Other Re	Ь	Less: direct expenses b		1			
O		Net income or (loss) from fundraising	events . >	1			
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities.					
		See Part IV, line 19 a		j			
	b	Less: direct expenses b] 1			
	С	Net income or (loss) from gaming act	ivities >				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less					
		returns and allowances a	l				
	b	Less: cost of goods sold b]			
	С	Net income or (loss) from sales of inv	entory . ►		·····		
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code]	-		
	11a				<u> </u>	_	
	b						
	С						
	d	All other revenue	L				
	е	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0			
	12	Total revenue. See instructions	<u> ▶</u>	774,249	56,554	0	2,876

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Sectio	n 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must con	nplete all columns. A	II other organization	s must complete col	lumn (A).
	Check if Schedule O contains a respon				
	t include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, , 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	5,000	5,000		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	0	o	`	
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 5	Benefits paid to or for members Compensation of current officers, directors,	0	0	•	
6	trustees, and key employees	0	0	0	0
7	Other salaries and wages	0	0	0	
8 9	section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) Other employee benefits	0	0	0	0
10 11	Payroll taxes	0	0	0	0
a b	Management	26,226	0 1,613	0 24,613	0
c d	Accounting	4,376	2,782 0	858 0	736 0
e f	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 Investment management fees	18,691 0	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	0	18,691 0
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	954,106			177,323
12 13	Advertising and promotion	1,118 26,786	1,118 16,404	i i	7,705
14 15	Information technology	39,183	25,508		11,959
16 17	Occupancy	62,655 62,545	46,155 44,190		12,214 13,582
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 20	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . Interest	48,385	0	0	4,238
21 22	Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
23 24	Insurance	6,939	3,236	2,234	1,469
а	(A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) Communications	7,588	7,568	0	20
b c					
d e 25	All other expenses	1,263,598	928,909	86,752	247,937
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	1,203,398	320,303	00,732	241,001

Part X **Balance Sheet** Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X . (A) (B) Beginning of year End of year 1 1 954,252 460,342 2 Savings and temporary cash investments 2 199,589 99,615 3 3 4.095 4 3.914 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. 5 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary 6 7 7 Inventories for sale or use 8 8 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . 0 27,572 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D 10a 10c Less: accumulated depreciation 10b 11 101,428 11 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 12 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . 13 14 14 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 15 15 16 1.157.936 692,871 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . 53,388 17 78,725 17 18 18 19 19 20 20 21 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D. 22 Loans and other 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 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third 25 parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X 25 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 26 53,388 78,725 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ✓ and Net Assets or Fund Balances complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. 320,979 27 501,103 27 783,569 28 113,043 28 Permanently restricted net assets 29 0 29 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34. 30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds 31 31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . 32 32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds. 33 33 1,104,548 614,146 692,871 1,157,936 34 34

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Par	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				4,249
2	2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)					
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3			-48	9,349
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4			1,10	4,548
5			-	1,053		
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6				0
7	Investment expenses	7				0
8	Prior period adjustments	8				0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	0				0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line					
	33, column (B))	10			61	4,146
Part	XII Financial Statements and Reporting					
	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII			<u></u>	<u></u>	
			_	-	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," exp	olain	ın	1		
_	Schedule O.				_	, -
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?			2a		✓
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were comp	ilea i	or			
	reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:					
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis					. , .
b	were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?					
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audite separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:	a on	a			
	·					
_	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for ov	orcia	ht			
С	of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent account			2c		
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, exp		⊢	20		
	Schedule O.	Jiaiii	"'	Į		
20	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set	orth	ın			~ ~~
3a	the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?			3a		1
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not under			Ja		<u> </u>
D	required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such at	go u Idits		3b		
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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE 86-1153859 Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions. The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.) 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i). A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.) A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.) A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v). 6 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 331/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions-subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 331/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.) 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h. **c** ☐ Type III–Functionally integrated **d** ☐ Type III–Non-functionally integrated **b** ☐ Type II e By checking this box. I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting f Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the g following persons? (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and Yes No (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? 11g(i) 11g(ii) (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? 11g(in) Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). (i) Name of supported (ii) EIN (iii) Type of organization (iv) Is the organization (v) Did you notify (vi) Is the (vii) Amount of monetary organization in col (i) organized in the organization (described on lines 1-9 in col (i) listed in your the organization in noggus col (i) of your governing document? above or IRC section (see instructions)) Yes Yes No Yes No No (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

Total

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.) Section A. Public Support Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ (a) 2008 (c) 2010 (b) 2009 (d) 2011 (e) 2012 (f) Total grants, contributions. Gifts. membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . 847,815 889,814 756,991 1,076,110 714,819 4,285,549 levied for revenues organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . 0 0 0 0 0 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge n 0 0 Total. Add lines 1 through 3. . . . 847,815 889,814 756,991 1,076,110 714,819 4,285,549 The portion of total contributions by person each (other than unit governmental or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) 2,898,940 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. 1,386,609 Section B. Total Support (a) 2008 (d) 2011 (e) 2012 Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) (b) 2009 (c) 2010 (f) Total Amounts from line 4 7 847,815 889,814 756,991 1,076,110 714,819 4,285,549 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar 1,286 10,279 12,993 4,689 884 30,131 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on 0 0 0 Other income. Do not include gain or 10 loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) 1,430 1,430 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 11 4,317,110 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 12 544,370 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 32 12 % 14 15 15 30 68 % 331/3% support test - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 331/3% or more, check this 331/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 331/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly

Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Secti	on A. Public Support						
Calen	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees						_
	received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise						
	sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the						
	organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an						
	unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the		1				
	organization's benefit and either paid						
	to or expended on its behalf			_			
5	The value of services or facilities						
	furnished by a governmental unit to the						
•	organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .						
1	· · · · ·				-	 	
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified						
	persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000						
	or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year				1		
c	Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support (Subtract line 7c from						
	line 6.)						<u>.</u>
Secti	on B. Total Support						
Calen	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6						
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends,						
	payments received on securities loans, rents,						
	royalties and income from similar sources .				-		
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses						
	acquired after June 30, 1975						
_			 			 	
С 11	Add lines 10a and 10b			·-			
• • •	activities not included in line 10b, whether						
	or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or					,	
	loss from the sale of capital assets						
	(Explain in Part IV.)						
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11,						
	and 12.)		1	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
14	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the						
	organization, check this box and stop he					· · · ·	
	ion C. Computation of Public Suppor			12 solumn (f)		. 15	%
15 16	Public support percentage for 2012 (line Public support percentage from 2011 Sc.					16	%
16 Secti	ion D. Computation of Investment In				<u> </u>	. 10	
17	Investment income percentage for 2012			ov line 13. colu	mn (f))	. 17	%
18	Investment income percentage for 2012 (. 18	%
19a	331/3% support tests—2012. If the organ	ization did no	t check the bo	x on line 14, a	ınd line 15 is r	nore than 331/3	
	17 is not more than 331/3%, check this box	and stop here	. The organizat	ion qualifies as	a publicly supp	oorted organizat	tion . 🕨 🗌
ь	331/3% support tests-2011. If the organiz	zation did not	check a box on	line 14 or line	19a, and line 1	6 is more than	331/3%, and
-	line 18 is not more than 331/3%, check this	box and stop	here. The orgar	nization qualifie	s as a publicly :	supported orga	nization 🕨 📋
20	Private foundation. If the organization d	id not check a	box on line 14	l, 19a, or 19b,	check this box	and see instru	ictions 🕨 🗌

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test - Biomimicry Institute (the "Institute") is an organization that qualifies under Section 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) as a public charity by virtue of satisfying a ten percent facts and circumstances test, based on the following: 1. 10%-of-support limitation. The Institute's public support is well in excess of the 10% minimum requirement. For 2012, the percentage is in excess of 32%.; 2. Attraction of public support. The Regulations provide that: An organization must be so organized and operated as to attract new and additional public or governmental support on a continuous basis. An organization will be considered to meet this requirement if it maintains a continuous and bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public, community, or membership group involved, or if it carries on activities designed to attract support from governmental units or other organizations described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi). In determining whether an organization maintains a continuous and bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public or community, consideration will be given to whether the scope of its fundraising activities is reasonable in light of its charitable activities. The Institute conducts regular fundraising events and solicitations. During 2012 alone, for example, the Institute held several fundraising and educational events including two fundraising events in New York City and San Francisco, and educational workshops in Ohio, California, New Zealand and Mexico We also held an educational webinar with 75 participants from 11 countries and provided an on-line education platform used by over 2,000 educators. Institute staff gave dozens of educational talks to audiences across the country. The Institute also solicited funds on its website, by email and regular mail contacting over 11,000 existing and potential donors. The Institute has submitted grant proposals, as well, to over 20 foundations, and has received during the five year reporting period, grants from 15 foundations. In 2012, the Institute contracted with a fundraising consultant to help develop a more robust and diverse fundraising plan for year-end 2012 and 2013 As the Regulation cited above provides, "the scope of its fundraising activities are reasonable in light of its charitable activities." 3. Percentage of financial support. The Regulations provide that "the higher the percentage of support above the 10% requirement of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph from public or governmental sources, the lesser will be the burden of establishing the publicly supported nature of the organization through other factors described in this subparagraph " Public support of 32% is well in excess of the 10% floor. The Institute expects this number to continue to increase over the next several years. 4. Sources of support. The Regulations provide that "the fact that an organization meets the requirement of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph through support from governmental units or directly or indirectly from a representative number of persons, rather than receiving almost all of its support from the members of a single family, will be taken into consideration in determining whether an organization is publicly supported." The Institute does not rely on, nor is it controlled by, any family or company, like a typical private foundation. The Institute has more than 259 donors and grantors. 5. Representative governing body. The Regulations provide that "the fact that an organization has a governing body which represents the broad interests of the public, rather than the personal or private interests of a limited number of donors (or persons standing in a relationship to such donors which is described in section 4946(a)(1)(C) through (G)) will be taken into account in determining whether an organization is 'publicly supported." (Continued on Schedule A Supplemental Information)

General Explanation - Schedule A Part II. Line 10 - Other Income: 2012 - \$0; 2011 - \$0; 2010 - \$1430 use of company mailing list; 2009 -

General Explanation - Schedule A part II Section C Line 17a. (Continued): The Institute's Board of Directors consists of nine individuals, unrelated to one another, from various professions, who share a common interest in the educational programs of the organization. These are all volunteer directors who greatly value the work of the Institute. 6. Availability of public facilities or services; public participation in programs and policies The Regulations provide that: (a) The fact that an organization is of the type which generally provides facilities or services directly for the benefit of the general public on a continuing basis (such as a museum or library which holds open its building and facilities to the public, a symphony orchestra which gives public performances, a conservation organization which provides educational services to the public through the distribution of educational materials, or an old age home which provides domiciliary or nursing services for members of the general public) will be considered evidence that such organization is "publicly supported." (b) The fact that an organization is an educational or research institution which regularly publishes scholarly studies that are widely used by colleges and universities or by members of the general public will also be considered evidence that such organization is "publicly supported " (c) Similarly, the following factors will also be considered evidence that an organization is "publicly supported": (1) The participation in, or sponsorship of, the programs of the organization by members of the public having special knowledge or expertise, public officials, or civic or community leaders; (2) The maintenance of a definitive program by an organization to accomplish its charitable work in the community, such as slum clearance or developing employment opportunities; and (3) The receipt of a significant part of its funds from a public charity or governmental agency to which it is in some way held accountable as a condition of the grant, contract, or contribution. The Institute's primary mission is making the public aware of, and educating the public about, biomimicry. The current activities of the Institute, which are open to the public, include the following: 1. Website; 2. Digital library of nature's solutions www.AskNature.org; 3. Lectures and workshops; 4. Educator trainings; 5. Education webinars; 6. On-line tools and teaching resources for educators; 7. Exhibits; 8. Students design challenges; 9. Monthly on-line newsletter; 10. Biomimicry film called "Second Nature"; 11. A biomimicry nature trail at the Houston Arboretum. Therefore, based on the foregoing, the Institute satisfies the facts and circumstances test and qualifies as a public charity. Its public support percentage is well in excess of the 10% requirement. * It is a relatively small organization that receives support from a

Part IV - Supplemental Information (Continued)

diverse group of unrelated donors, both individuals and foundations. It is not controlled by any family, company, or group of families or
companies, and it has a broadly public board of directors. Its public programs are available to anyone, on its website and via conferences
and publications.
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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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	of the organization					Employer identifica	ition number
THE I	BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE					86-1	153859
Par	Fundraising Activities. Form 990-EZ filers are n				vered "Yes" to For	rm 990, Part IV, III	ne 17.
1	Indicate whether the organization				owing activities. Che	eck all that apply	
a	Mail solicitations	m raioca rango			ion of non-governm		
b	☐ Internet and email solicitation	ne	f [ion of government g	•	
C	Phone solicitations	110	g [fundraising events	ians	
d	☐ In-person solicitations		9 _	_ opecial i	idildiaising events		
2a	Did the organization have a writ	ten or oral agra	ement with	any individ	dual (including office	are directore truete	200
2.0	or key employees listed in Form						yes ☐ No
b	If "Yes," list the ten highest paid compensated at least \$5,000 by	individuals or	entities (fund		•	•	
	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	custody o	draiser have or control of outlons?	(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
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Total				•	0	15,091	-15,091
3	List all states in which the orga registration or licensing.	nization is regi	stered or lic	ensed to s	solicit contributions	or has been notifie	d it is exempt from
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ırt II	than \$15,000 of fundraising	ng event contributions			e 18, or reported more and 6b. List events with
	g. edd receipte grouter and	(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col (a) through
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	col (c))
1	Gross receipts				
2 3	Less: Contributions Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
4	Cash prizes				
5	Noncash prizes	5 ···			
6	Rent/facility costs				
7	Food and beverages				
8	Entertainment				
9	Other direct expenses .			<u> </u>	
10 11	Net income summary. Comb	ine line 3. column (d), a	nd line 10		()
rt III	Gaming. Complete if the	organization answer	red "Yes" to Form 99	0, Part IV, line 19, or	reported more
	•	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross revenue				
2	Cash prizes		<u> </u>	-	
3	Noncash prizes				
4	Rent/facility costs				
5	Other direct expenses .	24			
6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes%	☐ Yes%	☐ Yes% ☐ No	
7	Direct expense summary. Ac	ld lines 2 through 5 in c	olumn (d)		()
_8	Net gaming income summar	y. Combine line 1, colur	nn d, and line 7	<u></u> .	
a Is	the organization licensed to o	perate gaming activities	in each of these states		🗌 Yes 🗎 No
	ere any of the organization's g	aming licenses revoked	l, suspended or termina	ated during the tax year	
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 rt III 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Er a ls bb if	gross receipts greater that 1 Gross receipts	gross receipts greater than \$5,000. (a) Event #1 (event type) 1 Gross receipts	gross receipts greater than \$5,000. (a) Event #1 (b) Event #2 (event type) (event type) 1 Gross receipts	(e) Event #1 (b) Event #2 (c) Other events (event type) (event type) (total number) 1 Gross receipts

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11 . 12	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?
13 a	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in: The organization's facility
b	An outside facility
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:
	Name ►
	Address►
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$
С	If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:
	Name ►
	Address►
16	Gaming manager information:
	Name ►
	Gaming manager compensation ► \$
	Description of services provided ▶
	□ Director/officer □ Employee □ Independent contractor
17 a	Mandatory distributions: Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year > \$
Part	Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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Form Schedule G

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Line Number: Part I Line 2b

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Fundraiser Activity Information

Name and Address	Activity	C1	Gross Receipts	C2	C
Beth Rattner Consulting 17 Camino De Herrera	Fundraising Consultant	No	0	15,091	-15,091
San Anselmo, CA 94960					
Total:			0	15,091	-15,091

C1 = Fundraiser control of funds?

C2 = Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser

C3 = Amount paid to (or retained by) organization

SCHEDULE L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Transactions With Interested Persons

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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1	(a) Name of disqualified	person	(b) Relationship be	tween o		person and		(c) Description	of tran	saction	1		(d) Con Yes	ected?
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(a) N	ame of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	n loan fr		d) Loan to or from the granization?			(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		agreemen		
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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	organi	aring of zation's nues?
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Part V Supplemen	ntal Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)
Schedule L, Part IV - Lines 1-4 - Regarding the Biomimicry Group, Inc. (BGI) and The Biomimicry 3.8 Institute (TBI) relationship: BGI's
mission is to be a global leading source for creativity and leadership training in biomimicry. BGI is a Delaware C Corporation with majority
ownership by Janine Benyus (TBI Board of Director and former Board President) TBI's Executive Director, Bryony Schwan, is also a
minority shareholder in BGI. As the two entities' missions are greatly aligned, in 2010 BGI and TBI entered into a Services Agreement to
better meet TBI's educational objectives, further its exempt activities, and fulfill its broader mission to naturalize biomimicry in the culture by
promoting the transfer of ideas, designs, and strategies from biology to sustainable human systems design. BGI provides programmatic
and administrative services to TBI pursuant to the Services Agreement signed October 1, 2010. Included in the administrative services that
BGI provides to TBI are facilities and equipment use and all overhead costs such as: liability insurance, telephone and internet, general
office supplies, and shared software and internet subscriptions. In addition, BGI signed a Master Licensing Agreement with TBI. This
agreement allows BGI to license intellectual property, such as educational materials developed by TBI at fair market value. SPECIFICS:
LINE 1 - BGI REIMBURSED TBI FOR EXPENSES: Reimbursement payments made to TBI by BGI for miscellaneous BGI related
expenses. LINE 2 - LEASE OF ASSETS: Payments made to TBI by BGI for the lease of TBI's eductional materials to BGI according the
Master License Agreement. LINE 3 - TBI PAID BGI FOR LEASING FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND REIMBURSED EXPENSES: Payments
made to BGI by TBI for BGI providing facilities, equipment, and other overhead to TBI according to the Services Agreement plus
reimbursement payments made to BGI for miscellaneous TBI related expense such as direct TBI travel expenses. LINE 4 - TBI PAID BGI
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Payments made to BGI by TBI for BGI providing programmatic and administrative services to TBI
according to the Services Agreement.

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Form Schedule L

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Description of Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons

		Amount of transaction
Name	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	1,453
Relationship with organization	Co-owned by 2 officers	
Description of transaction	BGI paid TBI for expense reimb	
Sharing Of Revenues	No	_
Name	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	10,017
Relationship with organization	Co-owned by 2 officers	
Description of transaction	BGI paid TBI for lease of assets	
Sharing Of Revenues	No	<u></u>
Name	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	166,740
Relationship with organization	Co-owned by 2 officers	
Description of transaction	TBI paid BGI for Fac , Equip, & Expense reimb	
Sharing Of Revenues	No ·	
Name	Biomimicry Group Inc (BGI)	810,633
Relationship with organization	Co-owned by 2 officers	
Description of transaction	TBI paid BGI for Professional Serv	
Sharing Of Revenues	No	

SCHEDULP O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

2012

Employer identification number

OMB No 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE 86-1153859 Form 990, Part I, Line 6 - Volunteers: In 2012 a total of 103 volunteers donated their time to the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute working on various projects for AskNature and our Student Design Challenge programs. They worked a combined total of 405 hours. Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 2 - Janine Benyus and Bryony Schwan are co-owners at the Biomimicry Group, Inc. The Biomimicry Group, Inc. is a Delaware C Corporation where Janine Benyus, a Biomimicry 3.8 Institute Board of Director and the former President of the Board, owns a majority of shares and Bryony Schwan, Biomimicry 3.8 Institute's Executive Director, is a minority shareholder. Therefore, the Biomimicry Group and the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute are related entities and more information about their relationship is provided on schedule L. Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - The completed 990 is reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors (BOD). It is then offered to the BOD for their review. Comments and questions of the BOD and the Finance Committee are addressed by the Biomimicry 3 8 Institute's Financial Officer and incorporated into the 990 as appropriate. Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - According to the Biomimicry 3 8 Conflict of Interest policy each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board-delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person: a. Has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy, b Has read and understands the policy, c Has agreed to comply with the policy, and d. Understands the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes. In addition, our policy calls for periodic reviews to ensure the Biomimicry 3 8 Institute operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects: a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction. Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - 15.a. A committee of the Board of Directors reviewed and recommended the compensation for the Executive Director. The committee used data from the 2011 Guidestar Nonprofit Compensation Report. In addition, the board committee comprised their own data from like-minded organizations and positions. 15b. During the annual budgeting process, the Executive Director reviews the compensation for each staff member leased from the Biomimicry Group (BGI) who is expected to work on any Biomimicry 3.8 Institute projects in the coming budget cycle. That review incorporates the Executive Director's judgment of the skills, education, and experience needed to accomplish TBI projects. The Executive Director also compares the salary rates with third party pay scale data. The result of this review is included as part of the budget and narrative provided to the board of directors for approval. Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - Governing documents, policies and financial statements are made available to the public upon request. The 990 is also available on our website Form 990, Part VII, Section A, Line 1a - Compensation Explanation - Janine Benyus - Biomimicry 3.8 Institute Board of Director and former Board President, received from the Biomimicry Group \$47,611 in wages, \$2043 tax deferred 401k employer contributions, and \$4773 in employer health insurance benefits. Janine Benyus worked 714 hours for the Biomimicry Group. Of those, 69 hours were leased back to the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute according to the Biomimicry Group - Biomimicry 3.8 Institute Services Agreement Bryony Schwan - Biomimicry 3 8 Institute Executive Director - received \$100,600 in wages from the Biomimicry Group and received \$4024 in tax deferred 401k employer contributions, and \$4773 in employer health insurance benefits. Bryony Schwan worked 2151 hours for the Biomimicry Group. Of those 2070 hours were leased back to the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute, according to the Biomimicry Group - Biomimicry 3.8 Institute Services Agreement.

Supplemental Information (Continued)

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Fees For Services (Other) Sub-schedule of Other Services a. Biomimicry Group Fees for Services:
\$810,633; b. EPS Summit Grant Program Subcontractor Fees: \$46,834; c. Biomimicry Network Program Contractor Fees; \$34,180 d.
AskNature Program Consulting Fees: \$31,820; e. Strategic Planning Consulting Fees: \$23,138; f. Data Entry Subcontractor: \$6932; g.
Other Misc Program Consulting Fees: \$569. *Biomimicry Group Fees for Services - Please see Schedule L and Schedule R for a more
detailed description of the services provided.
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Mission Description

Description

and wholly insufficient. The strategies we've relied on to provide food, water, energy, shelter, and comfort to a growing population, are now seen as compounding rather than solving the problems. Biomimicry is a new science that studies nature's best ideas, abstracts the deep design principles, and then emulates these designs and processes to solve human problems. Biomimicry is a turnaround strategy for our species, a way for humans to fit in and flourish on this planet by emulating life's 3.8 billion years of brilliant designs and strategies.

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Line Number: Part III Line 4c

Third Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

cohort program we provide a peer-to-peer network development process (inspired by natural systems) and monthly networking webinars and coaching calls. In addition to these 11 lead networks, representatives from over 25 regions have inquired about the regional network program over the last year. Biomimicry 3.8 institute staff is in continuous contact with the leaders of these networks, sharing best practices learned from other networks. In 2012, Puget Sound Biomimicry and Biomimicry Oregon, along with the Biomimicry 3.8 institute, received a grant to further develop projects that will help catalyze the application of biomimicry and develop their regional networks.

Grants

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238,566

7,898

Revenue

Expense

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Line Number Part III Line 4d

Description

Activity

Code

Other Program Services Accomplishments

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COMMUNICATIONS & OTHER PROGRAMS In 2012, the Biomimicry 3 8 Institute	238,566	7,898
continued to produce a monthly e-newsletter and distributed the biomimicry film "Second		
Nature" to schools, universities and other institutions around the globe. Staff continued to		
give lectures and workshops to reach targeted audiences. Currently we are using a		
cloud-based system to deliver all of our rich media and website content. Six existing		
websites were integrated into one cohesive site design. We also redesigned the		
Biomimicry Education Network – our digital "community center" for biomimicry educators		
As part of that redesign project, we created a more user-friendly interface for viewing and		
downloading all our educational resources, and added a blog. In addition, the redesign		
allows us to collect more refined data about how these educational resources are being		
used Finally, Institute co-founder and Board member, Janine Benyus, was the winner of		
the 2012 Design Mind Award from Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design		
Museum "It has been my privilege and my lifelong passion to bring nature's wisdom to		
the people who design our world," said Benyus "Being honored by this creative		
community is a halleluiah moment for biomimicry-a coming of age for nature-inspired		
design "STUDENT DESIGN CHALLENGE. Having developed the methodology and		
protocol for these courses, in 2011-2012 we expanded the challenge both in length and		
scope We also shifted the focus of the design challenge to an issue with a greater social		
and environmental benefit-climate change Our 2011-2012 international Student Design		
Challenge attracted 116 entries from 25 countries with 50 teams actually completing		
eligible projects. The winning team created a self-cooling building (Fast Company. A		
Self-cooling Desert Dwelling Inspired by the Lowly Snail) A team from the Schulich		
School of Engineering, University of Calgary, received additional funding from Schulich to		
present their heating system design at a conference in Europe. A team from Lipscomb		
University, one of our Biomimicry Affiliate schools, received \$5,000 in angel funding to		
build a prototype of their hydroponic farming system that uses old grain silos. A		
University of Massachusetts team received \$10,000 in venture funding from the Highland		
Capital Venture Summer Incubator Space to develop their water collection system. In		
August of 2012 we opened up registration for our next Biomimicry Student Design		
Challenge The challenge was Water Wise, biomimetic solutions to water access and		
management For the first time, our Challenge had two rounds of competition. In the first		
round, participating university teams used a biomimetic design process to address a		
challenge related to water access and management. The challenge teams addressed		
could be related to supply, acquisition, quality, treatment, sanitation, storm water		
management, drought conditions, or seasonal variation in availability, for example At the		
end of the first round, we announced 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners as well as the		
winner of the Autodesk Sustainability Workshop Award All Finalists for the first round		
were eligible to participate in the optional second round, which is designed to encourage		
students to take their designs closer to development and implementation. The winner of		
that round received the Grand Prize		

Total:

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Line Number: Part III Line 4a

First Program Service Accomplishments Description

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Provide professional development opportunities for educators; Create the tools and resources educators and students need to learn and practice biomimicry. 1. University Affiliate Program: We continue to provide high-touch support for our Affiliate universities and are pleased to share concrete results from this focused strategy. The first two biomimicry degree programs in the world launched this fall. The Minneapolis College of Art and Design has developed an accredited Masters in Sustainable Design that will feature biomimicry throughout and will take place entirely online. The University of Akron (UA), in collaboration with The Cleveland Institute of Art, will launch a Biomimicry Fellows PhD program within its Integrated Bioscience Program. Their aim is to have at least four PhD candidates in place this fall and to grow the program to 8-12 candidates. We have worked closely with UA to shape and promote the program, and we continue to work with them to identify important research topics and partners. 2. Curricula: In 2011 we developed the first Nature's Chemistry lab concept based on how nature (and specifically coral) makes cement. In 2012, we field tested these lesson plans and completed the second Nature's Chemistry lab in which students are able to construct their own solar cell utilizing several biomimetic strategies - photon capture using dye, high surface area mimicking a leaf's thylakoid membrane, and manufacturing at ambient temperatures. The three lesson plans for middle school, high school, and college based on this lab were also completed this fall. Final edits for the instructional video are nearing completion. We have compiled a list of distribution channels for our chemistry labs and will distribute the labs proactively as the unit continues to develop. In addition, several excellent channel partners have invited us to share these labs with their education networks, including PBS Learning Media, and the Hawaiian Association of Independent Schools (which comprises about 100 schools across the State of Hawaii). Our chemistry lab is also now part of Popular Science's curricula library. 3. Biomimicry Education Summit: Our 6th Biomimicry Education Summit, held in Portland, Oregon, was a great success, with about 80 dedicated educators in attendance. We had an amazing lineup of presenters, including successful biomimetic entrepreneurs who began their careers as students and a range of K-University educators; we were able to expand our presence in the Pacific Northwest; and we were able to partner with Biomimicry Oregon, one of our emerging regional networks. Preceding the Summit, for the first time we also hosted a one-day introductory workshop for educators, with 40 teachers in attendance. One inspired middle school teacher shared these words with us following the Summit and workshop: "I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the last 4 days with you and the crew of amazing presenters—thank you SO much for an awesome—truly, even though that is a much overused and abused word—experience. I took 18 pages of notes and my "To DO" list takes up about 4 of them. SO much to explore, endless possibilities to think about, so much curriculum to consider and develop." 4. Train the Trainers Workshop: We organized two weeklong train-the-trainer workshops for educators in 2012. The first workshop was held in early July in Veracruz State, Mexico, in conjunction with Iberoamericana University, one of our Affiliate institutions, and Biomimicry Fellows Raúl de Villafranca and Delfín de Montañana. This year we trained faculty from Universidad Americana and Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, as well as teachers from the U.S. and Colombia. In August, we held our second in-depth educator workshop at Findhorn College in Forres, Scotland. Sixteen participants from Bulgaria, France, Japan, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey, and the U.K. learned how to apply biomimicry (including Life's Principles) as a design and sustainability tool, and how to apply the biomimicry methodology to a mini-design challenge.

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They also learned from local plants, animals, and ecosystems how best to make use of their local environment for educational purposes and practiced using life's sustainable design principles as an assessment tool. In addition to these weeklong workshops, Institute staff presented workshops at the annual international meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology, the National Collegiate Inventors & Innovators Alliance (NCIIA), the Association for Science Teacher Education [?] annual conference, the Ontario Public Supervisory Officers Association annual meeting, and taught a workshop for teachers and naturalists in Costa Rica. K-12 EDUCATION: All children have an innate love and fascination for the living world, but unfortunately our educational institutions tend to create conceptual divisions between nature and science/technology, often leaving children less inspired and creative at the end of their education than when they started. Biomimicry reconnects nature, science, and technology, and does so in a way that inspires and empowers young people to better meet the challenges of the modern world. In the classroom, curriculum around biomimicry supplies excellent material for integrated learning and problem based learning. The solution centered focus provides hope-filled explorations of environmental science's otherwise complicated and troubled conclusions.-- Hilary Staples, Science Department Chair for San Domenico High School for Girls. Young people who learn about biomimicry and choose a career in engineering, architecture, chemistry or any other design field will proactively seek degree programs that engage in a multidisciplinary approach that combines biology and design. The purpose of our biomimicry K-12 program is to inspire and engage young people in biomimicry through their teachers before they choose a career path. By helping young people view nature with a new sense of wonder and respect, they are more likely to design innovatively and sustainably in their design careers, and care for the environment no matter what kind of profession they ultimately choose. 1. On-line Biomimicry Course for K-12 Teachers: Our online professional development course continues to receive positive reviews. The online course is now accredited in New York, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Arizona, and in certain districts in Florida (in many states the approval process is district-by-district). 2. Biomimicry Youth Challenge: Our second Biomimicry Youth Challenge drew entries from the US, UK, and France, and from individuals to small teams to whole classes. Students and teachers from public and private schools, afterschool and outof-school clubs, and home schools learned about biomimicry through participating in the Challenge. We were impressed by the creativity and biomimetic thinking at all levels. The contest was advertised through a variety of education networks. To provide mentorship throughout the contest period, we developed a blog in which design and biomimicryrelated resources were posted on a weekly basis. The high school winner was Team Astier, from Ardèche, France, for their entry "Pill Bug Sledge." The team looked at organisms that conglobate (roll up for warmth and protection) in order to design a human-powered conveyance for extreme conditions. This June, the U.S. Patent Office expressed interest in partnering with us on the Biomimicry Youth Challenge, which should result in boosting participation in the challenge next year. OTHER EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Create an outline and a plan to develop a comprehensive digital toolkit for biomimicry educators: The digital toolkit will provide a clear entry point for biomimicry educators to the discipline, key resources and opportunities that the Biomimicry 3.8 Institute provides, whether an educator is a K-12 teacher and brand new to the subject, a university engineering professor with some knowledge of bio-inspired design, or an informal educator with specific objectives in mind. Our goal is to be able to point any educator to this digital resource as a starting point for pursuing their interest in biomimicry education. We have established a timeline for development and begun to explore platforms in which to build the toolkit. We have also begun converting our curricula to our new brand so educators will have a seamless experience using our materials.

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1.Translate our Biomimicry and Design Workbook into Spanish: We worked with Affiliate partner Iberoamericana University to translate our Biomimicry and Design Workbook into Spanish. Iberoamericana is working with partner universities in Mexico to develop the first weeklong Biomimicry and Design course to be offered entirely in Spanish. Translating these materials into Spanish is an important step in meeting the ever-increasing interest and demand for biomimicry in Latin America. 2. Develop teaching and discussion guides for the Institute's biomimicry film, Second Nature: We have developed discussion guides for Second Nature for middle school and high school/university audiences. The guides are organized around topics such as innovation, sustainability, and our relationship to nature. They aim to help teachers explore the rich themes of the film with their students, encouraging them to think critically about how we design our world—and how we might do so in the future. 3. Host and organize the second Biomimicry in Higher Education webinar: In January, we hosted our second webinar and published the proceedings as a PDF. We shortened the format this year and allowed each presenter more time to cover his or her subject in depth. Topics ranged from developing system tools for interdisciplinary teamwork in biomimicry, to engaging atypical students in biomimicry through the use of a motion analysis lab to test biomimetic designs, to using biomimicry to teach architecture, interior design, and industrial design courses.

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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to Form 990.

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▶ File a separate application for each return.

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