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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable
☒ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ADVISORY BOARD
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite
1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HOUSTON, TX 77070

D Employer identification number
26-0600159
E Telephone number
(713) 301-9602
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ☐

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ☒ WWW.OCSADVISORYBOARD.ORG

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(6) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ☒ \$ 49,095

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)				
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒				
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	49,095
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	49,095
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	10,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	56,403
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	66,403
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-17,308
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	89,304
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	71,996

Part II

Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	89,304	22	71,996
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	89,304	25	71,996
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	89,304	27	71,996

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNICATION OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LAND PROFESSIONALS (AS DEFINED IN THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION AND HEREIN, COLLECTIVELY, OCS PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN OR, INDIVIDUALLY, AN OCS PROFESSIONAL LANDMAN) CONCERNING CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED ISSUES, PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT CONFRONT OR ARE BEING EXPERIENCED BY, OR THAT ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE CONFRONTED OR EXPERIENCED BY, THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IN THE EXPLORATION FOR AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM SUBMERGED LANDS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 SEE EXEMPT PURPOSE
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

Expenses
(Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28a0

29a

30a

31a

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Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c)Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
KEMPER HOWE CHAIRMAN	0 50	0	0	0
DAN MILLS TREASURER	0 50	0	0	0
TOM YOUNG VICE CHAIRMAN	0 50	0	0	0
MARTY TATE SECRETARY	0 50	0	0	0
JIM HIGGINS FORMER CHAIRMAN	0 50	0	0	0

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Part V

Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ☐ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter 39a		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ☐ _____, section 4912 ☐ _____, section 4955 ☐ _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
40b			
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ☐ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ☐ _____		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		No
40e			
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ☐ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ☐ <u>DAN MILLS</u> Telephone no ☐ <u>(281) 874-6063</u> Located at ☐ <u>1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY HOUSTON, TX</u> ZIP + 4 ☐ <u>77070</u>		
b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ☐ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	Yes	No
42b			No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ☐ _____		No
42c			No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☒ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ☐ 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ</i>		No
44b			No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
44c			No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>		
44d			
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
45b	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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		
45b			

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		
		46	No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	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	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2016-05-14 Date				
	DAN MILLS TREASURER Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name MILES HARPER		Preparer's signature		Date 2016-05-12	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00327793
	Firm's name CARR RIGGS & INGRAM LLC					Firm's EIN 76-0355510	
	Firm's address TWO RIVERWAY FLOOR 15 HOUSTON, TX 77056					Phone no (713) 621-8090	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No							

TY 2015 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ADVISORY
BOARD

EIN: 26-0600159

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Name of the organization THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ADVISORY BOARD	Employer identification number 26-0600159
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION CONTRIBUTIONS GRANTEE NAME OCEAN STAR OFFSHORE DRILLING RIG & MUSEUM GRANTEE ADDRESS PIER 19, HARBORSIDE DRIVE GALVESTON, TX 77550 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION DIRECT CONTRIBUTION DATE OF GIFT 11/09/15 AMOUNT GIVEN 10,000
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION WORKSHOP & RECEPTION EXPENSES AMOUNT 37,571 DESCRIPTION WEBSITE EXPENSES AMOUNT 16,669 DESCRIPTION MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE AMOUNT 2,163 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 56,403