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<div> <div>Form 990</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> </div>	<div>Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax</div> <div>Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)</div> <div> <div>▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public</div> <div>▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990</div> </div>	<div>OMB No 1545-0047</div> <div>2015</div> <div>Open to Public Inspection</div>
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Chicago Zoological Society		D Employer identification number 36-2167016	
	Doing business as Brookfield Zoo		E Telephone number (708) 688-8400	
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 3300 Golf Road	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 89,597,788	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Brookfield, IL 60513			
	F Name and address of principal officer Stuart D Strahl PhD 3300 Golf Road Brookfield, IL 60513		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				
J Website: ▶ www.czs.org				

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities To inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	48
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	44
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	1,747
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1,135
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	1,462,132
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-44,319
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	44,467,893	41,209,491
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	18,799,764	19,666,467
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3,677,107	2,213,864
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	9,027,671	9,427,561
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	75,972,435	72,517,383
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	518,875	187,349
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>3,151,575</u>	40,055,437	40,589,788
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	120,823	118,431
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	29,210,300	30,070,569
Net Assets or Fund Balances		69,905,435	70,966,137
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	6,067,000	1,551,246
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		225,946,000	218,583,000
		58,309,000	54,438,000
		167,637,000	164,145,000

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer				2016-09-06		
	Stuart D Strahl PhD President and CEO				Date		
Type or print name and title							
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name LuAnn Trapp		Preparer's signature LuAnn Trapp		Date 2016-09-06	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ Plante Moran PLLC					Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 10 South Riverside Plaza 9th floor Chicago, IL 60606					Phone no (312) 207-1040	

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

To inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature

2

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

3

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

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

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 15,980,260 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,346,517)

Center for Science and Animal Well-Being CSAW More than 2500 ambassadors of the animal kingdom provide our visitors with a rare opportunity to see species from around the globe Expert care of these ambassadors is a time-honored tradition at CZS, where innovations in husbandry techniques and pioneering breeding programs are part of the cutting edge culture of excellence Staff in the CSAW integrate disciplines such as endocrinology, population biology, behavioral science, nutrition and veterinary science to determine the best ways to provide and continuously care for the animals They also incorporate models and practices from around the world, and from an array of animal care professionals, to develop the best possible zoo-based animal care and management practices

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 11,571,000 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Care of Buildings and Grounds The CZS maintains over 214 acres of land and 75 buildings to exhibit over 2,500 animals Guests see examples of our environmentally sound policies throughout the Zoo grounds including energy efficient cooling systems, plentiful recycling containers and clean burning natural gas vehicles

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 9,131,000 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 6,776,764)

Visitor Services Brookfield Zoo served over 2.1 million visitors in 2015, providing them with transportation, shops and restaurants In addition to motorized, narrated educational tours throughout the park, the Zoo offers strollers, wheelchairs, wagons, etc. to help visitors have a more enjoyable visit The shops make available goods which promote an interest in and understanding of the natural world and an awareness of how people around the world co-exist with the animals and the ecosystems where they live, and how choices made by humans impact the animals and the environment The restaurants allow our visitors to stay in the park for lunch and expand the time they can enjoy the park Visitor Services works closely with educators and designers to develop food packaging programs and select products which convey education and conservation related messages Visitor Services also provides opportunities for families, businesses, senior groups, social clubs, etc. to hold special outings at the park where they receive admission, special tours and interaction with zoo staff

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

















(Expenses \$ 24,429,000 including grants of \$ 187,349) (Revenue \$ 11,311,488)

4e

Total program service expenses

61,111,260

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
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 Yes	
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	No
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 Yes	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8 Yes	
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	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a Yes	
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 Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV 	15 Yes	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV 	16 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
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 Yes	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
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 employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	Yes	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	Yes	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	98	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	1,747
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		2b	Yes
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a	Yes
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		3b	Yes
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b	No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or 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	Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	Yes
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c	Yes
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d	1
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8	
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.		11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		13a	
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a		No
b		
11a		No
b		
12a	Yes	
b	Yes	
c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15		
a	Yes	
b	Yes	
16a		No
b		
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	FL , IL , WI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	Robert P Galick Jr 3300 Golf Road Brookfield, IL 60513 (708) 688-8315

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

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, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

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Part VII

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	2,824,094		341,947

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 33

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Featherstone Inc 4610 Roslyn Rd Downers Grove, IL 60515	Construction Management	978,463
Paymentech LLC 14221 Dallas Parkway Dallas, TX 75254	Payment Card Processing	477,677
PBA Inc PO Box 2023 Carol Stream, IL 60132	Benefits Administration	418,930
Outdoor Advertising GroupRapport PO Box 7247-6591 Philadelphia, PA 19170	Advertising	400,553
Steve Martin's Natural Encounters Inc 127 Conservation Way Winter Haven, FL 33884	Bird Show	386,887

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 63

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	9,128,830			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	1,804,552			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	19,705,972			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	10,570,137			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		3,142,582			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		41,209,491			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	General Admissions	900099	5,770,747	5,770,747		
	b	Memberships	900099	3,760,141	3,760,141		
	c	Visitor Services	900099	3,360,059	1,897,927	1,462,132	
	d	Admissions-Internal Attractions	900099	1,984,074	1,984,074		
	e	Visitor Parking	900099	2,352,490			2,352,490
	f	All other program service revenue		2,438,956	2,171,497		267,459
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		19,666,467			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,130,173		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			20,400				
b		Less rental expenses					
c		Rental income or (loss)	20,400				
d		Net rental income or (loss)		20,400			
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			13,770,202				
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	12,686,511				
c		Gain or (loss)	1,083,691				
d		Net gain or (loss)		1,083,691			
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,804,553 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
a	385,976						
b	Less direct expenses	b	741,464				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-355,488				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
a	38,750						
b	Less direct expenses	b	4,650				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		34,100				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
a	13,376,329						
b	Less cost of goods sold	b	3,647,780				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		9,728,549				3,388,251
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		72,517,383	18,972,637	1,462,132	10,873,123	

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	76,063	76,063		
2Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	15,000	15,000		
3Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	96,286	96,286		
4Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	2,202,912	704,605	649,570	848,737
6Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7Other salaries and wages	29,814,130	26,184,771	2,419,048	1,210,311
8Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	724,641	637,684	57,971	28,986
9Other employee benefits	5,337,563	4,034,391	821,600	481,572
10Payroll taxes	2,510,542	2,209,277	200,843	100,422
11Fees for services (non-employees)				
aManagement	0			
bLegal	387,352		387,352	
cAccounting	71,150		71,150	
dLobbying	55,326	10,326	45,000	
eProfessional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	118,431			118,431
fInvestment management fees	111,029		111,029	
gOther (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	6,190,641	5,957,761	155,190	77,690
12Advertising and promotion	2,591,240	2,591,240		
13Office expenses	6,040,941	5,773,800	177,596	89,545
14Information technology	1,002,567	258,330	723,047	21,190
15Royalties	32,892	32,892		
16Occupancy	3,004,905	2,639,439	338,533	26,933
17Travel	173,746	133,622	6,538	33,586
18Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19Conferences, conventions, and meetings	289,609	157,445	41,849	90,315
20Interest	753,582	753,582		
21Payments to affiliates	0			
22Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,296,261	8,296,261		
23Insurance	528,483	79,341	449,142	
24Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
aRevenue Bond Maintenance Fees	271,278	271,278		
bGain/Loss on Retirement of Fixed Assets	-33,514	-33,514		
c				
d				
eAll other expenses	303,081	231,380	47,844	23,857
25Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	70,966,137	61,111,260	6,703,302	3,151,575
26Joint 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)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

					(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			126,247	1	659,988
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			25,648,710	2	15,695,427
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			6,460,942	3	6,687,897
	4	Accounts receivable, net			2,825,606	4	1,177,273
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L					
						5	
	6	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 organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L					
						6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			935,934	8	899,260
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			353,001	9	425,855
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	271,721,154			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	125,680,384	141,719,806	10c	146,040,770
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			47,534,000	11	46,662,000
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11				13	
14	Intangible assets				14		
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			341,754	15	334,530	
16	Total assets.Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			225,946,000	16	218,583,000	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			9,083,576	17	5,774,244
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			7,127,277	19	7,482,753
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			36,380,000	20	35,990,000
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	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	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D			5,718,147	25	5,191,003
	26	Total liabilities.Add lines 17 through 25			58,309,000	26	54,438,000
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			146,245,000	27	142,950,000
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			13,808,000	28	13,435,000
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			7,584,000	29	7,760,000
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			167,637,000	33	164,145,000
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			225,946,000	34	218,583,000

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	72,517,383
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	70,966,137
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,551,246
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	167,637,000
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-5,022,587
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-20,659
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	164,145,000

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

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

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
John P Grube Chairman of the Board May-Dec/DepChr Jan-May	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Fred A Krehbiel Honorary Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
William C Kunkler III Deputy Chmnn of Brd May-Dec/Chrmn of Brd Jan-May	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Elizabeth Hamill Bramsen Vice-Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Merrick M Elfman Vice-Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Bert A Getz Jr Vice-Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Sakeba Issa M D Vice-Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Anil Kumar Vice-Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Cherryl T Thomas Vice-Chairman of the Board	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Michael P Emmert Treasurer	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Randall G Vickery Secretary	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Stuart D Strahl PhD President and CEO	40 00	X		X				532,008	0	68,828
Stuart B Abelson Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Mrs LW Alberts Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Robert M Beavers Trustee through 8/2015	2 00	X						0	0	0
Stephen P Bent Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Jay D Bergman Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Edward McCormick Blair Jr Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Barbara J Bradford Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
John A Carpenter Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kevin M Camody Trustee as of 5/2015	2 00	X						0	0	0
Jon C Creyts PhD Trustee through 5/2015	2 00	X						0	0	0
Dawn M Davis Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Lawrence E DeMar Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Michael F DeSantiago Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Diane V Dygert Trustee through 5/2015	2 00	X						0	0	0
Arthur J Fogel Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Graham C Grady Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kay Guyette Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Philip Lee Harris Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Christine E Holden Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
William L Hood Jr Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Heidi A Huizenga Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Timothy Hurd Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Jill V Javors Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Lisa N Johnson Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Barbara Levy Kipper Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kevin W Kirby Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Angelo C Kleronomos Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
William O Lipinski Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Jerry Manne Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Christian B McGrath Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Andrew J McKenna Jr Trustee through 2/2015	2 00	X						0	0	0
Toni Reed Preckwinkle Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Thomas J Sabatino Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Mark G Sander Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kelley C Schueler Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kathryn Babcock Shaffer Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
John W Taylor III Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Kenneth N Thompson Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
William E Thonn Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Chnstopher D Traut Trustee	2 00	X						0	0	0
Cynthia W Zeigler Chief Advancement Officer	40 00				X			290,323	0	29,037
Richard G Gamble Sr VP Operations	40 00				X			276,894	0	19,779
Chnstopher Jabin Sr VP Development	40 00				X			251,735	0	25,663
Kenneth Kaduk Sr VP Finance and Admin	40 00				X			251,600	0	21,691
Dr Alejandro Grajal Sr VP Conservation, Educ and Training	40 00				X			205,733	0	25,341
Frank W Zeigler Sr VP Animal Programs	40 00				X			195,280	0	8,997
Sarah Breen-Bartecki VP Conservation Funding Initiatives	40 00					X		184,621	0	12,017
Matthew Mayer VP Public Affairs	40 00					X		174,003	0	99,647
Jerome E Johnston VP Guest Service Operations	40 00					X		162,705	0	11,182
Sandra L Dornhecker VP Human Resources	40 00					X		156,968	0	16,674
Robert A Dulski Director of Information Services	40 00					X		142,224	0	3,091

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization Chicago Zoological Society	Employer identification number 36-2167016
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Part I

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).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

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 _____

5

☐

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)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☒

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)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% 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 33 1/3% 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

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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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

☐

Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

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Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

☐

Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	16,910,890	17,512,055	25,975,460	25,793,456	22,337,974	108,529,835
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	15,738,921	15,640,153	16,582,929	18,674,437	18,871,517	85,507,957
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	32,649,811	33,152,208	42,558,389	44,467,893	41,209,491	194,037,792
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,087,708
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						192,950,084

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	32,649,811	33,152,208	42,558,389	44,467,893	41,209,491	194,037,792
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,089,974	1,114,237	1,347,792	1,248,409	1,130,173	5,930,585
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	74,240	121,431	55,173			250,844
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						200,219,221
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	149,116,371
13 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) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	96 370 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	96 190 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part IIISupport 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.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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 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						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business 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 VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 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) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	0 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
20 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization’s directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization’s activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization’s directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization’s supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization’s tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization’s governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization’s officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization’s supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization’s investment policies and in directing the use of the organization’s income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization’s supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 <u>Activities Test</u> Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did substantially all of the organization’s activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>			
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization’s involvement, one or more of the organization’s supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization’s position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization’s involvement.</i>			
3 <u>Parent of Supported Organizations</u> Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>			

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1

Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

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Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

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

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

Name of the organization Chicago Zoological Society	Employer identification number 36-2167016
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$
3	Volunteer hours	

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

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

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

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

- A
- Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B
- Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

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

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

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

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?		No	
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes		
c	Media advertisements?		No	
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No	
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		72,357
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
i	Other activities?		No	
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			72,357
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Part III-B

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

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

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
II-B 1A-J	The Chicago Zoological Society is a private non profit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Brookfield Zoo was created through an act of the Illinois Legislature and the Society annually receives partial funding from Cook County to maintain and operate the Zoo. Occasionally, the laws and regulations under which the Society was organized and is funded and operated require updating. The Society may advise and assist appropriate legislative bodies in this activity. It may also advocate the adoption or rejection of legislation. By virtue of a management agreement with the District, the Society is periodically called upon to advise on matters of public policy. The Society also employs certain staff and consultants to communicate with the State of Illinois, federal officials, county commissioners and other government officials, to inform those parties of the activities of the Society. Additionally, as required during the year, the Societys President and designated staff attend national and international professional group meetings and otherwise communicate with those groups on various matters, including the expression of opinions to appropriate congressional representatives, congressional committees or other deliberative bodies that influence public policy concerning species in danger of extinction, environmental management, the biological sciences and kindred subject, and federal regulatory agency activities affecting wildlife and its management. Also, as needed from time to time, the Society may contact its members, staff and volunteers to encourage them to express their views on pending legislation that may have a direct impact on the Society and its conservation programs.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		2
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		213,698
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		213,275
4 Aggregate value at end of year		2,121,701
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4) (B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____
► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____
► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

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

a

☒ Public exhibition

d

☒ Loan or exchange programs

b

☒ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☒ Preservation for future generations

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	18,533,000	18,663,000	17,011,000	15,199,000	15,750,000
b Contributions	301,000	169,000	345,000	316,000	325,000
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-1,252,000	514,000	2,120,000	2,193,000	-390,000
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	847,000	774,000	776,000	664,000	454,000
f Administrative expenses	36,000	39,000	37,000	33,000	32,000
g End of year balance	16,699,000	18,533,000	18,663,000	17,011,000	15,199,000

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

26 000 %

b

Permanent endowment

46 000 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

28 000 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

☐ Yes

☐ No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

☐

☐

4

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a.See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	Accumulated (c)depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		263,257,031	119,925,171	143,331,860
d Equipment		8,291,008	5,755,213	2,535,795
e Other		173,115		173,115
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				146,040,770

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return				
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.				
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1		71,874,000
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-5,022,587	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	94,588	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		-4,927,999
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		76,801,999
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	19,869	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	-4,304,485	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		-4,284,616
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5		72,517,383

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.				
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.				
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1		75,170,000
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	94,588	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	4,129,144	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		4,223,732
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		70,946,268
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	19,869	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		19,869
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5		70,966,137

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
I 5 and 6	The Society does not maintain any donor advised funds Other Funds consist of the Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund and the CZS Womens Board Fund Contributions to these funds come from donors as well as proceeds from fundraising events and investment income Grants are decided by committees as described in Schedule I At times, donors who have given money to the fund may also sit on the granting committee but no one donor may decide on the grant awards All grants awarded must follow the guidelines and processes established by CZS CZS Board of Trustees has final approval of all Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund Committee recommended grant awards CZS Management has final approval of all CZS Womens Board recommended grant awards
III 1A	Animal Collections, which were acquired through breeding loans, purchases and contributions, are not recognized as assets on the Statement of Financial Position Costs to acquire collection items are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets in the year in which the animals are acquired Proceeds from deaccessions are reflected as increases in the appropriate net asset class The Societys animal collection consists of specimens with numerous attributes including taxonomic group, age, sex, relationship and value to other animals, endangered status and breeding potential The Society retains a record of every animal in a permanent file An inventory of the collection is prepared annually Professionally trained keeper staff and population managers provide daily care for the collection and determine population needs
III 4	The more than 2500 ambassadors of the animal kingdom which make up the CZS collection provide our visitors a rare opportunity to see species from around the globe The collection, in connection with our education programs, provides CZS the opportunity to teach guests about animals and nature, conservation and other related topics
V 4	The Societys endowment consists of 11 different funds established to support a variety of CZS programs including conservation and research, education and outreach, care of the animal collection and grounds, and general operations Additionally, the Society is the designated beneficiary of the interest income on a 1 million endowment established and maintained by the Chicago Community Trust The CCT maintains variance power over this endowment and, accordingly, the Society has not included it in its financial statements
VI 1A-E	The Society operates a zoological park on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, IL which is provided to the Society at no charge The land site of the Zoo, accordingly, is not recorded on the Societys financial statements All park improvements acquired by the Society are legally owned by the District All park improvements acquired by the Society, including those acquired with District funds, are recorded as park improvements on the Societys financial statements The amount in Other represents construction in progress on capital assets Once a capital asset is complete and in use, the total amount for that project is closed out of construction in progress and transferred to park improvements
X 2	The Societys application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America GAAP regarding uncertain tax positions had no effect on its financial position as management believes the Society has no material unrecognized income tax benefits, including any potential risk of loss of its not-for-profit status The Society would account for any potential interest or penalties related to possible future liabilities for unrecognized income tax benefits as income tax expense Management believes the Society is no longer subject to examination by federal, state, or local tax authorities for periods before 2012
XI 4b	Other Adjustments - Cost of Sales of Inventory -3,647,780, fundraising event expense -657,173, raffle expense -50, Rounding and Misc adjustments 518

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SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- 3 Activites per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) See Add'l Data					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total		1			232,177
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					50,240
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)		1			282,417

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			Sub-Saharan Africa	conservation research fieldwork	23,500	wire transfer			
(2)			Europe Including Iceland and Greenland	spt for conservation organization	10,000	wire transfer			
(3)			South America	conservation research fieldwork	13,333	check			
(4)									

- 2
- Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶
- 3
- 3
- 3
- Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) conservation research fieldwork	South America	1	5,000	wire transfer			
(2) conservation research fieldwork	Sub-Saharan Africa	4	15,753	wire transfers			
(3) conservation research fieldwork	South Asia	2	7,450	wire transfers			
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

☒

No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)*

☐

Yes

☒

No

Part V

Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I Line 2	<p>The Society awards grants through its Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund CBT E SF The grant cycle is 2 times per year Grant proposals are reviewed by a team of approximately 20 reviewers All proposals must be endorsed by an IUCN Species Survival Committee or other major, internationally known conservation organization, the AZA/WAZA, or other major zoo organization For any individuals/organizations who are not US Citizens/entities, the Society checks the most recent OFAC Control List of Specifically Designated and Blocked Persons as well as the Consolidated List established and maintained by the 1267 Committee with respect to Al-Qaida, Osama Bin Laden, and the Taliban and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them Approximately 50,000 is awarded each cycle, usually in amounts of 2000 to 5000 per grant Final award recommendations are presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees by the CBT ESF Committee members Status reports are required from recipients 6 months after the receipt of the funds Final reports are due 1 year after the receipt of the funds along with a final accounting of the grant funds expended In addition, other grant funds are given by the Society to major, internationally known conservation organizations in support of their general conservation mission These contributions are determined by Society management They are approved by the Board either as part of the annual operating budget process or as part of a periodic spending authorization from the Societys Board Designated Conservation Fund</p>

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I Line 3, Col F	, Part II Line 1, and Part III All expenditures are reported using the accrual method of accounting

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000290
Software Version: 15.3.0.0
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Name: Chicago Zoological Society

Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i e , fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service (s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region
Central America and the Caribbean			program services	conservation research fieldwork	3,070
Central America and the Caribbean			program services	attend conservation related conferences	6,760
East Asia and the Pacific			program services	attend conservation related conferences	4,391

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East Asia and the Pacific			program services	conservation education fieldwork	1,183
East Asia and the Pacific			grants to recipients for fieldwork in region		4,850
Europe Including Iceland and Greenland			program services	attend conservation related conferences	1,800

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Europe Including Iceland and Greenland			grants to recipients for fieldwork in region		12,000
Europe Including Iceland and Greenland			program services	membership in conservation related organizations	13,628
Middle East and North Africa			program services	attend conservation related conferences	7,336

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North America			program services	attend conservation related conferences	1,239
South America		1	program services	conservation research fieldwork	129,496
South America			program services	membership in conservation related organization	500

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South America			program services	attend conservation related conference	315
South America			grants to recipients for fieldwork in region		23,333
South Asia			grants to recipients for fieldwork in region		7,450

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Sub-Saharan Africa			fundraising	accompany members on trip	11,460
Sub-Saharan Africa			program services	conservation education fieldwork	3,366
Sub-Saharan Africa			program services	attend conservation related conference	1,587

Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

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Sub-Saharan Africa			grants to recipients for fieldwork in region		48,653

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations	
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(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
		Yes	No			
1 Patricia Hurley and Assoc 205 S Wacker Dr Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606	Consulting-fund raising dinners		No	1,901,085	118,431	1,782,654
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				1,901,085	118,431	1,782,654

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

FL, IL, IN, WI

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a)Event #1 <u>Whirl Gala</u> (event type)	(b)Event #2 <u>Conservation Awards Dinner</u> (event type)	(c)Other events <u>3</u> (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))	
	1	Gross receipts	1,483,454	417,631	289,444	2,190,529
	2	Less Contributions	1,277,454	391,371	135,728	1,804,553
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	206,000	26,260	153,716	385,976
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes			146	146
	6	Rent/facility costs	209,176	8,017	1,945	219,138
	7	Food and beverages	76,863	35,171	31,460	143,494
	8	Entertainment	10,000			10,000
	9	Other direct expenses	199,676	56,447	112,563	368,686
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				741,464
	11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-355,488

Part III Gaming.

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

Revenue		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross revenue		38,750	38,750
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes		4,600	4,600
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses		50	50
	6	Volunteer labor <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 77,000 % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶			4,650
	8	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). ▶			34,100

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities IL

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☒ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☒ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	13a	100.000 %
b	An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

HBilcer Mgr FinOper Analysis

Address ▶

3300 Golf Rd
Brookfield,IL 60513

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16

Gaming manager information

Name ▶

C Jabin

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

605

Description of services provided ▶

As Sr VP Development, Mr Jabin spent a small amt of his time supervising the raffle

☐ Director/officer

☒ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV

Supplemental Information. 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).

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

2015

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **4**

- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
Educ Scholarship for Conservation (1) Education	4	15,000			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I Line 2	CZS awards grants and assistance through a variety of programs For awards under the CBT ESF program, as well as general contributions to major conservation organizations, see details in Schedule F, part V CZS also provides grants and assistance through its educational scholarship programs and bus stipends programs CZS maintains records to substantiate amounts, eligibility and selection criteria Procedures are in place to monitor grants to ensure they are used for proper purposes including, where applicable, periodic reporting by the grantee

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

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

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div><div>1a</div><div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div></div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>2</div><div>Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>3</div><div>Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III</div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div></div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div></div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div></div>		
<div><div>4</div><div>During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div> <div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III</div>		No
<div><div></div><div>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</div></div>		
<div><div>5</div><div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>		No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</div>		No
<div><div>6</div><div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>		No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</div>		No
<div><div>7</div><div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>8</div><div>Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</div></div>		No
<div><div>9</div><div>If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?</div></div>		

Part II

Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part IIISupplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I Line 1a	As provided for in the executive employment agreement approved by the Board of Trustees, the President received a housing allowance and a gross up payment equivalent to the tax obligation for the value of the Society provided life insurance. Both were treated as taxable compensation to the President.
Part I Line 4a	As provided for in the Severance Agreement with the VP of Public Affairs related to the elimination of the position, he received a severance payment of 88,864. As provided for in the Severance Agreement with the Director of Information Services related to the elimination of the position, he received a severance payment of 34,192.
Part I Line 4B	As provided for in the CZS Deferred Compensation Plan and as approved by the Board of Trustees, a deferred contribution plus interest credit was made to the Plan on behalf of the President in the amount of 40,519. Also, as provided for in the CZS Deferred Compensation Plan, a payout was made to the President of previously deferred compensation in the amount of 50,679.
Part I Line 7	As indicated in Schedule J part II, certain individuals received bonuses based on performance and the financial results of the organization. These bonuses are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Additional Data

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Software Version: 15.3.0.0
EIN: 36-2167016
Name: Chicago Zoological Society

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1Stuart D Strahl PhD President and CEO	(i)	431,017		100,991	48,469	20,359	600,836	50,679
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1Cynthia W Zeigler Chief Advancement Officer	(i)	280,323	10,000		7,714	21,323	319,360	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2Richard G Gamble Sr VP Operations	(i)	276,579		315	1,234	18,545	296,673	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3Christopher Jabin Sr VP Development	(i)	251,186		549	5,931	19,732	277,398	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4Kenneth Kaduk Sr VP Finance and Admin	(i)	235,071	15,000	1,529	6,750	14,941	273,291	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5Dr Alejandro Grajal Sr VP Conservation, Educ and Training	(i)	203,359		2,374	6,246	19,095	231,074	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6Frank W Zeigler Sr VP Animal Programs	(i)	191,637		3,643	5,684	3,313	204,277	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7Sarah Breen-Bartecki VP Conservation Funding Initiatives	(i)	183,352		1,269	5,400	6,617	196,638	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8Matthew Mayer VP Public Affairs	(i)	167,252		6,751	93,622	6,025	273,650	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9Jerome E Johnston VP Guest Service Operations	(i)	155,118		7,587	4,881	6,301	173,887	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10Sandra L Dornhecker VP Human Resources	(i)	148,707		8,261	3,118	13,556	173,642	
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Part I Bond Issues											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A Village of Brookfield Cook County IL	36-6005807	112732AAO	06-18-2008	39,850,000	Construction and renovation of certain buildings and exhibits		X		X		X
B Village of Brookfield Cook County IL	36-6005807	00000NONE	12-22-2005	3,530,000	Refinance of remaining series 1995A Bonds		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds							
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired	9,130,000		3,260,000					
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3	Total proceeds of issue	39,850,000		3,530,000					
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds	595,445							
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	296,598		70,600					
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds			875					
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	30,539,559							
11	Other spent proceeds			3,458,528					
12	Other unspent proceeds								
13	Year of substantial completion	2010		1998					
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X	X					
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X		X				
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X		X					
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X		X					

Part III Private Business Use											
					A	B	C	D			
					Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?					X					
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?					X					

Part III

Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government								
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government	1 290 %							
6	Total of lines 4 and 5	1 290 %							
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test? . . .		X	X					
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X							

Part IV

Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X		X				
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?								
b	Exception to rebate?			X					
c	No rebate due?	X							
	If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X		X					
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?	X		X					
b	Name of provider	The Northern Trust Co		The Northern Trust Co					
c	Term of hedge	1000 00000000000 %		490 00000000000 %					
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?		X		X				
e	Was the hedge terminated?		X		X				

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X		X				
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of GIC								
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X		X				
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?	X		X					

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?	X		X					

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
Part II Line 11A	Some proceeds of the bonds were used to retire a portion of the bonds as reported in Part II, Line 1A

Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV Line 2c,	Column A The rebate calculation was performed by an independent rebate consultant in March 2013 indicating no rebate was due

Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV Line 2b,	Column B This was a current refunding issue in which all proceeds were spent within 6 months

Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV Line 4a,	Column B This interest rate swap agreement matured in December 2010

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) Cynthia W Zeigler	Family Member of Key Employee	319,360	employment		No
(2) Frank W Zeigler	Family Member of Key Employee	204,277	employment		No
(3) Freeborn & Peters	Secretary of the Board Randall G Vickery serves as a Partner	350,158	Legal Services		No
(4) The Northern Trust Co	Trustee Arthur J Fogel serves as Executive VP/Managing Director	341,111	Banking, Investment and LC services		No
(5) Nicor Gas	Trustee Kevin W Kirby serves as an Officer of Nicor Gas	631,141	gas purchases		No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV Line 1	During 2015, Cynthia W Zeigler was employed as Chief Advancement Officer She is a family member of key employee Frank W Zeigler Her employment follows the Societys established recruiting, hiring and compensation policies
Part IV Line 2	During 2015, Frank W Zeigler was employed as Sr VP Animal Programs He is a family member of key employee Cynthia W Zeigler His employment follows the Societys established recruiting, hiring and compensation policies
Part IV Line 3	During 2015, the Society used Freeborn Peters LLP for legal services Secretary of the Board Randall G Vickery serves as a Partner of Freeborn Peters This transaction followed the Societys established procurement policy and rates are competitive with market rates
Part IV Line 4	During 2015, the Society used The Northern Trust Company for banking, investment and letter of credit services Trustee Arthur J Fogel serves as an Executive VP and Managing Partner at Northern Trust This transaction followed the Societys established procurement policy and rates are competitive with market rates
Part IV Line 5	During 2015, the Society used Nicor Gas and Nicor Enerchange for gas purchases Trustee Kevin W Kirby is an Officer with Nicor Gas This transaction followed established procurement policy and rates are competitive with market rates

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

▶Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov /form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art	X	3	6,030	cost or selling price
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications	X		2,000	cost or selling price
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	33	1,724,311	price of stock on gift date
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	X	13	79,238	cost or selling price
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens	X	80		
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (Operating Supplies)	X	71	1,240,112	cost or selling price
26 Other ▶ (charity fundraising items)	X	2	2,000	cost or selling price
27 Other ▶ (charity auction items)	X	63	84,291	cost or selling price
28 Other ▶ (charity raffle items)	X	2	4,600	cost or selling price

29

Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

30a

During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b

If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31

Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a

Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b

If "Yes," describe in Part II

33

If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2015)

Part II

Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I Line 32b	During 2015, the Society entered into an agreement with IDonate to process certain non cash donations on behalf of the Society Donors donate their items to IDonate Foundation/Servant Foundation, a 501c3 organization, who sells the items, retains a commission and issues a cash grant to the Society for the remainder
Part I Line 33	Securities Current year contributions of stock which represent payments on pledges recorded as contribution in a previous year are not included in the revenue shown on Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1g
Part I Line 33	Collection Items/Scientific Specimens A zero dollar amount was reported on Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1g because the Society does not capitalize its collection, as allowed under SFAS 116

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Program Service Expenses 7,058,000, Grants and allocations 187,349, Revenue 850,597 Center for Conservation Leadership CCL Through its many conservation and education programs, CZS communicates with others to engender in them a sense of ownership about living harmoniously with nature and helping save endangered species Education specialists, curators, graphic and exhibit designers, photographers and many others contribute to sharing this information with visitors As well as reaching the 2 1 million visitors, CZS engages would be conservationists outside of the Zoo including classrooms of school children, teachers and community leaders Additionally through field programs, CZS supports efforts to protect and restore populations of threatened species in other parts of the world The CCL strengthens the bridge between education and conservation, between field research and the animals in our care

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Program Service Expenses 3,109,000, Grants and allocations 0, Revenue 5,770,747 Admissions and Parking In the course of a year, over 2.1 million visitors enjoy the experience of seeing and learning about the animals of the world. Each individual that enters Brookfield Zoos gates represents an opportunity a chance to introduce representatives of the wild world, to convey our intertwined connections to the animal kingdom, and to encourage positive change in the world. The Brookfield Zoo is open every day of the year. Admission is free to the general public 52 days each year and at all times to Illinois school groups and to military personnel. On certain days throughout the summer extended hours are offered to be more accessible to a more diverse audience.

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Program Service Expenses 1,416,000, Grants and allocations 0, Revenue 3,844,334 Membership The membership program services our over 105,000 member households, providing them with the opportunity to participate in the conservation and educational efforts of CZS Member services fulfills new and renewing memberships, answers member questions at locations throughout the park and via telephone and provides educational member Animal updates via email Members receive unlimited free admission, free or discounted parking and in-park attraction admissions and discounts on food and educational classes

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	<p>Program Service Expenses 4,550,000, Grants and allocations 0, Revenue 845,810 Marketing and Public Relations CZSs marketing and public relations draws thousands of visitors throughout the year to discover, celebrate and help conserve nature's gifts Through production of seasonal themed events such as Summer Nights, Holiday Magic and Boo at the Zoo, CZS attracts attendance and exposes a wider audience to our mission Through celebratory events including Freeze Day, Party for the Planet, World Giraffe Day and Ape, Bear and Cat Awareness Weekends, CZS inspires conservation leadership Through outreach programming to local communities and organizations, CZS reaches out to those who may not have an opportunity to visit the zoo otherwise Additionally, CZS produces two complementary websites CZS.org is devoted to in-depth discussion of conservation issues designed to inspire conservation leadership in our guests brookfieldzoo.org acquaints future and past visitors with the many exhibits within the Zoo, upcoming special events and visit planning tools</p>

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Program Service Expenses 8,296,000, Grants and allocations 0, Revenue 0 Depreciation Depreciation on the Zoos 272 million in buildings and equipment, including animal exhibits, animal care facilities, education spaces, shops and restaurants

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 1A	The fiscal, general oversight, and policies of the Society are vested in a Board of not more than 58 Trustees. As of December 31, 2015, there were 48 voting Trustees. The elected Officers of the Board, the chairs of the standing committees and such other Trustees as may be appointed by the Chairman constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the power to transact all regular business of the Society during the period between the regular Board meetings.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 2	Cindy Zeigler, Key Employee and Frank Zeigler, Key Employee - Family Relationship

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6	The membership of the Society is composed of up to 250 Governing Members. Up to 55 of the 58 Board of Trustees are elected by the Governing Members at their annual meeting. Governing Members are also eligible for appointment by the Societys Chairman to serve on Board committees other than the Exectuive Committee. Governing Members are chosen by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees and voted on by the full Board of Trustees.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7A	The membership of the Society is composed of up to 250 Governing Members. Up to 55 of the 58 Board of Trustees are elected by the Governing Members at their annual meeting. Governing Members are also eligible for appointment by the Societys Chairman to serve on the Board committees other than the Executive Committee. Governing Members are chosen by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees and voted on by the full Board of Trustees.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11B	The IRS Form 990 is prepared by Societys management and reviewed and signed by the Societys tax advisor. The Form 990, ,excluding Schedule B-Schedule of Contributors, is also reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees. A copy of the entire final version of the form, excluding Schedule B, is also made available to the Board of Trustees prior to filing with the IRS.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12C	<p>Annually, a conflict of interest form is sent out to all members of the Board of Trustees, Key Employees and any employee with purchasing authority. The form covers potential conflicts through financial interests, use of Society services, privileged information and representation of Society interests. It also covers specific disclosures required by the IRS Form 990 and the Illinois AG990IL. Board of Trustees responses are reviewed by the Secretary of the Board and the Sr. VP Finance and Admin who together determine if a conflict exists. Employee responses are reviewed by the VP Human Resources and the Sr. VP Finance and Admin. Any conflicts are addressed to ensure that all internal procedures are followed for any transactions with that individual and that all items requiring disclosure are properly noted. Any Board members with a conflict must abstain from voting on decisions involving the transaction in question. Any transactions entered into with interested parties follow the Society's established procurement policies and are provided at rates competitive with market rates.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15A and 15B	<p>The Societys policy for approval of compensation arrangements with officers and certain senior employees requires review and approval of the compensation arrangement by the Executive Committee of the Board, excluding anyone who is related to or under the control of the person involved in the arrangement. The Committee relies on appropriate comparability data which indicates the types and levels of similar compensation and benefit packages for similar positions provided by similar organizations. The Committee documents the basis for its determination of the reasonableness of compensation. This process is done annually for the President, Sr VP of Operatons, Sr VP of Finance and Admin and the Chief Advancement Officer any year where there is an increase in compensation.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	Governing documents are available through applicable governmental agencies the conflict of interest policy and financial statements are available upon written request to the Society

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 9	Other Changes in net assets or fund balances Changes in Post Retirement Benefits not yet recognized in operations - 196,000 change in market value of sw ap agreements 176,710 rounding and other -1,369