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Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF CARDIOTHORACIC SURGEONS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY PATIENT CARE THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND ADVOCACY

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 \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
EDUCATION - PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLISH A JOURNAL REGARDING MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION TO OVER 7,200 MEMBERS













4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
HEALTH POLICY - EDUCATE OVER 7,200 MEMBERS ABOUT EXISTING AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS, AND EDUCATE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES ABOUT THE SPECIALTY

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
QUALITY, RESEARCH, AND PATIENT SAFETY - DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE STS NATIONAL DATABASE FOR THORACIC SURGERY CLINICAL OUTCOMES, PROMULGATE CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES TO ENHANCE PATIENT CARE, AND ENGAGE IN RELATED ACTIVITIES

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e **Total program service expenses ►**

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> 	5 Yes	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11e	No
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> 	15	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> 	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.			
	Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		
26	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		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.	47	
b	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	63
b	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	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	Yes
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. 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	1a 17		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 17		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	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?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	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?	7b	Yes	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ 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
 ▶GEORGE BOHN 633 N SAINT CLAIR ST SUITE 2320 CHICAGO, IL 60611 (312) 202-5800

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	2,588,583	0	285,785

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 ► 16

		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
Duke University PO Box 17969 Durham, NC 27715	Data Warehousing	3,192,142
CPUP Department of Surgery 3400 Spruce Street - 4 Silvertein Philadelphia, PA 19104	Publishing	525,917
Telligen 1776 W Parkway West Des Moines, IA 50266	Data Auditing Consultant	434,105
Centerplate San Diego Convention Center San Diego, CA 92101	Food & Beverage/Catering	377,347
MARIOTT BUSINESS SERVICES PO BOX 402642 ATLANTA, GA 30384	HOSPITALITY / MEETING EVENT	242,230

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 ▶ 15

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				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	992,045			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			992,045		
Program Service Revenue	2a	NATIONAL DATABASE	Business Code 611710	5,983,644	5,983,644		
	b	EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS	611710	3,843,809	3,828,279	15,530	
	c	MEMBERSHIP DUES	611710	2,792,951	2,792,951		
	d	TVT REGISTRY	611710	1,894,286	1,894,286		
	e	PUBLICATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	611710	1,125,877	1,125,877		
	f	All other program service revenue		1,218,321	157,998	1,060,323	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			16,858,888		
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,286,511		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .					
5		Royalties		2,453,130			2,453,130
6a		(i) Real		69,940			
		Gross rents					
		69,940					
b		Less rental expenses		0			
c		Rental income or (loss)		69,940			
d		Net rental income or (loss)		69,940			69,940
7a		(i) Securities		7,371,926			
		(ii) Other					
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		7,206,295			
c		Gain or (loss)		165,631			
d		Net gain or (loss)		165,631			165,631
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a			
b		Less direct expenses		b			
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .					
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a			
b		Less direct expenses		b			
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a			
b	Less cost of goods sold		b				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	A M PROGRAM & ABSTRACT BOOKS		900004	35,000		35,000	
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			35,000			
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			21,861,145	15,783,035	1,110,853	3,975,212

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
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	558,750			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	93,755			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	2,874,368			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	3,198,814			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	128,185			
9	Other employee benefits	552,701			
10	Payroll taxes	429,042			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	144,312			
c	Accounting	51,200			
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	157,852			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	4,339,579			
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	1,799,452			
14	Information technology	155,789			
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	467,801			
17	Travel	538,225			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,229,391			
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	376,119			
23	Insurance	52,922			
24	Other 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)				
a	MEMBERSHIP FEES	57,136			
b					
c					
d					
e	All other expenses	57,973			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	18,263,366			
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			3,838,264	1	3,132,413
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,307,844	2	2,310,914
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			949,195	4	1,391,192
	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				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			756,829	9	724,240
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	5,540,311			
	b	Less—accumulated depreciation	10b	3,438,738	1,873,416	10c	2,101,573
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			36,186,319	11	34,538,782
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			1,724,980	12	1,732,501
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			9,263	15	9,263
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			46,646,110	16	45,940,878	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			5,153,022	17	4,245,855
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			5,853,105	19	6,703,920
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	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				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			11,006,127	26	10,949,775
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			35,277,963	27	34,608,781
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			362,020	28	382,322
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	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			35,639,983	33	34,991,103
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			46,646,110	34	45,940,878

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	21,861,145
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,263,366
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,597,779
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	35,639,983
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-4,246,659
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	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	34,991,103

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		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c 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	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?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 36-3022713
Name: THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

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			
Mark S Allen President	12 00 4 00	X		X				8,000	0	0
Joseph E Bavara First Vice President	12 00 0 00	X		X				1,000	0	0
Richard L Prager Second Vice President	3 00 0 00	X		X				1,000	0	0
Keith S Naunheim Secretary	12 00 4 00	X		X				5,500	0	0
Robert SD Higgins Treasurer	3 00 4 00	X		X				1,000	0	0
David A Fullerton Immediate Past President	2 00 4 00	X						0	0	0
Douglas E Wood Immediate Past President	2 00 4 00	X						0	0	0
Damien J LaPar Resident Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Cameron T Stock Jr Resident Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
A Pieter Kappetein International Director	2 00 0 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			
Shinichi Takamoto International Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Sean C Grondin Canadian Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Tony Coelho Public Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Emile ABacha Public Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Bryan Meyers Public Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Joseph F Sabik III Public Director	2 00 4 00	X						0	0	0
Cameron D Wnght Public Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
Shanda H Blackmon Public Director	2 00 4 00	X						0	0	0
Vinon H Thourani Public Director	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
John H Calhoon Public Director	2 00 4 00	X						0	0	0

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			
Robert A Wynbrandt Executive Director & General Counsel	60 00 0 00			X				718,863	0	47,400
Keith J Bura Director - Finance	40 00 0 00				X			163,988	0	13,430
William F Seward Associate Executive Director	60 00 0 00				X			317,431	0	39,110
W Grahame Rush Dir - Information Services	40 00 0 00				X			191,989	0	33,960
Damon K Marquis Dir - Education & Member Services	40 00 0 00				X			185,031	0	22,340
Natalie J Boden Dir - Marketing & Communications	40 00 0 00				X			167,637	0	37,380
Courtney Yohe Savage Dir - Government Relations	40 00 0 00				X			165,647	0	14,000
DeLaine S Schmitz Dir - Quality	40 00 0 00					X		141,369	0	17,970
George P Bohn Controller	50 00 0 00					X		140,310	0	25,290
Donna McDonald Sr Mgr STS NDB & Patient Safety	40 00 0 00					X		131,067	0	9,040

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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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 THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS	Employer identification number 36-3022713
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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? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 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 fileForm 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
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><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the 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?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

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

	Yes	No
1		No
2		No
3	Yes	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) 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	2,431,566
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	291,497
b	Carryover from last year	2b	-1,163,142
c	Total	2c	-871,645
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	437,682
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	-1,309,327

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
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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	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

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) <div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)<div><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space</div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure</div>	
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	
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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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)? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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)

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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

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

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

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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

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

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b

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

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)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		1,508,824	1,048,186	460,638
d Equipment		82,209	77,966	4,243
e Other		3,949,278	2,312,586	1,636,692
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				2,101,573

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	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	

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

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
Part X, Line 2	Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Society and recognize a tax liability if the Society has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Society and has concluded that as of December 31, 2015, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements, subject to the results of the IRS audit discussed immediately below. The Society is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. The IRS is in the process of examining STS 2011, 2012, and 2013 Forms 990 and 990-T. As of May 10, 2016, the examination is undergoing IRS administrative review. Management does not expect to make any adjustments. In addition, management believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations related to STS for years prior to 2009.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

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.

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

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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) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	ASCVTS Meeting	MEETING PARTICIPATION	22,681
(2) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	0	EACTS Meeting	MEETING PARTICIPATION	70,755
(3) Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	0	0	ESTS Meeting	MEETING PARTICIPATION	15,826
(4) North America	0	0	WTSA Meeting	MEETING PARTICIPATION	2,871
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			112,133
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			112,133

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)									
(2)									
(3)									
(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 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶

Part III **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)							
(2)							
(3)							
(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)*

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Yes

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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

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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)*

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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)*

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Yes

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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)*

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Yes

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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)*

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Yes

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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 3	FAIR VALUE

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(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

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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
(1) Travel and lodging expense reimbursement for Looking to the Future scholarsh	57	68,946			
(2) Scholarships for STS Members to attend an STS Advocacy Fly-In event	7	14,808			
(3) Michael Davidson Family Fund	1	10,000			

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	Grants and other assistance amounts are approved throughout the year according to STS policy. Staff will process the various grants according to these authorized directives and will follow up with the recipients accordingly.

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Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
American Association for Thoracic Surgery 500 Cummings Center Suite 4500 Beverly,MA 01915	04-6406547	501c(6)	6,750				Scholarships
The Thoracic Surgery Foundation 633 N Saint Claire Street Chicago,IL 60611	36-3635910	501c(3)	413,000				Operations & Grant support
Women in Thoracic Surgery 633 N Saint Claire Street Chicago,IL 60611	30-0003353	501c(3)	30,000				Scholarship Support

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Thoracic Surgery Directors Association 633 N Saint Claire Street Chicago, IL 60611	56-1196918	501c(3)	100,000				Boot Camp and TSRA Traveling Fellowship Support

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>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> <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) </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>	1b	
<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>	2	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee </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>a</div> <div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div>	4a	No
<div>b</div> <div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div>	4b	No
<div>c</div> <div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div>	4c	No
<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>		
<div></div> <div>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</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>a</div> <div>The organization?</div>	5a	
<div>b</div> <div>Any related organization?</div>	5b	
<div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</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>a</div> <div>The organization?</div>	6a	
<div>b</div> <div>Any related organization?</div>	6b	
<div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</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>	7	
<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>	8	
<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>	9	

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
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Robert A Wynbrandt Executive Director & General Counsel	(i)	563,875 -----	79,988 -----	75,000 -----	12,500 -----	34,902 -----	766,265 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
2 Keith J Bura Director - Finance	(i)	162,728 -----	0 -----	1,260 -----	3,160 -----	10,273 -----	177,421 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
3 William F Seward Associate Executive Director	(i)	286,348 -----	31,083 -----	0 -----	10,003 -----	29,107 -----	356,541 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
4 W Grahame Rush Dir - Information Services	(i)	174,359 -----	17,270 -----	360 -----	9,755 -----	24,214 -----	225,958 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
5 Damon K Marquis Dir - Education & Member Services	(i)	165,467 -----	18,124 -----	1,440 -----	9,312 -----	13,037 -----	207,380 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
6 Natalie J Boden Dir - Marketing & Communications	(i)	151,592 -----	16,045 -----	0 -----	8,675 -----	28,713 -----	205,025 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
7 Courtney Yohe Savage Dir - Government Relations	(i)	149,543 -----	16,104 -----	0 -----	8,355 -----	5,654 -----	179,656 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
8 DeLaine S Schmitz Dir - Quality	(i)	124,229 -----	17,080 -----	60 -----	6,296 -----	11,680 -----	159,345 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
9 George P BohnController	(i)	130,127 -----	10,183 -----	0 -----	2,889 -----	22,404 -----	165,603 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----

Part III **Supplemental 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
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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				
1Robert A Wynbrandt Executive Director & General Counsel	(i)	563,875	79,988	75,000	12,500	34,902	766,265	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
1Keith J Bura Director - Finance	(i)	162,728	0	1,260	3,160	10,273	177,421	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
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	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
3W Grahame Rush Dir - Information Services	(i)	174,359	17,270	360	9,755	24,214	225,958	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
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	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
5Natalie J Boden Dir - Marketing & Communications	(i)	151,592	16,045	0	8,675	28,713	205,025	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
6Courtney Yohe Savage Dir - Government Relations	(i)	149,543	16,104	0	8,355	5,654	179,656	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
7DeLaine S Schmitz Dir - Quality	(i)	124,229	17,080	60	6,296	11,680	159,345	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
8George P BohnController	(i)	130,127	10,183	0	2,889	22,404	165,603	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-	-	0

**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 VI, Section A, line 2	Dr Fullerton is a non-compensated member of the board of directors of Genesee Biomedical which paid STS a fee to exhibit at the STS Annual Meeting

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	THE ORGANIZATION IS A MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY AND HAS OVER 7,200 MEMBERS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	Members of the governing body are elected by the membership at its Annual Meeting pursuant to the organization's Bylaws

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b	Certain decisions of the governing body (e g , regarding dues and Bylaw s amendments) are subject to approval by members

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	The organization retained the services of an independent CPA firm to prepare its Form 990. Management then reviewed the completed Form 990 and provided a full copy to all voting members of the organization's Board of Directors (i.e., the governing body). The voting members of the governing body were given a reasonable amount of time to review the return and ask any questions directly to management or senior corporate officers. Finally, the organization's senior officers met with management and discussed the return prior to filing.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	<p>Officers, directors, key employees, and others are annually required to complete a conflict of interest disclosure statement as a requirement of service. The Statement on STS Disclosure Policy and Guidelines Regarding Conflicts of Interest is read at the beginning of every Board of Directors, Committee, Council Operating Board, and Workforce meeting. If a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest exists, the person with such a conflict must disclose the relationship and refrain from voting on the matter, if the nature of the relationship suggests that his or her presence may be detrimental to the discussion, he or she must exit the meeting. The meeting Chair makes the final determination as to the appropriate action.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	<p>15A The Society engages an independent compensation consultant periodically, usually every two or three years, to perform a market salary analysis for the Executive Director & General Counsel position. This information is shared with the Executive Committee which determines the new level of compensation and communicates the salary information to the Executive Director & general counsel and to the Director of Finance & Administration for implementation. AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT WAS UTILIZED AS A PART OF THIS PROCESS IN 2015. An adjustment is made to the executive director & general counsel's salary annually for a merit increase, which is based on a formal performance evaluation.</p> <p>15b Compensation - The Society engages an independent compensation consultant periodically, usually every two or three years, to perform a market salary analysis for STS positions. The consultant meets with the Executive Director & General Counsel and each staff director to ascertain information relevant to each position. The consultant also reviews each of the position descriptions, determines appropriate matches from compensation market surveys, e.g., Towers Watson, PRM, Association Forum, and ASAE, for comparable positions at similarly situated organizations, and compiles and analyzes this market data for each position. The consultant meets with the Executive Director & General Counsel and THE Director of Finance & Administration to review the compensation analysis, and makes adjustments to the analysis, as appropriate, based on additional data provided by the Executive Director & General Counsel and Director of Finance & Administration. Utilizing the consultant's analysis, the Executive Director & General Counsel makes salary adjustments and communicates new salaries in writing to other key employees of the organization. AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT WAS UTILIZED AS PART OF THIS PROCESS IN 2015. Adjustments are made to salaries annually for merit increases, which are based on formal performance evaluations.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The organization's Bylaws and key governance policies are available to the public on the STS website. Other governing documents, as well as the organization's conflict of interest policy and financial statements are made available to the public upon written request to the organization.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	CONSULTANT EXPENSES 810,597 TEMP SERVICES 91,859 VOLUNTEER STIPENDS 180,000 PAYROLL AND HR FEES 147,268 DATA AUDITING 486,466 DATA WAREHOUSING AND ANALYSIS 2,581,523 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS 41,866

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE 20 F STREET NW suite 310C WASHINGTON, DC 20001 52-2017375	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	DC	527				No
(2)THE THORACIC SURGERY FOUNDATION (TSF) 633 N ST CLAIR ST 23RD FL CHICAGO, IL 60611 36-3635910	RESEARCH AND EDUCATION	IL	501(c)(3)	Line 9	SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS	Yes	

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

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

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

1a

No

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

1b

Yes

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

1c

No

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

1d

No

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

1e

No

f Dividends from related organization(s)

1f

No

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

1g

No

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

1h

No

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

1i

No

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

1j

No

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

1k

No

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
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1l

Yes

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

1m

No

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

1n

Yes

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

1o

Yes

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

1p

No

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

1q

Yes

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

1r

Yes

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

1s

Yes

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)TSF	B	413,000	cash paid
(2)TSF	L	194,222	cash paid
(3)TSF	R	202,627	cash paid

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

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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