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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-1150

2015**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning**, and ending**B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization**NEBRASKA AVIATION TRADES ASSOC.
c/o JUDY MCDOWELL**

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

192 WEST LAKESHORE DRIVE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

LINCOLN**NE 68528****D** Employer identification number**47-0555338****E** Telephone number**402-475-6282****F** Group ExemptionNumber **▶****G** Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) **▶****I** Website: **▶ www.gonata.net****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(**6**) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**K** Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

▶ \$ 136,700**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21					
Revenue	1																1																	
	2																2	78,554																
	3																3	27,537																
	4																4	147																
	5a																5a																	
	5b																5b																	
	5c																5c																	
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6d																6d																		
7a																7a																		
7b																7b																		
7c																7c																		
8																8	30,462																	
9																9	136,700																	
Expenses	10																10	1,500																
	11																11																	
	12																12																	
	13																13	10,885																
	14																14																	
	15																15	1,926																
	16																16	96,136																
	17																17	110,447																
18																18	26,253																	
Net Assets	19																19	162,827																
	20																20																	
	21																21	189,080																

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990-EZ (2015)

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	196,149	22	221,582
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	2,168	24	2,568
25 Total assets	198,317	25	224,150
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	35,490	26	35,070
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	162,827	27	189,080

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

AVIATION TRADE ASSOCIATION

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

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

28 N/A

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 28a

29

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 29a

30

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 31a32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ☐ 32**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
JUDITH MCDOWELL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	26.00	24,000	0	0
TOM MAY PRESIDENT	12.00	0	0	0
LANNY LAMBRECHT VICE PRESIDENT	1.00	0	0	0
LUKE JOHNSON SECRETARY	1.00	0	0	0
SCOTT DELONG TREASURER	5.00	0	0	0
MIKE CAVANAUGH REGISTERED AGENT	1.00	0	0	0
RYAN LIHS NAAA REPRESENTATIVE	10.00	0	0	0
ALAN CORR EDUCATION DIRECTOR	10.00	0	0	0
ERIC JOBMAN ALLIED REPRESENT.	1.00	0	0	0
MARK DOZLER ALT ALLIED REP.	1.00	0	0	0
CHIP COSLOR DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
ROB ASLESEN DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0

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

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	X	
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	X	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a		
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40a , section 4912 40a , section 4955 40a		
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c		
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d		
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed None		
42a The organization's books are in care of JUDY MCDOWELL Telephone no 402-475-6282 192 W LAKESHORE DR Located at LINCOLN NE ZIP + 4 68528		
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42b		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. 42c		X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a		X
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b		X
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c		X
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a		X
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) 45b		X

- 46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

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

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

- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?
- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

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

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

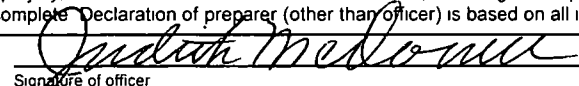
- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

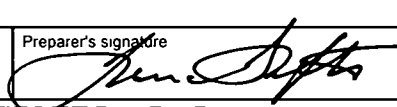
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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

- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Sign Here		5-13-16
	Signature of officer	Date
	JUDITH MCDOWELL	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	THOMAS E. GRAFTON		05/05/16		P00282660
	Firm's name ▶ GRAFTON & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	Firm's EIN ▶ 47-0760951			
	Firm's address ▶ 5935 S. 56TH ST., SUITE A LINCOLN, NE 68516	Phone no 402-486-3600			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

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▶ 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.**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 organization **NEBRASKA AVIATION TRADES ASSOC.**
c/o JUDY MCDOWELLEmployer identification number
47-0555338**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
☐ Yes ☐ No
4a Was a correction made?**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? ☐ 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-
(1)				
(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			
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					

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		X
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		X
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	X	

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	29,005
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	10,000
b Carryover from last year	2b	3,001
c Total	2c	13,001
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	8,702
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	4,299
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.

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.

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Name of the organization

NEBRASKA AVIATION TRADES ASSOC.
c/o JUDY MCDOWELL

Employer identification number

47-0555338**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8 - Other Revenue**

Description	Amount
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 17,165
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING	\$ 6,057
FUEL REBATE	\$ 3,749
DIRECTORY ADVERTISING	\$ 3,491
Total	\$ 30,462

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

Description	Amount
DIRECTORY ADVERTISING	
DIRECT - CONTRACT SERVICE	\$ 1,437
DIRECT - PRINT & PUBLISHI	\$ 697
Readership Costs	\$ 6,774
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING	
DIRECT - CONTRACT SERVICE	\$ 1,201
DIRECT - PUBLISHING	\$ 7
Readership Costs	\$ 6,337
Expenses	
OFFICE	\$ 3,326
WEBSITE	\$ 10,000
MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS	\$ 20,154
NAA MEETINGS	\$ 3,920
INSURANCE	\$ 576
OPERATION SAFE	\$ 8,560

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

NEBRASKA AVIATION TRADES ASSOC.

47-0555338

BOARD EXPENSES	\$	689
DUES	\$	810
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	4,118
NAAREF	\$	11,270
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$	21,362
LESS: READERSHIP COSTS	\$	-13,111
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$	1,670
NWSC EXPENSE	\$	5,819
TAXES	\$	322
Non-investment Depreciation	\$	198
Total	\$	96,136

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT	\$ 26,584	\$ 27,182
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 24,416	\$ 24,614
Total	\$ 2,168	\$ 2,568

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Other Liabilities

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
UNEARNED REVENUE	\$ 35,490	\$ 35,070