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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

**2015**

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

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**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning April 1, 2015, and ending March 31, 2016

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization: **Robertson Association, Inc**  
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**PO Box 10**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**Calhoun, TN 37309-0010**

**D** Employer identification number: **55-0583510**

**E** Telephone number: **703-200-4674**

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

**I** Website: ▶ **otr.org**

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) --  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

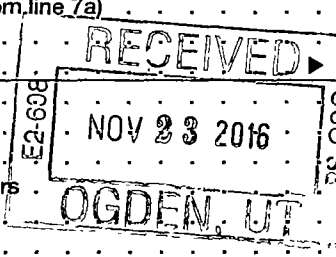
**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **114,355**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

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

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	23,692			18	14,304
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	73,083			19	464,734
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	4,101			20	(7,089)
4	Investment income	4	1,664			21	471,949
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	3,704				
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0				
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	3,704				
6	Gaming and fundraising events						
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0				
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0				
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0				
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0				
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	8,111				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	4,685				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	3,426				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0				
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	109,670				
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	2,600				
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0				
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0				
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,836				
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	50,251				
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,773				
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	37,906				
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	95,366				



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

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
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)
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)?
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
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
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
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
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
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of Patricia Cuttier Telephone no. 703-200-4674 Located at PO Box 10, Calhoun, TN ZIP + 4 37309-0010
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: 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:
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
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
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
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
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
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
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)

<b>46</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>46</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
			✓

**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

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

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

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

**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
None		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ 0

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	<i>Patricia Cuttier</i> Signature of officer	November 12, 2016 Date
	Patricia Cuttier, Treasurer Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization <b>Robertson Association, Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>55-0583510</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.**

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	14,520	1,300	24,349	37,519	27,793	105,481
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .	81,866	76,985	75,649	80,660	81,194	396,354
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .	96,386	78,285	99,998	118,179	108,987	501,835
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . .						491,835

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .	96,386	78,285	99,998	118,179	108,987	501,835
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . .	1,032	912	2,377	918	1,664	6,903
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .	1,032	912	2,377	918	1,664	6,903
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . .	97,418	79,197	102,375	119,097	110,651	508,738
<b>14</b> <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	96.68 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	96.14 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	1.4 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	1.8 %
<b>19a</b> <b>33 1/3% support tests—2015.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> <b>33 1/3% support tests—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20</b> <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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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

Robertson Association, Inc.

Employer identification number

55-0583510

**Form 990EZ Part I**

**Line 16 - Other Expenses**

Expenses incurred to provide annual membership event. See Program Service Accomplishments below for additional information.

**Line 20 - Other changes in net assets or fund balances**

**Unrealized losses on investments carried at market value.**

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

**Line 28** The Robertston Association (TRA) is dedicated to caver fellowship, cave research, conservation, and education. TRA holds the Old Timer's Reunion (OTR) annually for TRA members and sponsored guests. Approximately 1,500 attendees participates each year. TRA strives to educate attendees about proper caving and safety techniques, geology of the area, conservation, and speleology while providing cavers the opportunity to 'reunion' with each other.

Line 28a Expenses \$37,906

Total Program Service Expenses Line 32 \$37,906

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

See page 2

Name of the organization <b>Robertson Association, Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>55-0583510</b>
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**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees**

<b><u>TRA BOARD &amp; OFFICERS</u></b>	<b><u>Hrs Per Week</u></b>	<b><u>Compensation</u></b>	<b><u>Health Benefits</u></b>	<b><u>Other Compensation</u></b>
Kelley Deem President	2	0	0	0
Tim Brown Administrative Vice President	5	0	0	0
John Vitela Operations Vice President	5	0	0	0
Patricia Cuttler Treasurer	5	0	0	0
Scott Baker Membership Secretary	1	0	0	0
Lor Windle Recording Secretary	0.5	0	0	0
<b><u>TRUSTEES</u></b>				
Bill Bradwell	0	0	0	0
Sharon Brinkman-Windle	0.1	0	0	0
Jim Forsythe	0	0	0	0
Ray Garton	0	0	0	0
John C. "Chuck" Hempel	0	0	0	0
Chris "Fang" Kramer-Harnage	0	0	0	0
Lizette Molina	0.1	0	0	0
Mike Oatney	1	0	0	0
Stephen Owens	0	0	0	0
Vic Ward	0	0	0	0
Charlie Williams	0.1	0	0	0
Tom Williams	0	0	0	0
<b><u>ELECTED TRUSTEES</u></b>				
David Shackelford	0	0	0	0
Katherine Crispin	1	0	0	0
Rich Geisler	0	0	0	0
Norma Dee Peacock	1	0	0	0