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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 06-01-2015, and ending 05-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
UNITED STATES BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
803 WILDVIEW LANE
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MANCHESTER, MO 63021

D Employer identification number
54-1048808
E Telephone number
(314) 795-6821
F Group Exemption Number

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

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

I Website: WWW.USBWA.COM

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

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

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 81,321

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)									
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received						1	41,116
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts						2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments						3	40,190
	4	Investment income						4	15
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory				5a			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				5b			
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)						5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				6a			
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)				6b			
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				6c			
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)						6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				7a			
b	Less cost of goods sold				7b				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)						7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)						8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8						9	81,321	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)						10	4,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members						11	20,168
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits						12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors						13	20,300
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance						14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping						15	19,164
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)						16	25,904
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16						17	89,536
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)						18	-8,215
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)						19	211,076
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)						20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20						21	202,861

Part V

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

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter 39a		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
39b	39b		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
40b	40b		
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		No
40e	40e		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ UNITED STATES BASKETBALL WRITERS DAVID SIVCOVICH CPA PC Telephone no ▶ (314) 439-0339 Located at ▶ 1855 BOWLES AVE STE 230 FENTON, MO ZIP + 4 ▶ 63026		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	Yes	No
42b	42b		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		No
42c	42c		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
44a	44a		
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
44b	44b		
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
44c	44c		
d	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	44d		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
45a	45a		
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)		No
45b	45b		

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

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

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

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

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2016-08-31 Date				
	JOE MITCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Prnt/Type preparer's name JOHN E MORONEY CPA		Preparer's signature		Date 2016-08-31	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P01244920
	Firm's name DAVID SIVCOVICH CPA PC					Firm's EIN 43-1386397	
	Firm's address 1855 BOWLES AVE STE 230 FENTON, MO 630261900					Phone no (636) 343-4511	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No							

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 54-1048808

Name: UNITED STATES BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. 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 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
28 TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF AMATEUR BASKETBALL, SPECIFICALLY COLLEGE BASKETBALL, FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH SELECTING, RECOGNIZING AND AWARDING COLLEGE BASKETBALL PARTICIPANTS WITH THE FOLLOWING 1 OSCAR ROBERTSON TROPHY (SINCE 1959) - RECOGNIZING THE USBWA PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2 HENRY IBA AWARD (SINCE 1959) - RECOGNIZING THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR 3 WAYMAN TISDALE AWARD (SINCE 1989) - RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL TOP FRESHMAN PLAYER OF YEAR 4 SELECTS A NATIONAL WOMEN'S PLAYER, FRESHMAN AND COACH OF THE YEAR 5 SELECTS THE ALL DISTRICT TEAMS 6 SELECTS THE ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN (SINCE 1959) 7 SELECTS A MOST COURAGEOUS WINNER ANNUALLY, RECOGNIZING COACHES AND PLAYERS WHO PROVIDE INSPIRATION TO OTHERS 8 WORKS WITH THE NCAA TO PROVIDE BETTER WORKING REALTIONS BETWEEN JOURNALISTS AND COACHES 9 WORK WITH VARIOUS MEDIA FORMS TO PROMOTE COLLEGE BASKETBALL 10 TO BE A PRESENCE AT EACH FINAL FOUR EVENT PROMOTING THE USBWA, THE MEMBERS, THE SPORT OF COLLEGE BASKETBALL, SPORTS JOURNALISTS, AND THE INTERACTIONS OF ALL PARTIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SPORT (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		28a	
29 TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF SPORTS JOURNALISM, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH SPORTS JOURNALISTS AND STUDENTS OF THE CRAFT OF JOURNALISM 1 PROMOTE, ORGANIZE AND PERFORM AN ANNUAL SPORTS WRITING SEMINAR DURING THE FINAL FOUR EVENTS FOR STUDENT JOURNALISTS 2 AWARD OF ANNUAL 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE WRITING SEMINAR PROGRAM 3 ENCOURAGE AND RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS WRITING 4 BRING BASKETBALL WRTIERS TOGETHER IN A CLOSER BOND OF FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE JOURNALIST ETHICS (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		29a	
30 PROMOTION OF COLLEGE BASKETBALL, JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA THROUGH PUBLICATION OF 1 USBWA 2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2 QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE "TIPOFF" MEMBER NEWSLETTER 3 PUBLICATION AND BROADCAST OF THE USBWA WEB SITE (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		30a	

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(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
MEL GREENBURG OFFICER - WO	000 00	0		
JOE MITCH EXECUTIVE DI	30 00	17,000		
JOHN AKERS EDITOR	000 00	0		
DAVID TEELNEWPORT NEWS DAILY PRESS 2ND VICE PRE	000 00	0		
ED GRANAY PRESIDENT	000 00	0		
VAHE GREGORIAN 1ST VICE-PRE	000 00	0		
MATT NORLANDER OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
JOE JULIANO OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
LAURA KEELEY OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
TOM NOIE OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
JENNI CARLSON OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
CAROLS MENDEZ OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
GEOFF GRAMMER OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
MARK ZEIGLER OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
SETH DAVIS OFFICER AT L	000 00	0		

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JEFF GOODMAN OFFICER AT L	000 00	0		
BERNADETTE CAFARELLI OFFICER - SI	000 00	0		
RANDY MCCLURE OFFICER - NE	000 00	0		
TED GANGI WEBMASTER	000 00	0		
JEFF GREER OFFICER - DI	000 00	0		
MIKE WATERS 3RD VICE PRE	000 00	0		

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Name of the organization UNITED STATES BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 54-1048808
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES PROMOTION 500 PHOTOGRAPHY 314 OFFICE 20 OFFICE 19 TELEPHONE 138 TELEPHONE 137 TELEPHONE 137 EXECUTIVE TRAVEL 2,091 MONDAY BFASST & ADMIN CONF 6,063 ADMIN MEETINGS 1,485 WEBSITE 15,000 TOTAL 25,904
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 45,590 9,800 INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE 963 963 TOTAL 46,553 10,763
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 3,750 0
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF AMATEUR BASKETBALL, SPECIFICALLY COLLEGE BASKETBALL, FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, THROUGH A THE RESPONSIBLE AND VIGOROUS PRACTICE OF THE CRAFT OF JOURNALISM, AND B COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO RELATED PURPOSES, SUCH AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES, BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, NCAA, OTHER WRITERS- AND JOURNALISM ORGANIZATIONS AND JOURNALISM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENCOURAGE AND RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTSMANSHIP, PLAY, COACHING, SPORTS WRITING OR IN OTHER FIELDS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE GAME TO STANDARDIZE FORMS AND PROCEDURES IN THE COMPILATION OF BASKETBALL STATISTICS AND TO SECURE IMPROVED PRESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO IMPROVE THE DISSEMINATION OF AND ACCESS TO BASKETBALL NEWS IN ALL WRITTEN MEDIA TO BRING BASKETBALL WRITERS TOGETHER IN A CLOSER BOND OF FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND GREATER RESPECT AND BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG BASKETBALL WRITERS AS A GROUP AND COACHES, PLAYERS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS, CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHERS
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF AMATEUR BASKETBALL, SPECIFICALLY COLLEGE BASKETBALL, FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH SELECTING, RECOGNIZING AND AWARDED COLLEGE BASKETBALL PARTICIPANTS WITH THE FOLLOWING 1 OSCAR ROBERTSON TROPHY (SINCE 1959) - RECOGNIZING THE USBWA PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2 HENRY IBA AWARD (SINCE 1959) - RECOGNIZING THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR 3 WAYMAN TISDALE AWARD (SINCE 1989) - RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL TOP FRESHMAN PLAYER OF YEAR 4 SELECTS A NATIONAL WOMEN'S PLAYER, FRESHMAN AND COACH OF THE YEAR 5 SELECTS THE ALL DISTRICT TEAMS 6 SELECTS THE ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN (SINCE 1959) 7 SELECTS A MOST COURAGEOUS WINNER ANNUALLY, RECOGNIZING COACHES AND PLAYERS WHO PROVIDE INSPIRATION TO OTHERS 8 WORKS WITH THE NCAA TO PROVIDE BETTER WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN JOURNALISTS AND COACHES 9 WORK WITH VARIOUS MEDIA FORMS TO PROMOTE COLLEGE BASKETBALL 10 TO BE A PRESENCE AT EACH FINAL FOUR EVENT PROMOTING THE USBWA, THE MEMBERS, THE SPORT OF COLLEGE BASKETBALL, SPORTS JOURNALISTS, AND THE INTERACTIONS OF ALL PARTIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SPORT
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29	TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF SPORTS JOURNALISM, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH SPORTS JOURNALISTS AND STUDENTS OF THE CRAFT OF JOURNALISM 1 PROMOTE, ORGANIZE AND PERFORM AN ANNUAL SPORTS WRITING SEMINAR DURING THE FINAL FOUR EVENTS FOR STUDENT JOURNALISTS 2 AWARD OF ANNUAL 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE WRITING SEMINAR PROGRAM 3 ENCOURAGE AND RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS WRITING 4 BRING BASKETBALL WRITERS TOGETHER IN A CLOSER BOND OF FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE JOURNALIST ETHICS
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