

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)

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016 , and ending 12-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
 MAINE GROCERS & FOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 PO BOX 5234

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 AUGUSTA, ME 04332

D Employer identification number
 01-0165097

E Telephone number
 (207) 622-4461

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.MGFPA.ORG

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 ▶ \$ 189,143

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	102,658
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	7,199
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	78,917
4	Investment income	4	49
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	9,777
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	-9,777
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	320
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	179,366
		Expenses	
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	3,000
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	139,675
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,302
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	21,363
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	165,340
		Net Assets	
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	14,026
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	45,034
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	59,060

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and foreign accounts.

	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	2017-05-10 Date
SHELLEY DOAK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name AMY P TRUNNELL	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-05-10	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01201030
	Firm's name ▶ AMY P TRUNNELL CPA			Firm's EIN ▶ 04-3353527	
	Firm's address ▶ 200 OLD KENTS HILL RD READFIELD, ME 043554132			Phone no (207) 685-9202	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 01-0165097

Name: MAINE GROCERS & FOOD PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATION

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

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.)	
<p>28 THE ASSOCIATION IS VIBRANT AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADER IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF MAINE'S GROCERY AND FOOD PRODUCER INDUSTRY THE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS OUR MEMBERS OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR BUSINESS'S GROWTH AND OPERATIONS THROUGH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY ADVOCACY, NETWORKING AND EDUCATION IT REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF MAINE GROCERS, FOOD PRODUCERS AND THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS THROUGH LOBBYING, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IT MAINTAINS AND DISSEMINATES ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY RESOURCES AND TIMELY INFORMATION TO EDUCATE AND INFORM OUR MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH NEWSLETTERS AND ALERTS IT OFFERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND NETWORKING EVENTS, INCLUDING THE MAINE FOOD MEANS BUSINESS SUMMIT AND THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT FORUM IT GRANTS THREE 1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFYING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION</p> <p>(Grants \$ 3,000)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	115,288

Form 990EZ, 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
SHELLEY DOAK EXECUTIVE DI	40 00	0		
CATHE MORRILL PAST PRESIDE	1 00	0		
JIM LESSER PRESIDENT	2 00	0		
KAREN RAYE FIRST VP	1 00	0		
ZAK SCLAR SECOND VP	1 00	0		
SEAN THOMAS TREASURER	1 00	0		
TIM MCGONAGLE SECRETARY	1 00	0		
JAYSON BEARCE DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
BRIAN BEAUDRY DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
KIM BRACKETT DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
DAN BROCK DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
JON DUBE DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
MARK DVOROZNIAK DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
SHEILA GIBBONS DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
AL HARTT DIRECTOR	0 50	0		

Form 990EZ, 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
MARK KELLEY DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
JUDY KNAPP DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
SHEILA NAPPI DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
LEO OUELLETTE DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
TROY PLUMMER DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
MIKE ST CYR DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
MARY-JO TOZIER DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
SUE JOHNSON DIRECTOR	0 50	0		
ROBERT WENTWORTH DIRECTOR	0 50	0		

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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 MAINE GROCERS & FOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 01-0165097
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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 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-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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?	1	No
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	No
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	No

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	78,917
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	17,375
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	17,375
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	15,783
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	1,592
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
MAINE GROCERS & FOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

01-0165097

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a** Mail solicitations
 - b** Internet and email solicitations
 - c** Phone solicitations
 - d** In-person solicitations
 - e** Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f** Solicitation of government grants
 - g** Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

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

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

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		GOLF TOURNAMENT (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross receipts	23,083			23,083
2	Less Contributions	23,083			23,083
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	9,777			9,777
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				9,777
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-9,777

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

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

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

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

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

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| a The organization's facility | 13a % |
| b An outside facility | 13b % |

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

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

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

- Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

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

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
MAINE GROCERS & FOOD PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATION**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.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	COUPON REFERRAL SERVICE 320 TOTAL 320

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES PROMOTION 119 OFFICE EXPENSE 1,835 MISCELLANEOUS 1,440 BAD DEBT 125 WEBSITE 797 TRAVEL 4,477 CONFERENCE MEETINGS 7,925 INSURANCE 1,628 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 3,017 TOTAL 21,363

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 950 2,225 PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES 1,418 2,276 WEBDESIGN 9,050 9,050 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 3,771 6,788 TOTAL 7,647 6,763

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 12,169 0 DEFERRED REVENUE 33,793 500

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	WE ARE A COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO THE PROSPERITY OF MAINE'S GROCERY AND FOOD PRODUCER INDUSTRY THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY, NETWORKING AND EDUCATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	THE ASSOCIATION IS VIBRANT AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADER IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF MAINE'S GROCERY AND FOOD PRODUCER INDUSTRY THE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS OUR MEMBERS OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR BUSINESS'S GROWTH AND OPERATIONS THROUGH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY ADVOCACY, NETWORKING AND EDUCATION IT REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF MAINE GROCERS, FOOD PRODUCERS AND THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS THROUGH LOBBYING, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IT MAINTAINS AND DISSEMINATES ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY RESOURCES AND TIMELY INFORMATION TO EDUCATE AND INFORM OUR MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH NEWSLETTERS AND ALERTS IT OFFERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND NETWORKING EVENTS, INCLUDING THE MAINE FOOD MEANS BUSINESS SUMMIT AND THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT FORUM IT GRANTS THREE 1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFYING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION