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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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

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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

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

% RYAN HAYES

Doing business as

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

243 N LINDBERGH BLVD

Room/suite

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

ST LOUIS, MO 63141

F Name and address of principal officer

JONATHAN F HYMES

243 N LINDBERGH BLVD

ST LOUIS, MO 63141

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

D Employer identification number

43-0684708

E Telephone number

(314) 991-4100

G Gross receipts \$

29,076,771

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶

WWW AOA ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation

1936

M State of legal domicile

MO

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

AOA ADVOCATES FOR THE PROFESSION OF OPTOMETRY AND TO SERVE OPTOMETRISTS IN MEETING THE EYE CARE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

3

11

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

4

11

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)

5

123

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

6

250

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7a

734,162

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

7b

-774,867

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶

0

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

Part II Signature Block

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

RYAN P HAYES CFO

Type or print name and title

2017-11-14

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Troy A Lindsey

Preparer's signature

Troy A Lindsey

Date

2017-11-14

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P01041237

Firm's name ▶

BKD LLP

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶

211 N BROADWAY SUITE 600

ST LOUIS, MO 631022733

Phone no

(314) 231-5544

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐ ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC POLICY RELATED TO EYE CARE WILL UNIFORMLY RECOGNIZE OPTOMETRISTS AS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ENSURE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO THE FULL SCOPE OF OPTOMETRIC CARE. OPTOMETRISTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WILL LOOK TO THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION LEADERSHIP WHICH SERVE TO ENHANCE AND ENSURE COMPETENT, QUALITY PATIENT CARE. THE PUBLIC, OPTOMETRISTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WILL TURN TO THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION FOR RELIABLE AND CURRENT INFORMATION RELATED TO OPTOMETRY, EYE CARE AND HEALTH CARE POLICY.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

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

4e Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	Yes
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	Yes
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	Yes	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	Yes	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	Yes	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	Yes	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	308
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	123
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
 ▶RYAN HAYES 243 N LINDBERGH BLVD ST LOUIS, MO 63141 (314) 991-4100

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☒**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) STEVEN LOOMIS OD PRESIDENT	29.5 0.0	X		X				92,945	0	0
(2) ANDREA THAU OD PRESIDENT-ELECT	19.7 0.0	X		X				87,343	0	0
(3) CHRISTOPHER J QUINN OD VICE PRESIDENT	12.7 0.0	X		X				42,192	0	0
(4) SAMUEL PIERCE OD SECRETARY-TREASURER	19.8 0.0	X		X				52,947	0	0
(5) DAVID A COCKRELL OD IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	8.5 0.0	X		X				20,544	0	0
(6) BARBARA L HORN OD TRUSTEE	10.7 0.0	X						39,408	0	0
(7) WILLIAM T REYNOLDS OD TRUSTEE	12.2 0.0	X						40,273	0	0
(8) GREGORY A CALDWELL OD TRUSTEE	8.4 0.0	X						20,195	0	0
(9) ROBERT C LAYMAN OD TRUSTEE	12.2 0.0	X						33,876	0	0
(10) JAMES P DEVLEMING OD TRUSTEE	11.6 0.0	X						38,246	0	0
(11) RON BENNER OD TRUSTEE	11.2 0.0	X						33,184	0	0
(12) STEVEN T REED OD TRUSTEE	5.9 0.0	X						18,785	0	0
(13) JACQUELINE BOWEN OD TRUSTEE	4.2 0.0	X						12,841	0	0
(14) JONATHAN F HYMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	38.0 2.0			X				324,374	0	45,961
(15) RENEE BRAUNS ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	38.0 2.0			X				291,568	0	24,734
(16) RYAN P HAYES CFO	38.0 2.0			X				162,317	0	34,503
(17) LAURA M BAUMSTARK DIRECTOR	40.0 0.0					X		199,318	0	27,513

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) RODNEY D PEELE ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL	40 0 0 0					X		173,085	0	36,262
(19) MICHAEL R DUENAS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	40 0 0 0					X		171,406	0	29,657
(20) WENDY D HARR DIRECTOR	40 0 0 0					X		163,730	0	27,767
(21) MATTHEW WILLETTE DIRECTOR	40 0 0 0					X		154,729	0	35,143

1b Sub-Total	▶			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▶			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▶	2,173,306	0	261,540

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 21

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
BSI CONSTRUCTORS INC, 6767 SOUTHWEST AVE ST LOUIS, MO 63143	CONSTRUCTION GC	5,860,223
COLOR ART INTEGRATED INTERIORS LLC, 1325 N WARSON RD ST LOUIS, MO 63132	OFFICE FURNISHINGS	906,642
MANIFEST LLC/MCMURRY TMG, 4240 DUNCAN AVE STE 240 ST LOUIS, MO 63110	WEB CONTENT & DESIGN	712,681
PROMETHEUS RESEARCH LLC, 75 REMITTANCE DR DEPT 6529 CHICAGO, IL 60675	RESEARCH & DATA MGMT	564,675
PARTNERSHIP FOR VISION HEALTH, 225 REINEKERS LN 700 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	ADVERTISING	500,000

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 29

Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b				
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		0			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
	2a MEMBERSHIP DUES		561499	17,454,947	17,454,947	
	b MEMBERSHIP SERVICES		561499	1,801,564	1,561,421	240,143
	c ANNUAL CONVENTION		561499	3,685,729	1,075	3,684,654
	d BUILDING INITIATIVE		561499	335,350	335,350	
	e OTHER PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		561499	19	19	
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		23,277,609			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		0			
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5 Royalties		7,516			
	6a Gross rents					
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)		0			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		15,442			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)		431,872			
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		0			
	b Less direct expenses		0			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0			
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		0			
	b Less direct expenses		0			
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .						
a		605,575				
b Less cost of goods sold . . .		152,515				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		453,060				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a ADVERTISING & SUBSCRIPTION		541800	281,102		281,102	
b OTHER REVENUE		900099	131,907	120,101	11,806	
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			413,009			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions			24,598,508	19,488,355	734,162	4,375,991

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☒**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	200,000			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members.	348,631			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,415,331			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0			
7 Other salaries and wages.	6,436,346			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	357,069			
9 Other employee benefits.	1,437,371			
10 Payroll taxes.	474,147			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.	0			
b Legal.	321,083			
c Accounting.	76,513			
d Lobbying.	164,932			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0			
f Investment management fees.	48,857			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	4,178,709			
12 Advertising and promotion.	633,635			
13 Office expenses.	1,041,881			
14 Information technology.	561,888			
15 Royalties.	0			
16 Occupancy.	450,030			
17 Travel.	1,892,724			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	2,724,995			
20 Interest.	47,776			
21 Payments to affiliates.	255,893			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	731,120			
23 Insurance.	130,323			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MAINT	128,976			
b MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	53,847			
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	24,112,077			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		0	1	0
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		1,835,075	2	2,106,505
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		0	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net		2,753,203	4	2,687,975
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	5	0
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use		75,955	8	37,143
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		512,437	9	448,274
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 18,100,720			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 5,404,070	6,312,581	10c	12,696,650
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		10,116,120	11	11,784,635
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		0	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets		0	14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		28,755	15	0
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		21,634,126	16	29,761,182	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		2,183,512	17	1,587,431
	18	Grants payable		0	18	0
	19	Deferred revenue		939,652	19	909,211
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		0	20	0
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		0	21	0
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		0	23	7,959,999
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		0	24	0
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		2,611,336	25	2,036,012
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		5,734,500	26	12,492,653
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets		15,899,626	27	17,048,029
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		0	28	220,500
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances		15,899,626	33	17,268,529	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		21,634,126	34	29,761,182	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	24,598,508
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	24,112,077
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	486,431
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	15,899,626
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	285,500
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	596,972
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	17,268,529

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

ADVOCACY WORKS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC POLICY RELATING TO EYE CARE AND TO ENSURE FULL PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF OPTOMETRIC CARE

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGES THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CAMPAIGN FOR OPTOMETRIC AWARENESS ISSUES AND MANAGES/RELEASES INFORMATION ON ISSUES AFFECTING
THE PROFESSION OF OPTOMETRY

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

CLINICAL CARE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND SERVICES TO ENHANCE THE SCOPE, QUALITY, AND AVAILABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL OPTOMETRIC SERVICES. IT DEVELOPS AND IMPLEMENTS PROGRAMS RELATING TO PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT/ENHANCEMENT, QUALITY ASSESSMENT ON OPHTHALMIC STANDARDS AND PRODUCTS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 43-0684708
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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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV		

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)**(a)** Filing
organization's
totals**(b)** Affiliated
group totals

1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

		Yes	No
1	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	Yes

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	16,409,687
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	1,816,961
b	Carryover from last year	2b	602,076
c	Total	2c	2,419,037
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	1,640,969
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	778,068
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 D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

(a) Donor advised funds

(b) Funds and other accounts

1

Total number at end of year

2

Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)

3

Aggregate value of grants from (during year)

4

Aggregate value at end of year

5

Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6

Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

2a

2b

2c

2d

Held at the End of the Year

a

Total number of conservation easements

b

Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

c

Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

d

Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

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Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	(c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b

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

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

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	978,647		978,647
b Buildings	0	9,546,198	1,386,922	8,159,276
c Leasehold improvements	0	930,939	419,222	511,717
d Equipment	0	6,464,936	3,417,926	3,047,010
e Other	0	180,000	180,000	0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				12,696,650

Part VII

Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.
See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ▶		

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c.
See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ▶		

Part IX

Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ▶	

Part X

Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	0
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY	1,762,318
INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT	273,694
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	2,036,012

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	25,279,755
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	285,500
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	395,747
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	681,247
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,598,508
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	24,598,508

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	24,507,824
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	395,747
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	395,747
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,112,077
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	24,112,077

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

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

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 43-0684708
Name: AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D	RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE PER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS COST OF GOODS SOLD NETTED WITH REVENUE \$ 152,515 RENTAL EXPENSES NETTED WITH REVENUE \$ 243,232 ----- TOTAL \$ 395,747

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D	RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE PER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS COST OF GOODS SOLD NETTED WITH REVENUE \$ 152,515 RENTAL EXPENSES NETTED WITH REVENUE \$ 243,232 ----- TOTAL \$ 395,747

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2	UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS MANAGEMENT HAS EVALUATED THEIR INCOME TAX POSITIONS UNDER THE GUIDANCE INCLUDED IN ASC 740. BASED ON THEIR REVIEW, MANAGEMENT HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS TO BE RECORDED OR DISCLOSED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000 Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) OPTOMETRY CARES - THE AOA FOUNDATION 243 N LINDBERGH BLVD ST LOUIS, MO 63141	23-7292391	501(C)(3)	200,000				CONTRIBUTION

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

1

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2	EXPLANATION OF GRANTS MADE THE GRANTS WERE MADE TO A RELATED ORGANIZATION THAT REPORTS ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div><div>1a</div><div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>2</div><div>Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>3</div><div>Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.</div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div></div>		
<div><div>4</div><div>During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div></div>	Yes	
<div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>		No
<div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div>		No
<div><div></div><div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</div></div>		
<div><div></div><div>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</div></div>		
<div><div>5</div><div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div>		
<div><div></div><div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</div></div>		
<div><div>6</div><div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div>		
<div><div></div><div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</div></div>		
<div><div>7</div><div>For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</div></div>		
<div><div>8</div><div>Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</div></div>		
<div><div>9</div><div>If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</div></div>		

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 JONATHAN F HYMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	296,001 ----- 0	10,150 ----- 0	18,223 ----- 0	14,575 ----- 0	31,386 ----- 0	370,335 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
2 RENEE BRAUNS ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	279,436 ----- 0	10,180 ----- 0	1,952 ----- 0	14,575 ----- 0	10,159 ----- 0	316,302 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
3 RYAN P HAYESCFO	(i)	150,439 ----- 0	10,125 ----- 0	1,753 ----- 0	9,310 ----- 0	25,193 ----- 0	196,820 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
4 LAURA M BAUMSTARK DIRECTOR	(i)	126,746 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	72,572 ----- 0	7,201 ----- 0	20,312 ----- 0	226,831 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
5 RODNEY D PEELE ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	172,121 ----- 0	135 ----- 0	829 ----- 0	9,636 ----- 0	26,626 ----- 0	209,347 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
6 MICHAEL R DUENAS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	(i)	168,971 ----- 0	130 ----- 0	2,305 ----- 0	9,580 ----- 0	20,077 ----- 0	201,063 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
7 WENDY D HARRDIRECTOR	(i)	85,582 ----- 0	0 ----- 0	78,148 ----- 0	5,246 ----- 0	22,521 ----- 0	191,497 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
8 MATTHEW WILLETTE DIRECTOR	(i)	152,164 ----- 0	140 ----- 0	2,425 ----- 0	7,803 ----- 0	27,340 ----- 0	189,872 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 1A	TRAVEL & TRAVEL FOR COMPANIONS WERE PROVIDED TO ROBERT LAYMAN, BARBARA HORN, WILLIAM REYNOLDS, RON BENNER, DAVID COCKRELL, JAMES DE VLEMING, JACQUELINE BOWEN, STEVEN LOOMIS, STEVEN REED, SAMUEL PIERCE, CHRISTOPHER QUINN, AND ANDREA THAU. ALL OF THESE REIMBURSEMENTS WERE INCLUDED IN TAXABLE EARNINGS. HEALTH CLUB FEE REIMBURSEMENTS WERE PROVIDED TO JONATHAN HYMES, RODNEY PEELE, AND MATTHEW WILLETTE. ALL OF THESE REIMBURSEMENTS WERE INCLUDED IN TAXABLE EARNINGS.
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 4A	LAURA M. BAUMSTARK RECEIVED SEVERANCE PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,474 AS A TERM OF EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION. WENDY D. HARR RECEIVED SEVERANCE PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,755 AS A TERM OF EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC 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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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS MEMBERS CONSIST OF VARIOUS CLASSES OF LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS, RETIRED OPTOMETRISTS, PARAOPTOMETRICS, OPTOMETRIC STUDENTS, AND OTHER KEY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROFESSION OF OPTOMETRY

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS WHO CAN ELECT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES , CONSISTING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS, MEETS ANNUALLY AT CONGRESS TO ELECT TWO TRUSTEE S, EACH FOR A THREE YEAR TERM, SECRETARY/TREASURER, VICE PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT-ELECT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH AFFIL IATE WHOM RECEIVE VOTES BASED UPON THEIR NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	DECISIONS OF GOVERNING BODY SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS THE HOUSE OF DE LEGATES RETAINS THE DUTIES TO ELECT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RATIFY THE DECISIONS OF THE BOA RD OF TRUSTEES, APPROVE THE LOCATION OF THE ANNUAL CONGRESS, AND RECEIVE AND ACT, AS DEEME D APPROPRIATE, UPON REPORTS OF ANY COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	REVIEW PROCESS THE 990 IS COMPLETED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASSISTANCE FROM EXTERNAL TAX PROFESSIONALS THE 990 IS REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT AND FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO FINAL SUBMISSION TO THE IRS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ALL EMPLOYEES, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR TRUSTEES ARE REQUIRED ANNUALLY (OR AT THE INITIAL POINT OF SERVICE) TO SIGN THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND NOTIFY THE ORGANIZATION OF ANY POTENTIAL ISSUES INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT PAID OR REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES UNTIL SUCH DISCLOSURE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT EACH YEAR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT REVIEWS ALL COMPLETED POLICIES AND NOTIFIES SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DISCLOSED SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EXTERNAL LEGAL COUNCIL THEN REVIEW THE CONFLICTS DISCLOSED TO DETERMINE ANY NECESSARY COURSE OF ACTION OR DISCLOSURE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	REVIEW OF TOP MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION THE ORGANIZATION UTILIZES AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT AND AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION SURVEY TO ACCUMULATE A REASONABLE WAGE BASIS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUALLY REVIEWS THE INFORMATION AND SURVEY PROVIDED BY THE INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AND APPROVES THE COMPENSATION LEVEL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS DOCUMENTED IN A WRITTEN AGREEMENT

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15B	REVIEW OF OTHER OFFICER COMPENSATION THE ORGANIZATION UTILIZES AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT TO PERFORM AND ANALYZE AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION SURVEY AND REPORT THOSE RESULTS TO HUMAN RESOURCES FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE COMPENSATION OF ALL EMPLOYEES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MUST APPROVE ALL EMPLOYEE WAGE CHANGES

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT O F INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	EQUITY IN NET INCOME OF SUBSIDIARY \$596,972

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PART IX LINE 11G	DESCRIPTION TEMPORARY STAFF FEES TOTAL FEES 453578

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PART IX LINE 11G	DESCRIPTION CONSULTING FEES TOTAL FEES 2839004

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PART IX LINE 11G	DESCRIPTION ART WORK/PHOTO FEES TOTAL FEES 133064

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PART IX LINE 11G	DESCRIPTION DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTAL FEES 29160

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PART IX LINE 11G	DESCRIPTION OUTSIDE SERVICES TOTAL FEES 723803

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SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

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Name of the organization
AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
43-0684708

Part I

Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)OPTOMETRY CARES - THE AOA FOUNDATION 243 N LINDBERGH BLVD ST LOUIS, MO 63141 23-7292391	CHARITY	MO	501(C)(3)	10	AOA	Yes	

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) AOAEXCEL INC 243 N LINDBERGH BLVD ST LOUIS, MO 63141 45-5262310	MEMBERSHIP SRVCS	MO	AOA	C - CORPORATION	1,388,574	450,424	100 000 %	Yes	

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		No
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	Yes	
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		No
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	Yes	
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		No
f Dividends from related organization(s)		No
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		No
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		No
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		No
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	Yes	
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		No
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	Yes	
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		No
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		No
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)		No
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		No
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	Yes	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		No
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		No

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) OPTOMETRY CARES - THE AOA FOUNDATION	B	200,000	FMV
(2) OPTOMETRY CARES - THE AOA FOUNDATION	J	120,000	COST
(3) OPTOMETRY CARES - THE AOA FOUNDATION	Q	371,164	COST
(4) OPTOMETRY CARES - THE AOA FOUNDATION	L	6,776	COST

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

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

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