

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2019

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

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Defined Contribution Alternatives Association a.k.a. DCALTA		D Employer identification number 36-4813561
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite C/O Groom Law Group, Chartered, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW 1200		E Telephone number 202-861-5436
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Washington, D.C. 20006-5811		F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.dcalta.org

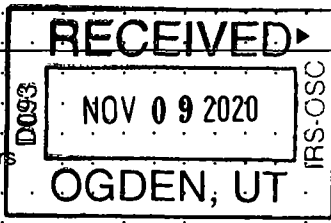
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

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	0
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	104,600
	4	Investment income	4	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events:		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0	
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	0	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	104,600	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	13,282
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,712
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	71,868
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	87,862
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	16,738
	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	32,672
	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	49,410



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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	22,672	17,155
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	10,000	32,255
25 Total assets	32,672	49,410
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	32,672	49,410

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Enhance retirement participant outcomes**

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

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

28 Held educational session meetings regionally throughout the U.S. involving retirement plan sponsors, asset servicers, alternative investment firms and other stakeholders supportive of our mission. These meetings provided education and generated dialogue on the inclusion of alternative investments in dc plans. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29 Conducted academically sound research on the impact of including private investments in dc plans using actual fund data from 1987-2017. The results were borne from historical simulations replacing portions of public equity investments with private investments. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30 Advocated for guidance or a safe harbor when considering different types of alternative investments in dc plans. Fiduciaries should have the same opportunity of available investments to utilize as other institutional investors benefit from. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Alain Michnick Board member	5	0	0	0
Serge Boccassini Board member	5	0	0	0
Gary Fencik Board member	5	0	0	0
Bob Long Board member	5	0	0	0
Michelle Rappa Board member	5	0	0	0
Matt Garzone Board member	5	0	0	0
Chris Yau Board member	5	0	0	0
Kathy Wanner Board member	5	0	0	0
Hayden Gallery Board member	5	0	0	0
Jeffrey Hall Board member	5	0	0	0
Jonathan Epstein President	20	0	0	0

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

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee, or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____; section 4912 ▶ _____; section 4955 ▶ _____		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Delaware		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Jonathan R Epstein Telephone no. ▶ (888) 322-5828 Located at ▶ 3400 S Carrollton Ave. #850083, New Orleans, LA. ZIP + 4 ▶ 70185-0083		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	42b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____	42c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		<input type="checkbox"/>
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions	45b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
46		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

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

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

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48		

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
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

	Date
Jonathan R Epstein	

Signature of officer
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

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

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

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

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Defined Contribution Alternatives Association (a.k.a. DCALTA)

Employer identification number

36-4813561

Form 990-EZ, Part I, #16. Other Expenses

DCALTA incurred \$71,868 in other expenses. These expenses related directly to DCALTA's mission and include:

-External alts conferences/general session meetings - \$13,670

-Communications, technology and meeting apps - \$4,951

-Travel expenses - \$16,089

-Research expenditures - \$25,000

-DCALTA website - \$3709

-Sponsorships/Subscriptions - \$3750

-Bank fees/transaction costs - \$1749

-Business services/supplies - \$2950

Form 990-EZ, Part I, #13. Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors

-\$13,282

Form 990-EZ, Part I, #15. Printing, publications, postage and shipping

\$2712

Form 990-EZ, Part II, #24 (B). "Other Assets"

-Other assets is dues receivable of \$32,255

