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Form **990EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**

▶ **Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990EZ* for instructions and the latest information.**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2019

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2019 , and ending 09-30-2020

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

C Name of organization
FIBER NETWORK OWNERS ALLIANCE INC

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
1090 PACIFIC AVENUE STE A NO A

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
BREMAN, GA 30110

D Employer identification number
47-3480508

E Telephone number
(706) 676-4084

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶WWW.FIBERNETWORKALLIANCE.COM

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

K Form of organization: ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are $200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ $ 32,813

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	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	32,813
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	
	4	Investment income		4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events			
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than $15,000)	6a		
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds $15,000)	6b		
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)		6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)		8	
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	32,813
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)		10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	21,834
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	93
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		16	46,975
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	68,902
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	-36,089
	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	104,078
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		21	67,989

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	101,648	22	220,706
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	3,630	24	4,794
25 **Total assets**	105,278	25	225,500
26 **Total liabilities** (describe in Schedule O)	1,200	26	157,511
27 **Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	104,078	27	67,989

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 . . ☑

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON ALIGNING THEIR FIBER NETWORK RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A UNIFIED PLATFORM TO CREATE BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES FOR ITS MEMBERS. THE MEMBERS ARE LIKE-MINDED WITH SIMILAR GOALS, NEEDS AND CHALLENGES AND BELIEVE UNITED ARE STRONGER THAN APART. THE ORGANIZATION PROMOTES THE COMMON BUSINESS INTEREST OF MEMBERS IN THE FIBER NETWORK INDUSTRY. FIBER NETWORKS IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVED BY THE FIBER NETWORK OWNERS. THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF ITS MEMBERS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND NETWORKING PURPOSES. THESE MEETINGS ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE COMMON BUSINESS INTEREST OF THE FIBER-OWNERS INDUSTRY. AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS HELD AT WHICH VENDORS' PRESENT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO MEMBERS AND AT WHICH THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING SESSIONS.

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.

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See Additional Data Table

(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐ **28a**

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(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐ **29a**

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(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐ **30a**

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . .
(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐ **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
TERRY METZE PRESIDENT (BEGIN 1/20)	2.50	0	0	0
CARLA FRENCH PRESIDENT (THROUGH 12/19)	2.50	0	0	0
DAVID HOWER VICE PRESIDENT	2.50	0	0	0
TERRI MCELROY TREASURER	2.50	0	0	0
DONNA UNGER EVENT/CONFERENCE DIRECTOR	4.10	0	0	0
PHILLIP FOSTER BOARD MEMBER	2.50	0	0	0
RUSSELL CLARK MEMBER AT LARGE	2.50	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	33		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions.	34		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b		
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	35c		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		No
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?	37b		
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?	38a		No
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 sections4912, 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		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ GA			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ TERRI MCELROY Telephone no. ▶ (828) 339-2958			
	Located at ▶ 35 BONNIE LANE SYLVA , NC ZIP + 4 ▶ 28779			

			Yes	No
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)?	42b		No
	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).			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?	42c		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** - Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43			

			Yes	No
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		No
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		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		No
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		No
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b		

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

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

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47- 49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sign Here

****** Signature of officer	2021-02-15 Date
TERRI MCELROY TREASURER Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name FRANCES E LEAHY	Preparer's signature	Date 2021-02-15	Check ☐ if self-employed / PTIN P00713593
Firm's name ▶ KRAFTCPAS PLLC			Firm's EIN ▶ 62-0713250
Firm's address ▶ 555 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37228			Phone no. (615) 242-7351

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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 47-3480508

Name: FIBER NETWORK OWNERS ALLIANCE INC

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

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
28 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONDUCT MONTHLY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE ORGANIZATION. QUARTERLY MEETINGS WERE HELD TO DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS, VOTE ON NEW MEMBERS, AND HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS REGARDING TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE GROUP. AS OF APRIL 2020, ALL MEETINGS WERE HELD VIRTUALLY. THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2020 WAS POSTPONED AND RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2021. (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**28a**	0

TY 2019 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: FIBER NETWORK OWNERS ALLIANCE INC

EIN: 47-3480508

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

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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.
▶ Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for the latest information.

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FIBER NETWORK OWNERS ALLIANCE INC

Employer identification number
47-3480508

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION: CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS. AMOUNT: 34,581. DESCRIPTION: INSURANCE . AMOUNT: 1,972. DESCRIPTION: WEBSITE. AMOUNT: 7,700. DESCRIPTION: SOFTWARE FEES. AMOUNT: 2,589. DESCRIPTION: MISCELLANOUS. AMOUNT: 133. TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16: 46,975.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS	DESCRIPTION: PRE-PAID EXPENSE. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 3,630. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 4,794.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 1,200. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 0. DESCRIPTION: DEFERRED REVENUE. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 0. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 157,511.