

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2015**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , and ending



<b>B</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <p align="center"><b>Texas State Aquarium Association</b></p>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <p align="center"><b>23-7044950</b></p>
	Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <p><b>2710 North Shoreline Blvd</b></p> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <p><b>Corpus Christi TX 78402-1097</b></p>	<b>E</b> Telephone number <p align="center"><b>361-881-1200</b></p>
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <p><b>Julio Flores</b> <b>2710 N Shoreline</b> <b>Corpus Christi TX 78402</b></p>		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>23,834,649</b>
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
<b>J</b> Website: <b>texasstateaquarium.org</b>		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1986</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>TX</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>See Schedule O</b>			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	59	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	59	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	275	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	108	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	237,630	
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	-19,127		
<b>Revenue</b>	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	14,407,612	13,388,952
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	6,804,372	6,324,965
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	66,945	130,463
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3,782,848	3,925,509
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	25,061,777	23,769,889
	<b>Expenses</b>	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)		0
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	5,483,958	5,962,011
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
16b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	1,707,325	
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	6,306,352	7,808,896
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	11,790,310	13,770,907	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	13,271,467	9,998,982	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	47,965,809	67,468,302
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,095,174	10,712,927
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	46,870,635	56,755,375

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer 	Date 12-20-16		
	Type or print name and title <b>Julio Flores</b> Vice President/CFO			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>Frank Lovvorn</b>	Preparer's signature 	Date 12/20/16	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN P00185686
	Firm's name <b>Lovvorn &amp; Kieschnick, LLP</b>	Firm's EIN <b>20-3809691</b>		
	Firm's address <b>418 Peoples Ste 308</b> <b>Corpus Christi, TX 78401-2350</b>	Phone no. <b>361-884-8897</b>		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

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 \$ 9,572,584 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

It all began in 1969 with the dream of what Corpus Christi could be. Visionary community leaders had a bold, yet simple purpose with the Texas State Aquarium-- create educationally enriching and entertaining exhibits and programs to connect people with nature, and inspire them to care for, and ultimately help conserve the Gulf of Mexico. Today, after being open to the public for more than 20 years and having educated and entertained 10 million visitors, the Texas State Aquarium is the leading attraction in South Texas, an economic driver of the Coastal Bend tourism economy, a regional environmental education center reaching more than 60,000 students each year, and an award-winning center for wildlife care and rehabilitation. Beyond our education programs, the Aquarium has worked diligently to

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 851,380 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

At the heart of the Aquarium's mission, is environmental education. In 2015, over 65,000 students experienced the Aquarium through our outreach and distance learning programs, Camps, and On-site programs. In addition, the Aquarium held the public grand opening of its newest exhibit, Saving Sharks. With the support from OCEARCH, the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the exhibit is designed to capture the hearts and minds of budding conservationists and lifelong shark fans. Guests have the opportunity to track tagged sharks in real time via the OCEARCH Global Shark Tracker, feel what it is like to be underwater with these apex predators via a full-sized diving cage, and even stand next to the past and

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 10,423,964

**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	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
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		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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		X
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		X
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		X
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		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
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		X
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	X	
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	X	
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		X
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		X
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		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
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		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
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	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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		X
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		X
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		X
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)		X
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	X	
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		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	X	
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
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	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1a</b> 65		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1b</b> 0		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>X</b>	
<b>2a</b>	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		
	<b>2a</b> 275		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>X</b>	
<b>4a</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)?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <b>▶</b> See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	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?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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?		
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>	
<b>b</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	<b>13b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>	
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>14b</b>	

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 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.		
	1a	59	
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b	59	
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?	X	
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?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
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?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
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		X

**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?		X
b	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?		
10b			
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b	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	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done		X
12c			
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		X
15b			
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?		X
b	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?		
16b			

**Section C. Disclosure**

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ <b>None</b>
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> 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: ▶ <b>Julio Flores, Jr., VP/CFO</b> <b>2710 North Shoreline</b> <b>Corpus Christi</b> <b>TX 78402</b> <b>361-881-1280</b>

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check 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, and 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) Larry Urban	1.00									
Chair	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) Bruce S. Hawn	1.00									
Vice-Chair	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) Judy Hawley	1.00									
Vice Chair	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) Donald E. Kingsbury	1.00									
Secretary	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) Julie Buckley	1.00									
Treasurer	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(6) Denise Tavares	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) Joe Adame	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) Allen Borden	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) R. Scott Heitkamp	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Charles A. "Charlie" Hicks	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) Dr. Larry McKinney	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	

**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			
(12) Julie McNeil	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) Patty Nuss	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) Thomas E. "Tom" Dobson	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) Elinor Donnell	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(16) Sam L. Susser	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(17) Barry Andrews	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(18) Pat Frost	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(19) Peter Holt	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								850,725		40,786
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								850,725		40,786

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 **4**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

**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
Fulton Construction Corpus Christi TX 78404	1102 2nd St. General contrac	802,098
Labatt Food Service Corpus Christi TX 78408	849 James St. Products-Food	267,279
American Sealants, Inc. Grand Junction CO 81505	2483 Riverside Parkway Contractor-Pool	230,000
Borden Insurance Corpus Christi TX 78401	210 S. Carancahua St. #4 Insurance broke	153,478
Lamar Companies Baton Rouge LA 70896	P.O. Box 96030 Advertising	132,380

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 **5**



**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			
(20) <b>Esperanza "Hope" Andrade</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(21) <b>Rob Hall</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(22) <b>J. Ted Oakley</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(23) <b>Robert Maxwell, Jr.</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(24) <b>Mike Shaw</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(25) <b>Robert A. May</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(26) <b>Larry Meyers</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(27) <b>Maureen Miller</b>	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	

**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

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

**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			
(28) Eddie L. Garcia	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(29) Keleigh Sasser	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(30) Frank J. Scanio, III	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(31) Celika Storm	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(32) Gloria Hicks	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(33) Dr Flavius Killebrew	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(34) Rick Patel	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(35) Sylvia A. Whitmore	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	

**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

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

**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			
(36) John F. Dorn	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(37) Susan Hutchinson	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(38) Dr. Robert (Bob) Furgason	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(39) Dan Richter	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(40) Mike Pusley	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(41) Louis Chapman	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(42) Laura Fischer	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(43) Mary Campbell	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	

**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

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

**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			
(44) Libby Averyt	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(45) Kim Hammer	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(46) Nelda Martinez	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(47) Wade Smith	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(48) Edward A. Martin	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(49) Newman Tree Baker, III	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(50) George Finley	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
(51) Dos Gates	1.00									
Member	0.00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	

**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

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

**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			
(52) Charlie Zahn	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(53) Darcy Schroeder	1.00									
Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(54) Thomas Schmid	40.00									
President/CEO	0.00			X			331,206	0	15,454	
(55) Julio Flores	40.00									
Vice President/CFO	0.00			X			179,754	0	8,619	
(56) Paul Kettering III	40.00									
VP Development	0.00					X	180,129	0	9,189	
(57) Jesse T. Gilbert	40.00									
Chief of Operations	0.00					X	159,636	0	7,524	
<b>1b Sub-total</b>							<b>850,725</b>		<b>40,786</b>	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>										

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	

**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

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

**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	13,388,952			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>		<b>13,388,952</b>			
Program Service Revenue	2a Admissions	Busn. Code	4,974,612	4,974,612		
	b Memberships		720,124	720,124		
	c Education Programs		630,229	630,229		
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>		<b>6,324,965</b>			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		129,471		129,471
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties						
6a Gross rents		(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
b Less: rental exps.						
c Rental inc. or (loss)						
<b>d Net rental income or (loss)</b>						
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other		992		
b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.						
c Gain or (loss)			992			
<b>d Net gain or (loss)</b>			<b>992</b>	<b>992</b>		
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		a	25,000			
		b Less: direct expenses	b	4,579		
	<b>c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events</b>		<b>20,421</b>		<b>20,421</b>	
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	<b>c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities</b>					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	200,602				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b	60,181			
	<b>c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory</b>		<b>140,421</b>		<b>140,421</b>	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a Concessions		1,398,568	1,398,568			
b Program Revenues		750,450	750,450			
c Event Network Commissions		581,945	581,945			
d All other revenue		1,033,704	936,495	97,209		
<b>e Total. Add lines 11a-11d</b>		<b>3,764,667</b>				
<b>12 Total revenue. See instructions.</b>		<b>23,769,889</b>	<b>9,993,415</b>	<b>237,630</b>	<b>149,892</b>	

**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				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	510,961		378,478	132,483
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	4,484,851	3,581,496	610,151	293,204
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	157,226	112,715	31,114	13,397
9	Other employee benefits	447,453	320,779	88,547	38,127
10	Payroll taxes	361,520	259,173	71,542	30,805
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management	340,357	68,405	87,178	184,774
b	Legal	119,033	-3,700	40	122,693
c	Accounting	12,650		12,650	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12	Advertising and promotion	558,463	512,712		45,751
13	Office expenses	443,884	399,099	17,106	27,679
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties	645,761	160,422	4,598	480,741
16	Occupancy	815,986	797,335	15,154	3,497
17	Travel	134,720	101,973	21,534	11,213
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,234,115	2,234,115		
23	Insurance	78,125		78,125	
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	Cost of Food Concessions	475,015	475,015		
b	Contracted Services	335,551	273,090	40,332	22,129
c	Equipment Charges	312,985	280,776	31,436	773
d	Animal Charges	264,224	264,224		
e	All other expenses	1,038,027	586,335	151,633	300,059
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>13,770,907</b>	<b>10,423,964</b>	<b>1,639,618</b>	<b>1,707,325</b>
26	<b>Joint costs.</b> 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 Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest bearing	8,954,538	1	13,614,542
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	6,459,155	2	6,908,777
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	4,835,049	3	5,539,122
	4	Accounts receivable, net	225,327	4	186,539
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	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		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	8,002,350	7	7,323,895
	8	Inventories for sale or use	21,186	8	35,956
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	336,752	9	203,098
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 71,051,945		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 39,952,892	10c	31,099,053
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	2,137,281	11	2,557,320
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	47,965,809	16	67,468,302	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	699,497	17	457,981
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	71,547	19	30,816
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	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		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	324,130	23	10,224,130
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	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		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	1,095,174	26	10,712,927
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	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	19,588,530	27	34,950,104
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	25,715,655	28	20,238,821
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	1,566,450	29	1,566,450
	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	46,870,635	33	56,755,375
	34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	47,965,809	34	67,468,302



**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check 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	23,769,889
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	13,770,907
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	9,998,982
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	46,870,635
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-174,423
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	60,181
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	56,755,375

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check 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		X
2b	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	X	
2c	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.	X	
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?		X
3b	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.		

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Texas State Aquarium Association**

Employer identification number

**23-7044950**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2  A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: .....
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	490,079	4,179,846	6,226,673	14,407,612	13,388,952	38,693,162
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	490,079	4,179,846	6,226,673	14,407,612	13,388,952	38,693,162
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						4,516,805
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						34,176,357

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	490,079	4,179,846	6,226,673	14,407,612	13,388,952	38,693,162
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	87,152	89,043	168,125	148,428	129,471	622,219
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					294	294
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						39,315,675
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	9,992,423
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	86.93%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	76.87%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.  
 If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			



**Part VI**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Area with horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.

**Schedule B**  
(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

## Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

# 2015

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

**Texas State Aquarium Association**

**23-7044950**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

### General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

### Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ .....

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

Name of organization <b>Texas State Aquarium Association</b>	Employer identification number <b>23-7044950</b>
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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Cheniere Energy 700 Milam, Suite 1900 Houston TX 77002	\$ 1,000,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	John & Marie Stell Kennedy Memorial 555 N Carancahua, Suite 1700 Corpus Christi TX 78401-0851	\$ 500,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation 2710 N. Shoreline Blvd Corpus Christi TX 78402	\$ 9,000,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	TTL Temple Foundation 204 Champions Dr Lufkin TX 75901-7204	\$ 1,509,006	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	..... ..... .....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

**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.

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**23-7044950**

**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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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	▶	\$	.....

**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:
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 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 on 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	2,904,805	2,719,851	2,290,656	1,965,742	1,919,371
b Contributions	42,921	20,272	71,291	74,724	65,676
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-86,980	165,556	358,544	250,240	-19,255
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,012	874	640	50	50
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	2,859,734	2,904,805	2,719,851	2,290,656	1,965,742

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 13.00 %
  - b Permanent endowment ▶ 54.78 %
  - c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 32.22 %
- 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:
- |                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations |     | X  |
| (ii) related organizations  |     | X  |
- b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 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		3,368,241		3,368,241
b Buildings		39,573,092	32,528,324	7,044,768
c Leasehold improvements		24,659,342	5,183,212	19,476,130
d Equipment		3,451,270	2,241,356	1,209,914
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				<b>31,099,053</b>

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (E) 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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶		

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	23,655,647
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-174,423	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-174,423	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	23,830,070	
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	-60,181	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-60,181	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	23,769,889	

**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	13,770,907
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		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,770,907	
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	13,770,907	

**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.

**Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses for Endowment Funds**

The nature of the endowment fund is that the corpus is to remain invested in perpetuity, and managed by the TSA Investment Committee, under the governance of the TSA Executive Committee. Based on the desire to increase the size of the endowment, every effort will be made to reinvest earned income until such time as the Trustees feel the endowment has reached a certain minimum level. Capital appreciation, or gain in the fund will remain as part of the fund corpus.

**Part XI, Line 4b - Revenue Amounts Included on Return - Other**

Cost of Goods Sold \$ -60,181

**Part XIII Supplemental Information** (continued)

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

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Name of the organization

**Texas State Aquarium Association**

Employer identification number

**23-7044950**

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

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a  Mail solicitations
- b  Internet and email solicitations
- c  Phone solicitations
- d  In-person solicitations
- e  Solicitation of non-government grants
- f  Solicitation of government grants
- g  Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
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<b>Total</b> .....					▶		

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>Beach Ball</u> (event type)	_____ (event type)	<u>None</u> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	25,000		25,000
	2	Less: Contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	25,000		25,000
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	4,579		4,579
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				20,421

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No

b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
 

a	The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
b	An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ ..... and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ .....
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ .....

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ .....

Description of services provided ▶ .....

- Director/officer     Employee     Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ .....

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

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**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**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.

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**Texas State Aquarium Association**

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** 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.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)          |

**b** If any of the boxes on 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

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** 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.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** 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:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? **4a**
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? **4b**
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? **4c**
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.

**5** 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:

- a** The organization? **5a**
- b** Any related organization? **5b**
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** 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:

- a** The organization? **6a**
- b** Any related organization? **6b**
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** 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

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b	X	
2		X
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

**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	Thomas Schmid President/CEO	(i) 295,466 (ii) 0	35,740 0	0 0	15,454 0	0 0	346,660 0	0 0
2	Julio Flores Vice President/CFO	(i) 170,754 (ii) 0	9,000 0	0 0	8,619 0	0 0	188,373 0	0 0
3	Paul Kettering III VP Development	(i) 174,129 (ii) 0	6,000 0	0 0	9,189 0	0 0	189,318 0	0 0
4	Jesse T. Gilbert Chief of Operations	(i) 149,636 (ii) 0	10,000 0	0 0	7,524 0	0 0	167,160 0	0 0
5		(i) (ii)						
6		(i) (ii)						
7		(i) (ii)						
8		(i) (ii)						
9		(i) (ii)						
10		(i) (ii)						
11		(i) (ii)						
12		(i) (ii)						
13		(i) (ii)						
14		(i) (ii)						
15		(i) (ii)						
16		(i) (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.

Area with horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

- 2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the org.?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			(1)									
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												

Total ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				





**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**23-7044950****Amended Return Explanation**

The return was amended due to more detailed information  
provided in the following areas:

Form 990 Part I Organization's Mission Statement

Form 990 Part III 4b Program Service description

Form 990 Part VII Section A. Compensation of Officers and highest paid  
employees

Form 990 Part VII Section B. Independent Contractors highest paid

Form 990 Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets was corrected

Form 990 Sch D Part V Endowment Funds was corrected

Form 990 Sch D Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements  
with Revenue per Return was corrected with related Sch O explanations

Form 990 Sch J Part I 1a - Social Club dues

Form 990 Sch J Part I 3 - Indicated which methods used to establish the  
compensation for the CEO

Form 990 Sch L Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Form 4562 correction

Form 990 - Organization's Mission

The Texas State Aquarium's mission is engaging people with animals,  
inspiring appreciation for our seas, and supporting wildlife conservation.  
It's vision is to be a global leader in fostering support for the  
conservation of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. To accomplish this  
goal, the Aquarium has developed more than 25 permanent and special

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exhibits to interpret the animals and sensitive ecosystems of the Gulf, educating more than 550,000 visitors annually in the wonders of the marine world. The Texas State Aquarium promotes and actively engages in environmental conservation through a number of programs, including a wildlife rehabilitation program that ministers to the needs of hundreds of sick and injured shorebirds, raptors, sea turtles and marine mammals each year.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Accomplishment

organize and carry out beach clean-up events in partnership with the Texas General Land Office. In addition to coordinating these efforts, TSA staff conduct educational programs that highlight the effects garbage have on regional wildlife.

Finally, our wildlife rehabilitation program "Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation Program" ministers to the needs of hundreds of injured shore and water birds, marine turtles, and marine mammals each year. In the last two years, we have successfully treated and released 92 animals. And, since 2007, we have successfully treated 68 green sea turtles and a number of Atlantic bottle nose dolphins. It is through these and many other programs that the Texas State Aquarium helps preserve our region's rich environmental heritage and empowers millions of visitors to take action to help preserve and protect our natural environment. And finally, as a private, not-for-profit institution, the Aquarium has a tremendous economic impact (over \$43 million each year) without the need for city, county or state funding subsidies.

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Accomplishment

present kings of the ocean; a life sized Megalodon jaw and Great White shark replica. The Aquarium has also conducted professional development sessions for over 400 teachers.

Form 990, Part VI - Additional Information

The Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past-Chair, three elected members at large, up to four members appointed by the Chair, and the President & CEO as an Ex-Officio member. The members at-large shall be elected by the Board of trustees from nominees presented by the Governance and Nominating Committee and serve a one year term.

The Executive committee shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees with full power to act in the operation of the Association between meetings of the Board of Trustees. It shall report its actions and refer matters of policy to the board of Trustees. Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at such times as may be determined by the Chair. A majority of the members of the Executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Related Party Information Among Officers

Gloria Hicks

Charlie Hicks

Trustee

Trustee

Mother and Son

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990  
 Form 990 will be available to the Board of Trustees by e-mail submission,  
 prior to filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official  
 The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees conducts a Performance  
 Appraisal of the President/CEO at the end of the year. The Texas State  
 Aquarium follows a policy whereby the board compensation committee reviews  
 not only this benefit, but reviews and sets the CEO salary based on survey  
 information and an employee evaluation. They have access to historical  
 salary data and comparable salaries from the survey information.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation  
 Each year, the organization will have the Federal IRS Tax Form 990, Annual  
 Independent Audit Report, governing documents and Conflict of Interest  
 Policy available for review upon request.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 - Other Changes in Net Assets Explanation

Cost of Goods Sold	\$	60,181
Total	\$	60,181

Form **4562**

**Depreciation and Amortization**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No. 1545-0172

**2015**

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▶ Attach to your tax return.

▶ Information about Form 4562 and its separate instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form4562](http://www.irs.gov/form4562).

Attachment Sequence No. **179**

Name(s) shown on return

**Texas State Aquarium Association**

Identifying number

**23-7044950**

Business or activity to which this form relates

**Indirect Depreciation**

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**

**Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2014 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2016. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	▶ 13	

**Note:** Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	2,234,115

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2015	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2015 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2015 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions.)**

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	2,234,115
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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**There are no amounts for Page 2**

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**Taxable Interest on Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>Acquired after 6/30/75</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Investment earnings	\$ 129,471		14			
Total	<u>\$ 129,471</u>					

**Federal Statements**

**Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - All Other Expenses**

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 256,411	\$ 256,411		
Education Programs	167,867	167,867		
Fund Raising /Ed. Salary	140,995	27,862		113,133
Other/Rent	140,849	7,779	7,120	132,950
Public Relations	116,935	30,537	39,396	47,002
Capital Additions	78,101	59,697	18,404	
Dues & Subscriptions	48,949	9,847	32,528	
Skill Development	39,180	30,174	8,606	6,574
Equipment Charges	31,436		31,436	400
Investment Expense	28,052		28,052	
Uniforms	20,688	3,161	17,527	
Contracted Services	13,741		13,741	
Public Relations	10,605		10,605	
Less UBIT	-10,605		-10,605	
Less UBIT Contracted Serv	-13,741		-13,741	
:ess UBIT	-31,436		-31,436	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,038,027</b>	<b>\$ 586,335</b>	<b>\$ 151,633</b>	<b>\$ 300,059</b>

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**Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e)**

Description	Amount
Various donations < 5K	\$ 604,650
Andrews, Barry	
Cash Contribution	100,000
Chapman, Louise G	
Cash Contribution	100,000
Cheniere Energy	
Cash Contribution	1,000,000
Coastal Bend Community Foundation	
Cash Contribution	21,998
Dean Walker Vohres Estate	
Cash Contribution	12,676
Fondren Foundation	
Cash Contribution	100,000
Flynn, Lualhati S	
Cash Contribution	15,622
Fulton Construction/Coastcon Corp	
Cash Contribution	100,000
Hammer, Matt and Kim	
Cash Contribution	25,000
John & Marie Stell Kennedy Memorial	
Cash Contribution	500,000
Kolb, Charles D	
Cash Contribution	25,000
Mathews, Carroll P	
Cash Contribution	100,000
May, Robert A.	
Cash Contribution	25,000
Robertson, Marsha	
Cash Contribution	50,000
Rowling Foundation	
Cash Contribution	50,000
Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation	
Cash Contribution	9,000,000
The Brown Foundation	
Cash Contribution	50,000
TTL Temple Foundation	
Cash Contribution	1,509,006



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### Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e) (continued)

Description	Amount
Total	\$ 13,388,952

**Federal Statements****Schedule A, Part II, Line 5 - Excess Gifts**

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Excess</u>
H.E.B Grocery Co.-Corpus Christi	\$ 250,000	\$
Earl Sams Foundation	750,000	
Denece Squires	252,300	
Louise Chapman	250,000	
TTL Temple Foundation	4,375,747	3,589,433
Larry Pat McNeil Foundation	250,000	
The Brown Foundation	1,500,000	713,686
Anonymous	1,000,000	213,686
Total	\$ <u>8,628,047</u>	\$ <u>4,516,805</u>

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**Schedule A, Part II, Line 8(e)**

Description	Amount
Investment earnings	\$ 129,471
Total	\$ 129,471

**Schedule A, Part II, Line 9(e)**

Description	Amount
Parking Meters	\$ 77,209
Pepsi Sponsorships	20,000
UBIT Gross Catering Sales	4,124
Beach Ball	20,421
Less: Deductions	-121,460
Total	\$ 294

**Schedule A, Part II, Line 12**

Description	Amount
Admissions	\$ 4,974,612
Education Programs	630,229
Memberships	720,124
Parking Aquarium	348,779
Concessions	1,398,568
Other Income	292,628
Facility Rentals	178,718
Program Revenues	750,450
Ad Sponsorships	116,370
Event Network Commissions	581,945
Gross Sales of Inventory	
Total	\$ 9,992,423

Form **8879-EO**

### IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2015, or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.

▶ Information about Form 8879-EO and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8879e](http://www.irs.gov/form8879e).

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of exempt organization

**Texas State Aquarium Association**

Employer identification number

**23-7044950**

Name and title of officer

**Julio Flores  
Vice President/CFO**

#### Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	<b>23,769,889</b>
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b	
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5b	

#### Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2015 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize **Lovvorn & Kieschnick, LLP** to enter my PIN **44950** as my signature  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2015 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2015 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶

Date ▶ **12/20/16**

#### Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

**74473178401**  
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2015 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶

Date ▶ **12/20/16**

**ERO Must Retain This Form—See Instructions  
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see back of form.

Form **8879-EO** (2015)

Form **990-T**

**Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return**  
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No. 1545-0087

**2015**

For calendar year 2015 or other tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Information about Form 990-T and its instructions is available at [www.irs.gov/form990t](http://www.irs.gov/form990t).  
 Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

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**A**  Check box if address changed

**B** Exempt under section  
 501(c)(3)  408(e)  408A  529(a)  220(e)  530(a)

**C** Book value of all assets at end of year: **67,463,336**

**D** Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions.): **23-7044950**

**E** Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions.): **722320 | 812930**

**F** Group exemption number (See instructions.): \_\_\_\_\_

**G** Check organization type:  501(c) corporation  501(c) trust  401(a) trust  Other trust

**Name of organization** (  Check box if name changed and see instructions.)  
**Print or Type** **Texas State Aquarium Association**  
**Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.**  
**2710 North Shoreline Blvd**  
**City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code**  
**Corpus Christi TX 78402-1097**

**H** Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity.  
**► Catering sales and parking revenue.**

**I** During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation.

**J** The books are in care of **► Julio Flores, Jr., VP/CFO** Telephone number **► 361-881-1280**

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
<b>1a</b> Gross receipts or sales	<b>200,602</b>			
<b>b</b> Less returns and allowances		<b>200,602</b>		
<b>2</b> Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)		<b>60,181</b>		
<b>3</b> Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c		<b>140,421</b>		<b>140,421</b>
<b>4a</b> Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)				
<b>b</b> Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)				
<b>c</b> Capital loss deduction for trusts				
<b>5</b> Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)				
<b>6</b> Rent income (Schedule C)				
<b>7</b> Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)				
<b>8</b> Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Schedule F)				
<b>9</b> Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)				
<b>10</b> Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)				
<b>11</b> Advertising income (Schedule J)				
<b>12</b> Other income (See instructions; attach schedule) <b>See Stmt 1</b>		<b>97,209</b>		<b>97,209</b>
<b>13</b> Total. Combine lines 3 through 12		<b>237,630</b>		<b>237,630</b>

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)			
<b>14</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)		<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Salaries and wages		<b>15</b>	<b>59,357</b>
<b>16</b> Repairs and maintenance		<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> Bad debts		<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Interest (attach schedule)		<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b> Taxes and licenses		<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b> Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules)		<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	<b>21</b>	<b>3,919</b>	
<b>22</b> Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	<b>22a</b>		<b>3,919</b>
<b>23</b> Depletion		<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Contributions to deferred compensation plans		<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b> Employee benefit programs		<b>25</b>	<b>14,839</b>
<b>26</b> Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)		<b>26</b>	
<b>27</b> Excess readership costs (Schedule J)		<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> Other deductions (attach schedule) <b>See Statement 2</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>178,642</b>
<b>29</b> Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28		<b>29</b>	<b>256,757</b>
<b>30</b> Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13		<b>30</b>	<b>-19,127</b>
<b>31</b> Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)		<b>31</b>	
<b>32</b> Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30		<b>32</b>	<b>-19,127</b>
<b>33</b> Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)		<b>33</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>34</b> Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32		<b>34</b>	<b>-19,127</b>

Part III Tax Computation

Table with 2 columns: Description and Line Number. Rows include Organizations Taxable as Corporations (35), Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates (36), Proxy tax (37), Alternative minimum tax (38), and Total (39).

Part IV Tax and Payments

Table with 2 columns: Description and Line Number. Rows include Foreign tax credit (40a-40e), Total tax (43), Payments (44a-44g), and Total payments (45).

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

Table with 2 columns: Question and Yes/No. Questions 1, 2, and 3 regarding foreign interests, distributions, and tax-exempt interest.

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation Cost Method

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Inventory at beginning/end of year, Purchases, Cost of labor, and Total.

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.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: Vice President/CFO

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? [X] Yes [ ] No

Table with 2 columns: Preparer Information and Firm Information. Includes name, signature, date, firm name, and address.

**Schedule C – Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)**

(see instructions)

1. Description of property

(1) <b>N/A</b>
(2)
(3)
(4)

2. Rent received or accrued

(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	

(c) Total income. Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) ▶

(b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) ▶

**Schedule E – Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)**

1. Description of debt-financed property		2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1) <b>N/A</b>				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4. Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5. Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6. Column 4 divided by column 5	7. Gross income reportable (column 6 x column 6)	8. Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)			%	
(2)			%	
(3)			%	
(4)			%	

Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A).

Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B).

Totals ▶ Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8 ▶

**Schedule F – Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)**

1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross inc.	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1) <b>N/A</b>					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

**Nonexempt Controlled Organizations**

7. Taxable income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				

Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (A).

Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (B).

Totals ▶

**Schedule G – Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)**

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach schedule)	4. Set-asides (attach schedule)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (col. 3 plus col. 4)
(1) N/A				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
<b>Totals</b>	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (A).			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (B).

**Schedule I – Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)**

1. Description of exploited activity	2. Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3. Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6. Expenses attributable to column 5	7. Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
<b>Totals</b>	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col. (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col. (B).				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26.

**Schedule J – Advertising Income (see instructions)**

**Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis**

1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
<b>Totals (carry to Part II, line (5))</b>						

**Part II Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)**

1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
<b>Totals from Part I</b>						
<b>Totals, Part II (lines 1-5)</b>	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (B).				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 27.

**Schedule K – Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)**

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percent of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1) N/A		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
<b>Total. Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14</b>			



**Federal Statements**

**Statement 1 - Form 990-T, Part I, Line 12 - Other Income**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Parking Meters	\$ 77,209
Pepsi Sponsorships	20,000
Total	<u>\$ 97,209</u>

**Statement 2 - Form 990-T, Part II, Line 28 - Other Deductions**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contracted Services	\$ 13,741
Cash - (Over)/ Short	
Credit Card Discounts	
Computer lease	
Equipment Charges	31,436
Skill Development	
Uniforms	
Fees Permits & Royalties	
Dues & Subscriptions	
Public Relations	10,605
Animal Charges	
Other rent	
Freight	
Office	6,319
Admin & OH Salary Allocation	111,914
Insurance	455
Utilities	983
Debt Service	44
Advertising	1,083
Other Executive Expenses	163
Other MIS Expenses	211
Other Accounting Expenses	76
Other Personnel Expenses	219
Other Operational Expenses	114
Other Physical Plant Expenses	679
Other Development Expenses	181
Other Marketing Expenses	198
Other Membership Expenses	91
Other Sales Expenses	130
Total	<u>\$ 178,642</u>

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**NOL Carryback Election**

Under IRC Section 172(b)(3), the taxpayer elects to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to any regular tax and AMT net operating loss incurred during the current tax year.