

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2005

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01, 2005, and ending 06/30/2005

- B Check if applicable: X Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND. Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 1133 19TH STREET, NW 9TH FLOOR. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: WASHINGTON, DC 20036

D Employer identification number: 31-1705370. E Telephone number: (202) 833-1200. F Accounting method: Cash, Accrual (checked), Other (specify)

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes (checked) No. H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates: N/A. H(c) Are all affiliates included? N/A Yes No. H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes (checked) No.

G Website: N/A

J Organization type (check only one): X 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. Some states require a complete return.

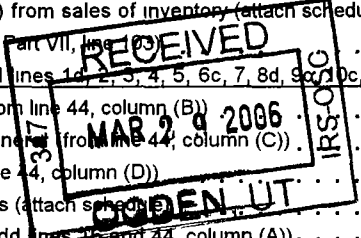
I Group Exemption Number. M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12: 2,240,268.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)

Table with 21 rows for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Revenue total: 2,240,268. Expenses total: 1,384,464. Net Assets total: 479,445.

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Form 990 (2005)

Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A) Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others (See the instructions)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22 Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22			
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25 Compensation of officers, directors, etc	25 103,393.	103,393.		
26 Other salaries and wages	26 320,672.	297,643.	5,966.	17,063.
27 Pension plan contributions	27 13,385.	13,020.		365.
28 Other employee benefits	28 84,282.	81,986.		2,296.
29 Payroll taxes	29 34,913.	33,962.		951.
30 Professional fundraising fees	30			
31 Accounting fees	31			
32 Legal fees	32 4,666.	4,417.	114.	135.
33 Supplies	33 3,901.	3,133.	352.	416.
34 Telephone	34 13,014.	12,671.	157.	186.
35 Postage and shipping	35 11,965.	9,929.	184.	1,852.
36 Occupancy	36 76,546.	57,758.	8,612.	10,176.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37 7,940.	5,991.	893.	1,056.
38 Printing and publications	38 18,258.	17,387.	232.	639.
39 Travel	39 38,771.	33,030.	1,391.	4,350.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40 57,742.	54,840.	685.	2,217.
41 Interest	41			
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42 14,248.	10,751.	1,603.	1,894.
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a <u>CONSULTANT</u>	43a 509,696.	469,783.	12,148.	27,765.
b <u>INSURANCE</u>	43b 11,329.	8,548.	1,275.	1,506.
c <u>FINANCE AND BANK FEES</u>	43c 12,157.	8,621.	1,285.	2,251.
d <u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>	43d 1,122.	847.	126.	149.
e <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	43e 46,464.	43,286.	1,457.	1,721.
f _____	43f			
g _____	43g			
44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22 through 43 (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15).	44 1,384,464.	1,270,996.	36,480.	76,988.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____,
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	399,489.	45	1,916,912.	
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46		
	47a Accounts receivable	47a			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b		47c	
	48a Pledges receivable	48a 120,000.			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b NONE	194,770.	48c	120,000.
	49 Grants receivable			49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)			50	
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b		51c	
	52 Inventories for sale or use			52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		743.	53	1,079.
	54 Investments - securities (attach schedule)	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54	
	55a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55a			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b		55c	
56 Investments - other (attach schedule)			56		
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a				
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b		57c		
58 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)			58		
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58		595,002.	59	2,037,991.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	59,148.	60	6,617.	
	61 Grants payable		61		
	62 Deferred revenue		62		
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)			63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)			64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____ STMT 2)		912,213.	65	1,551,929.
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65		971,361.	66	1,558,546.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.				
	67 Unrestricted	-795,374.	67	-662,744.	
	68 Temporarily restricted	419,015.	68	1,142,189.	
	69 Permanently restricted		69		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.				
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70		
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71		
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72		
73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19, column (B) must equal line 21)		-376,359.	73	479,445.	
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73		595,002.	74	2,037,991.	

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (continued)

75a Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings 11
75b Are any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," attach a statement that identifies the individuals and explains the relationship(s)
75c Do any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to this organization through common supervision or common control? Note. Related organizations include section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. SEE STATEMENT 4
75d Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy?

Part V-B Former Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees That Received Compensation or Other Benefits (If any former officer, director, trustee, or key employee received compensation or other benefits (described below) during the year, list that person below and enter the amount of compensation or other benefits in the appropriate column. See the instructions.)

Table with 5 columns: (A) Name and address, (B) Loans and Advances, (C) Compensation, (D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans, (E) Expense account and other allowances. Row 1 shows -0- in all columns.

Part VI Other Information (See the instructions.)

76 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity.
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? STMT. 5
78a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?
78b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement.
80a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?
80b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization STMT 6 and check whether it is [X] exempt or [] nonexempt
81a Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. (See line 81 instructions.) NONE
81b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?

Part VI Other Information (continued)

Yes No

82 a Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value? 82a X
b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.) 82b N/A
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications? 83a X
b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions? 83b X
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible? 84a X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 84b N/A
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members? 85a N/A
b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? 85b N/A
If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.
c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members 85c N/A
d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures 85d N/A
e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices 85e N/A
f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e) 85f N/A
g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f? 85g N/A
h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year? 85h N/A
86 501(c)(7) orgs. Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12 86a N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities 86b N/A
87 501(c)(12) orgs. Enter a Gross income from members or shareholders 87a N/A
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) 87b N/A
88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX 88 X
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 NONE ; section 4912 NONE ; section 4955 NONE
b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction 89b X
c Enter. Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 NONE
d Enter. Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization N/A
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed SEE STATEMENT 7
b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005 (See instructions) 90b NONE
91 a The books are in care of COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND Telephone no (202) 833-1200
Located at 1133 19TH STREET, NW, 9TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC ZIP + 4 20036
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)? 91b X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? 91c X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 92 N/A

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	2,570.	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue: a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				2,570.	
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					2,570.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)

Line No. ▼	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

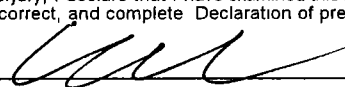
Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

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.

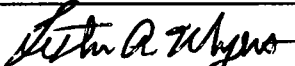
Please Sign Here

Signature of officer:  Date: 3/16/06

CHELLIE PINGREE PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature:  Date: 03/09/06 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: KPMG LLP, 2001 M STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036-3310

EIN: 13-5565207 Phone no: 202-533-3000

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

OMB No 1545-0047

2005

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Supplementary Information - (See separate instructions.)
▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

31-1705370

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . . ▶ NONE

Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ NONE

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶ NONE

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)		Yes	No
1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ► \$ <u>173,532.</u> (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line I of Part VI-B.)	X	
Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.			
2	During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a	Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)? STMT 8	X	
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3a	Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		X
b	Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		X
c	During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?		X
4a	Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		X
b	Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only ONE applicable box.)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6 A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V.)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8 A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ► _____
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A)
- 11b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 12 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 charitable, etc , 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) (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2) Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization ► Type 1 Type 2 Type 3

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 6 of the instructions)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 6 of the instructions)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Table with columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2004, (b) 2003, (c) 2002, (d) 2001, (e) Total. Rows include: 15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received; 16 Membership fees received; 17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 18 Gross income from interest, dividends; 19 Net income from unrelated business activities; 20 Tax revenues levied; 21 Value of services or facilities furnished; 22 Other income; 23-25 Summary of support; 26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11; 27 Organizations described on line 12; 28 Unusual Grants.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.)

NOT APPLICABLE

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	29	
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	30	
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	31	

32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	32d	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			

33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities?	33h	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)			

34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)

(To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	NONE
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	173,532.
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	173,532.
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	1,210,932.
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	1,384,464.
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table - If the amount on line 40 is - The lobbying nontaxable amount is - Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000	41	213,446.
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	53,362.
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	NONE
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	NONE

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.)

See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount	213,446.				213,446.
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					320,169.
47 Total lobbying expenditures	173,532.				173,532.
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount	53,362.				53,362.
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					80,043.
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures	NONE				NONE

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

NOT APPLICABLE

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h)			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

FORM 990, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE
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IN SUPPORT OF COMMON CAUSE'S MISSION OF PROMOTING OPEN, HONEST AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND SEEKS, THROUGH RESEARCH, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, TO INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE NEED FOR CHANGE; EMPOWER CITIZENS AND PROMOTE THEIR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL; AND EMPOWER CITIZENS TO HOLD THEIR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE.

FORM 990, PART IV - OTHER LIABILITIES

DESCRIPTION	ENDING BOOK VALUE
DUE TO COMMON CAUSE	1,551,929.
TOTALS	1,551,929.

FORM 990, PART V-A - CURRENT OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND TIME DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
CHELLIE PINGREE 1133 19TH STREET, NW 9TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036	PRESIDENT, CEO & DIR 6 HRS/WK	15,679.	1,346.	NONE
SARAH DUFENDACH 1133 19TH STREET, NW 9TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036	CHIEF OPERATING OFCR 15.5HRS/WK	26,974.	2,704.	NONE
RYAN ALEXANDER 1133 19TH STREET, NW 9TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 37.5HRS/WK	60,740.	6,246.	NONE

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR THE LIST OF DIRECTORS WHO SERVE 1 HOUR/WEEK ON AVERAGE WITH NO COMPENSATION, CONTRIBUTION TO BENEFITS PLANS OR EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

GRAND TOTALS	103,393.	10,296.	NONE
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**COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD
EIN: 31-1705370
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED: JUNE 30, 2005**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Derek Bok	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Margery Bronster	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
William Kraus	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Brad Phillips	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Fred Harris	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Richard North Patterson	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Thaddeus Foote	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Nancy Rhodes	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Rebecca Avila	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour
Charles Kolb	c/o Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street, NW 9th Floor Washington, D C. 20036	\$ -	Less than 1 hour

FORM 990, PART V-A COMPENSATION PROVIDED BY RELATED ORGANIZATION

NAME AND ADDRESS	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
COMMON CAUSE			
CHELLIE PINGREE 1133 19TH STREET, NW 9TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036	82,654.	7,094.	NONE
COMMON CAUSE			
SARAH DUFENDACH 1133 19TH STREET, NW 9TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036	37,484.	3,757.	NONE
GRAND TOTALS	120,138.	10,851.	NONE

COMMON CAUSE

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1133 19TH STREET, NW
9TH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

COMMON CAUSE

SARAH DUFENDACH
1133 19TH STREET, NW
9TH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

GRAND TOTALS


COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND
EIN: 31-1705370
SHORT-YEAR ENDED: JUNE 30, 2005

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PART VI - CHANGES TO ORGANIZING OR GOVERNING DOCUMENT

This is to certify that the attached copy of the minutes of Common Cause Education Fund is a complete and accurate copy of the original document.



Authorized signature

PRESIDENT

Title

3/16/06

Date

STATEMENT 5

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD OF COMMON CAUSE**
February 26, 2005

Minutes of a meeting of the National Governing Board of Common Cause, convened by the Chairperson pursuant to written notice required by the bylaws, held at the Human Rights Campaign, Washington, D.C., on Saturday, February 26, 2005.

Attendees: Rebecca Avila, Barbara Arnwine, , Derek Bok, Margery Bronster, Michele Demers, Edward Thaddeus Foote II, Charles Kolb, William Kraus, Spencer Overton, William Parsons, Richard North Patterson, Chellie Pingree, Bradley Phillips, Nancy Rhodes, and Daniel Tokaji.

Absent: Margaret Fung, Jim Goodman, Fred Harris, Eric Liu, Maya MacGuineas, Harold Pachios, Bob Pastor, Martha Phillips, Virginia Davies Taylor, John Shattuck, Donald Stewart, and Adam Werbach.

Chairperson Bok then moved to approve the Common Cause minutes of the last NGB meeting. The motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

Daniel Tokaji then introduced an amendment to the bylaws to amend the process of electing board members.

He proposed 3 changes:

1. To amend article 4, section 4, by subtracting the position of Founding Chairperson and adding the position of vice chairperson to the list of persons who can serve more than 2 terms consecutively.
2. When vacancies arise on the Board due to positions expiring, the nominating committee will be responsible for filling the vacancies.
3. Change current term limits for Board members to be increased to 2 terms consisting of 3 years per term. Terms can be filled consecutively. This would apply retroactively to current Board members.

There were no questions offered by the Board. The amendment was submitted. Bill Kraus moved for a motion and Barbara Arnwine seconded the motion, approving the amendment to the bylaws.

Nancy Brennan, a development consultant to Common Cause, gave a report on the strategic development plan she has drafted to help Common Cause restart its development program and to also charge it to expand to new areas for funding.

A report was given by Peter Lauria of Beers and Cutler who has been tasked since 2003 with helping Common Cause restructure the accounting department and also help identify the accounting needs of the organization.

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[REDACTED]
Kraus moved to pass the budget and Spencer Overton seconded, passing the consolidated 2005 budget and allowing for a new fiscal end of year.

Chairperson Bok acknowledged the following Board members who were leaving and thanked them for their dedication and service: Dan Tokaji, Bill Parsons, and Bob Pastor.

Policy Committee:

Ric Patterson led the report of the Policy Committee.

Media reform: Common Cause will work on bringing forth clear and achievable proposals as media reform is too large an issue to tackle as a whole.

Restricting: Common Cause's continued involvement and activism on this issue is supported. Attention needs to continue to be focused on: protesting mid-year redistricting, advocating for a fair composition on the independent commissions, and continuing the effort to strengthen the Voting Rights Act.

Electoral College Reform: After the presentation by John Koza on the proposal to reform the Electoral College through an interstate compact, the committee recommended an interim plan to come to conclusion on CC's effort on this issue. The staff will start by contacting other organizations to discuss the proposal with them and will also take a closer look at the detailed language of the proposal. The staff will then make a recommendation to the Policy Committee after this detailed analysis.

Patterson also asked that everyone submit their comments and feedback on this plan in preparation for another presentation that will be made at the May Board meeting for everyone to review.

States Committee:

Bill Parsons reviewed the 2005 outlook stating that allocation had been at \$600K to the states. In 2004, the committee started a pilot fundraising program to test direct mail fundraising in several states. Due to the short time frame and the immediate differences from state to state the committee proposed extending the pilot program another year to gather more results.

The states committee also created a State-National Task Force that was charged to look at the relationship between the state and national offices of Common Cause. However, the task force activities were suspended until more results of the pilot program could be looked at.

Murshed Zaheed delivered a presentation on our current web strategy for communication and fundraising.

Chairperson Bok adjourned the meeting following the presentation.

FORM 990, PART VI - NAMES OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

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RELATED ORGANIZATION NAME: COMMON CAUSE

EXEMPT: X NONEXEMPT:

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 90A - STATES

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AZ, AR, CA, DE, DC, FL, GA,
IL, KS, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM,
NY, NC, ND, OK, PA, RI, TN, UT, WA, WV, WI,

SCHEDULE A, PART III - EXPLANATION FOR LINE 2D

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SEE FORM 990, PART V

SCHEDULE A, PART IV-A - OTHER INCOME

DESCRIPTION	2004	2003	2002	2001	TOTAL
HONORARIA	2,000.	2,500.	500.	NONE	5,000.
TOTALS	2,000.	2,500.	500.	NONE	5,000.

• If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II** and check this box,

Note: Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I** (on page 1).

Part II Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time - Must File Original and One Copy.

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	Employer Identification number 31-1705370
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON, DC 20036	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T(sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720	

STOP: Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• The books are in the care of **THE ORGANIZATION**

Telephone No **(202) 833-1200** FAX No. _____

• If the organization does **not** have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box,

• If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the **whole** group, check this box . If it is for **part** of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2006**

5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning **JANUARY 1, 2005** and ending **JUNE 30, 2005**

6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension **ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO COMPILE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.**

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions \$ **N/A**

b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 \$ **N/A**

c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 8b from line 8a Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ **NONE**

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Notice to Applicant - To Be Completed by the IRS

We **have** approved this application Please attach this form to the organization's return.

We **have not** approved this application However, we have granted a 10-day grace period from the later of the date shown below or the due date of the organization's return (including any prior extensions). This grace period is considered to be a valid extension of time for elections otherwise required to be made on a timely return. Please attach this form to the organization's return.

We **have not** approved this application. After considering the reasons stated in item 7, we cannot grant your request for an extension of time to file We are not granting a 10-day grace period

We **cannot consider** this application because it was filed after the extended due date of the return for which an extension was requested.

Other _____

Director _____ By _____ Date _____

Alternate Mailing Address - Enter the address if you want the copy of this application for an additional 3-month extension returned to an address different than the one entered above

Type or print	Name KPMG LLP ATTN: SHAWN J. MONROE
	Number and street (include suite, room, or apt. no.) or a P.O. box number 2001 M STREET, NW
	City or town, province or state, and country (including postal or ZIP code) WASHINGTON, DC 20036-3310

EXTENSION APPLICATION
FEB 9 2 2006
FIELD DIRECTOR
SUBMISSION PROCESSING OFFICE