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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

Form **990-EZ****2008**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)
- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Open to Public Inspection**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **7/01/08**, and ending **6/30/09****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Termination
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization**RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION**

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

P.O. BOX 2037

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

WESTERVILLE**OH 43086****D** Employer identification number**31-1650883****E** Telephone number**614-891-9001****F** Group Exemption Number

Number

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

G Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual

Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► **WWW.RELIGIONWRITERS.COM****J** Organization type (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (**3**) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ► \$ **1,185,361****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)**

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	700,035
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	25,111
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	460,215
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	485,086
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach sch)	5c	-24,871
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
	6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe ►)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	700,275
	Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10
11		Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12		Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	183,051
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	9,717
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	10,599
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
16		Other expenses (describe ► SEE STATEMENT 2)	16	453,227
17		Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	656,594
18		Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	43,681
Net Assets		19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) SEE STATEMENT 3	20	-2
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	354,073

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	1,143,703	851,073
23 Land and buildings	12,120	6,521
24 Other assets (describe ► SEE STATEMENT 4)	55,449	13,072
25 Total assets	1,211,272	870,666
26 Total liabilities (describe ► SEE STATEMENT 5)	900,878	516,593
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	310,394	354,073

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

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Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3)
and (4) organizations
and 4947(a)(1) trusts;
optional for others)**28** SEE STATEMENT 6(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**28a****513,608****29**(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**29a****30**(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**30a****31** Other program services (attach schedule)(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**31a****32** Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)**32****513,608****Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
DEBRA L MASON	EXEC DIR	24,496	9,175	0
KEVIN ECKSTROM	PRESIDENT	0	0	0
STEVE MAYNARD	FIRST VP	0	0	0
ROBERT MONG	SECOND VP	0	0	0
JEFF SHELER	TREASURER	0	0	0
ANN RODGERS	SECRETARY	0	0	0
BRUCE NOLAN	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
DALE HANSON BOURKE	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
CATHLEEN FALSANI	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
ERIC GORSKI	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
CATHY LYNN GROSSMAN	TRUSTEE	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input type="text"/> , section 4912 <input type="text"/> , section 4955 <input type="text"/>		
b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. 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," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. <input type="text"/> OH		
42a The books are in care of <input type="text"/> DEBRA MASON P.O. BOX 2037 Located at <input type="text"/> WESTERVILLE, OH	Telephone no <input type="text"/> 614-891-9001	ZIP + 4 <input type="text"/> 43086-2037
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)?		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="text"/>		
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 U.S.?		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="text"/>		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="text"/> 43		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

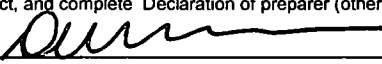

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
49b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(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 \$100,000 ▶				

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶		

Sign Here	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.			
	 Signature of officer _____ Date <u>10/5/09</u> Type or print name and title. <u>DEBRA MASON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</u>			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature 	Date <u>10/02/09</u>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.) <u>P00062806</u>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 <u>COTTERMAN-WILSON CPAS, INC. 951 HIGH STREET WORTHINGTON, OH 43085</u>			EIN ▶
				Phone no <u>614-781-6174</u>
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Public Charity Status and Public Support**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)
nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Inspection

Name of the organization

RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATIONEmployer identification number
31-1650883**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. (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 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.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 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)**. (see instructions)
- 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
- a ☒ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III—Functionally Integrated d ☐ Type III—Other
- e ☒ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11g(ii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11g(iii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
RELIGION NEWSWRITERS ASSOCIATION	501 (C) (6)								
	54-1486927	12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		513,608
Total									513,608

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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 1-3						
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
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 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. 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 type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2007. 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—2008. 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 IV 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—2007. 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 IV 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 1-5						
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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
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) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 IV.)						
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a **33 1/3 % support tests—2008.** 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—2007.** 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

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Supplemental information area with horizontal lines for text entry.

Form **4562**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Depreciation and Amortization**
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2008Attachment
Sequence No **67**

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION

Identifying number

31-1650883

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 the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
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	800,000
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	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		

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 2007 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 2009. 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	5,599

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 2008	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		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 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	
			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 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 instr.	22	5,599
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

Federal Statements

Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 5c - Sale of Assets Other than Inventory -
Securities

Description		How Received	Whom Sold	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Sale Price	Cost & Expense	Depreciation	Gain / Loss
DONATION				VARIOUS	VARIOUS	\$ 460,215	\$ 485,086	\$	\$ -24,871
TOTAL						\$ 460,215	\$ 485,086	\$ 0	\$ -24,871

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Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EXPENSES	\$
FUNDRAISING TRAVEL	5,008
STAFF/BOARD TRAVEL/HOTEL/MEAL	41,745
SCHOLARSHIP TRAVEL/HOTEL/MEAL	64,675
CONFERENCES	1,887
GENERAL FUNDRAISING	991
FUNDRAISING POSTAGE	1,320
FUNDRAISING PRINTING	2,225
EDUCATION STIPENDS	82,046
CORRESPONDENTS	61,241
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	32,443
PAYROLL SERVICE	1,342
MISC OFFICE SERVICES	2,000
WEB EXPENSES	8,509
WEB SEARCH/SOFTWARE	6,288
OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,167
TELEPHONE	5,499
POSTAGE & SHIPPING - OTHE	9,001
PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS -	17,297
COMPUTER SUPPORT/MAINTENA	9,912
HONORARIUMS	8,590
PROMOTION/ADVERTISING	54,587
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,222
PRIZES	6,371
EQUIPMENT	3,991
MISCELLANEOUS	2,570
OFFICE CLEANING	1,300
TOTAL	\$ <u>453,227</u>

Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20 - Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ROUNDING	\$ -2
TOTAL	\$ <u>-2</u>

Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 13,969	\$ 8,465
PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES		4,607
PREPAID CONFERENCE EXPENSES	32,500	
PREPAID SALARY	8,980	
	<u>55,449</u>	<u>13,072</u>

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Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 10,911	\$ 4,158
DEFERRED REVENUE	890,440	504,757
MISCELLANEOUS	-473	
MASON FLEXIBLE BENEFITS		808
SCHISKA FLEXIBLE BENEFITS		190
ANTHEM DEPENDENT W/H		245
ADVANCE FROM RELATED PARTY		6,435
	<u>900,878</u>	<u>516,593</u>

**Statement 6 - Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28 - Statement of Program Service
Accomplishments**

Description

TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION BY MEANS OF
INFORMATIVE PUBLICATIONS, PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CONFERENCE
SEMINARS AND DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR REPORTERS, EDITORS,
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR NEW MEDIA AND THE GENERAL
PUBLIC

Bylaws of the Religion Newswriters Association

These bylaws govern the operation and administration of the Religion Newswriters Association. These bylaws were revised Oct. 2, 2005. They encompass and supersede all prior revisions since the constitution was adopted June 13, 1998. The 1970 constitution superseded the earlier RNA constitution adopted May 24, 1952 and revised in 1956, 1957, 1959, and 1970. These bylaws also supersede and replace the constitution of the James O. Supple Memorial Fund of the RNA revised June 6-7, 1981.

Article I. Name and Incorporation

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Article I. Name and Incorporation

SECTION 1. Name

The name of the organization shall be Religion Newswriters Association, hereinafter referred to as "the Association."

SECTION 2. Incorporation

This association shall be incorporated.

SECTION 3. Registered Office and Agent

The Religion Newswriters Association, a nonprofit, charitable, educational corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia, shall have and continuously maintain a registered office in the State of Virginia and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the State of Virginia. The registered agent shall be an individual resident of Virginia or a corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business in the State of Virginia. The address of the registered office may be changed from time to time.

SECTION 4. Other Offices

The Association may have such other office or offices, at such suitable place or places within or without the State of Virginia, as the Board may from time to time determine as necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

Article II. Purpose

SECTION 1. Purpose

The Religion Newswriters Association is a charitable, literary and educational organization whose purpose is to advance professional standards of religion reporting in the secular press, especially through educational methods.

SECTION 2. Non-Profit Provisions

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section One hereof. No part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence

Board. This Board shall be identical with both the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers as noted in Article Five of the "Articles of Incorporation" of the Religion Newswriters Association filed in the State of Virginia.

SECTION 2. Number, Tenure, and Qualifications

The members of the Board shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified but for not more than two consecutive terms. Members may seek reelection to the Board of Directors after at least one three-year period off the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall establish a phase-in process to the three-year terms as follows: Two new board members elected in 2001 to three-year terms (expire: 2004); Two board members elected to one-year terms in 2002 (expire 2003); Three board members elected to three-year terms in 2002 (expire 2005). Commencing with elections beginning in 2003, all terms shall be for three years. Term limits for the board members already on the board prior to September 2001 shall be two additional terms, regardless of length of term. The Board shall be composed of not less than seven individuals who shall be the officers of the Association as defined in Article VI and who are active members of the Association in good standing. In addition, the Executive Director of the Association shall sit on the board in an ex-officio-capacity, without vote, to provide advice, consultation, expertise and participation, except in personnel matters, when the director shall be excluded.

SECTION 3. Election and Term of Office

The members of the Board shall be elected by the voting members of the Association. The members shall hold office for three-year terms.

SECTION 4. Resignation

Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President of the Association. Such resignation shall take effect at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the President of the Association.

SECTION 5. Removal

Any director may be removed from such office by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board, then in office, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, for (1) violation of these Bylaw or (2) engaging in any other conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. Such removal may occur only if the Director involved is first provided (1) with adequate notice of the charges against him or her in the form of a statement of such charges and of the time and place of the meeting of the Board scheduled for the purpose of hearing or considering such action, sent by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such Director, (2) an opportunity to appear before the Board or forward a written statement thereto in presentation of any defense of such charges, no sooner than thirty days after the sending of such notice, and (3) a written explanation as to (if such is the case) why such a Director is being removed from such office. In these regards, the Board shall act on the basis of reasonable and consistent criteria, always with the objective of advancing the best interests of the Association.

SECTION 6. Vacancies

A vacancy in the board because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors then in office. At the next annual meeting the voting members of the Association shall elect a director to serve for the unexpired term.

SECTION 7. Regular Meetings

A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each year, at such time, day, and place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, provide for the holding of additional regular meetings.

SECTION 8. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the direction of the