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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2022

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022, and ending 12-31-2022

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

C Name of organization THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE, Doing business as, Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite, City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

D Employer identification number 86-1153859, E Telephone number (415) 800-1401, G Gross receipts \$ 2,920,604

F Name and address of principal officer: BETH RATTNER, PO BOX 9216, MISSOULA, MT 59807

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No, H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No, H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3), 501(c) () (insert no.), 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW.BIOMIMICRY.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation, Trust, Association, Other

L Year of formation: 2005, M State of legal domicile: MT

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, Net Assets or Fund Balances. Includes rows for mission statement, voting members, revenue, expenses, and assets.

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer BETH RATTNER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Date 2023-11-01

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date 2023-11-01, Firm's name HAN GROUP LLC, Firm's address 1020 19TH STREET NW SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20036

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:

THE PURPOSES OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE TO NATURALIZE BIOMIMICRY IN THE CULTURE BY PROMOTING THE TRANSFER OF IDEAS, DESIGNS, AND STRATEGIES FROM BIOLOGY TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SYSTEMS DESIGN. ABOUT BIOMIMICRY: EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, CONSUMPTION, POLLUTION, DEFORESTATION, AND THE MYRIAD OF OTHER ISSUES THAT THREATEN THE PLANET HAVE TO DATE BEEN PRIMARILY REACTIVE AND WHOLLY INSUFFICIENT. THE STRATEGIES WE RELIED ON TO PROVIDE FOOD, WATER, ENERGY, SHELTER, AND COMFORT TO A GROWING POPULATION ARE NOW SEEN AS COMPOUNDING RATHER THAN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS. BIOMIMICRY IS A NEW SCIENCE THAT STUDIES NATURE'S BEST IDEAS, ABSTRACTS THE DEEP DESIGN PRINCIPLES, AND THEN EMULATES THESE DESIGNS AND PROCESSES TO SOLVE HUMAN PROBLEMS. THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE IS THE FOREMOST AUTHORITY AND ALL AROUND GO-TO PLACE FOR BIOMIMICRY INFORMATION, THROUGH ITS FOUR MAIN PROGRAMS: BIOMIMICRY DESIGN CHALLENGES & EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INNOVATION PROGRAM, SYSTEMS CHANGE PROGRAM, AND ASKNATURE.

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 \$ 722,129 including grants of \$ 36,690) (Revenue \$ 0) SYSTEMS CHANGE:-DESIGN FOR DECOMPOSITION (D4D)IN 2021 WE INITIATED A NEW SYSTEMS CHANGE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THE INTEREST GENERATED BY OUR THE NATURE OF FASHION REPORT (2020). THIS PROGRAM LOOKS AT SYSTEM LEVEL CHALLENGES, WITH AN INITIAL FOCUS ON TEXTILE DECOMPOSITION AND HOW WE CAN DESIGN SYSTEMS THAT ULTIMATELY SUPPORT THE SAFE BREAKDOWN AND BUILD UP OF MATERIALS. WE RELY ON A CONSORTIA OF INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, GHANA, AND IN THE US. THE D4D INITIATIVE HAS FOUR PRIMARY ELEMENTS: A PHYSICAL PILOT IN WESTERN EUROPE, A PHYSICAL PILOT IN ACCRA, GHANA; GAINING A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF BIOLOGICAL AND ABIOTIC DEGRADATION AND HOW WE CAN BETTER TEST AND DESIGN FOR DEGRADATION; AND A NARRATIVE COMPONENT. AS PART OF BOTH PHYSICAL PILOTS, WE BEGAN IDENTIFYING DOZENS OF TECHNOLOGIES THAT COULD BREAK DOWN TEXTILES AND GENERATE BIOCOMPATIBLE PRODUCTS OF VALUE, SUCH AS GLUCOSE OR SOIL AMENDMENTS. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, WE BEGAN ECOLOGICAL MONITORING OF SEVERAL SITES IN ACCRA THAT ARE SUBJECT TO TEXTILE AND OTHER WASTE. WE ALSO CONDUCTED A BIOLOGICAL LITERATURE REVIEW TO DEEPLY UNDERSTAND NATURAL DECOMPOSITION, AND PARTNERED WITH THE YALE CENTER FOR GREEN CHEMISTRY TO CONDUCT ANOTHER LITERATURE REVIEW ON BIODEGRADATION SCIENCE AND TESTING.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 466,153 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 20,000) ASKNATURE:AS THE LARGEST OPEN-ACCESS DATABASE FOR INNOVATORS TO FIND BIOLOGICAL MODELS FOR DESIGN GUIDANCE, ASKNATURE IS MISSION-CRITICAL FOR OUR WORK. STUDENTS USE ASKNATURE WHEN THEY FIRST LEARN DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SKILLS IN OUR PROGRAMS AND CONTINUE TO USE IT AS THEY ADVANCE THROUGH UNIVERSITY AND BECOME INNOVATORS. OUR AIM IS TO HAVE NATURE-INSPIRED DESIGN BECOME STANDARD PRACTICE, WITH ASKNATURE AS A PRIMARY TOOL. WE CURRENTLY HAVE MORE THAN 1,750 ARTICLES DESCRIBING BIOLOGICAL STRATEGIES (A CHARACTERISTIC, MECHANISM, OR PROCESS THAT PERFORMS A FUNCTION FOR AN ORGANISM OR OTHER TYPE OF LIVING SYSTEM), 300 ABOUT INNOVATIONS (STORIES BEHIND REALIZED AND CONCEPTUAL PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND SYSTEM COMPONENTS THAT ARE INSPIRED BY BIOLOGY), 75 INDEXED RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR EDUCATORS, AND 35 FEATURE PAGES FEATURING CURATED SUBSETS OF OUR CONTENT AND CONTEXTUALIZING INTROS OR ESSAYS. ASKNATURE IS THE WORLD'S GO-TO AND LARGEST OPEN-ACCESS SOURCE OF BIOMIMICRY EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR PRIMARY, SECONDARY, POST-SECONDARY, AND PROFESSIONAL AUDIENCES. IN 2022 WE IMPROVED FUNCTIONALITY AND ADDED OR UPDATED HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF CONTENT TO THIS SERVICE.IN 2022, APPROXIMATELY 675,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE SITE FOR 945,000 SESSIONS AND ACCESSED FREE RESOURCES AND CONTENT (IN 2020 THERE WERE 638,000 VISITORS OVER 876,000 SESSIONS). THE US IS OUR LARGEST AUDIENCE, BUT 63% OF OUR TRAFFIC IS INTERNATIONAL, COMING FROM 233 COUNTRIES. OUR USERS ALSO COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SECTORS INCLUDING EDUCATION, ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, BIOTECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, FASHION, GOVERNMENT, NON-PROFITS, AND MEDIA. THE YEAR SAW THE LAUNCH OF OUR FIRST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WHICH GAINED MORE THAN 5,000 SUBSCRIBERS AND CONSISTENTLY OUTPERFORMS INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR HIGH OPEN RATES, HIGH ENGAGEMENT RATES, AND LOW UNSUBSCRIBES. TO MEET A LONG-STANDING REQUEST FROM EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS FOR MORE VISUALS, WE BROUGHT ON AN IN-HOUSE ILLUSTRATION AND VISUALS LEAD BOTH TO CREATE ORIGINAL MATERIALS AND MANAGE RELATIONSHIPS WITH EXTERNAL ART PROVIDERS. THIS PRODUCED AN OFFICIAL STYLE GUIDE FOR ILLUSTRATIONS ON ASKNATURE. WE ALSO PRODUCED A SUBSET OF PRINTABLE ASKNATURE PAGES TO SERVE AS AIDS IN CLASSROOM AND CONFERENCE WORK.WE ENTERED THE WORLD OF PODCASTING BY WRITING AND RECORDING 40 ROUGHLY 1-MINUTE AUDIO STORIES ABOUT BIOLOGICAL STRATEGIES IN NATURE FOR THE WONDERSPACE PODCAST OUT OF THE UK. PICKING UP AN ONGOING TOPIC OF INTEREST FOR ASKNATURE, WE BEGAN A NEW PROJECT INVESTIGATING THE POTENTIAL APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO AID IN THE CREATION OF NEW CONTENT FOR ASKNATURE. WE DEVELOPED PRESETS AND MODEL TRAINING THAT WILL ALLOW OUR EDITORS TO EMPLOY AI RELIABLY IN THEIR PROCESS AND SEE THIS AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF GREATLY EXPANDING THE VOLUME OF CONTENT ON OUR SITE.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 455,380 including grants of \$ 44,590) (Revenue \$ 0) INNOVATION:-BIOMIMICRY LAUNCHPADTHE BIOMIMICRY LAUNCHPAD SUPPORTS A COMMUNITY OF EARLY-STAGE SCIENTISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO BENEFIT FROM EACH OTHER AS THEY DEEPEN THEIR BIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS NEEDED TO TRANSFORM THEIR IDEAS FROM CONCEPT TO PROVEN PROTOTYPE AND BEYOND. THE PROGRAM FEATURES A VIRTUAL 10-WEEK CUSTOMER DISCOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY VALIDATION INCUBATOR. THE LAUNCHPAD EQUIPS NATURE-INSPIRED SCIENTISTS, DESIGNERS, AND RESEARCHERS WITH THE SKILLS AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO TURN THEIR WORK INTO SCALABLE STARTUPS.IN 2021, WE ENDED THE BIOMIMICRY GLOBAL DESIGN CHALLENGE IN ORDER TO REALIGN WITH OUR INNOVATION DEPARTMENT'S GOAL OF ACCELERATING THE RATE OF NATURE-INSPIRED SOLUTIONS TO EXTRACTIVE PROBLEMS. SINCE THIS PROGRAM WAS THE FEEDER FOR THE BIOMIMICRY LAUNCHPAD, WE DID NOT RUN A BIOMIMICRY LAUNCHPAD PROGRAM IN 2022. INSTEAD, WE SPENT THE YEAR COLLECTING DATA TO INFORM A NEW AND IMPROVED PROGRAM, WHICH LAUNCHED APPLICATIONS IN Q4 OF 2022. THIS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT WAS SUPPORTED VIA AN SBIR GROWTH ACCELERATOR FUND COMPETITION AWARD, AND NEW TOPICS WERE CREATED SUCH AS INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SHARING, UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BEST PRACTICES, AND STORYTELLING. -RAY OF HOPE PRIZETHE RAY OF HOPE PRIZE PROGRAM IDENTIFIES STARTUPS WITH NATURE-INSPIRED SOLUTIONS, AMPLIFIES THEIR STORIES AND CONNECTS THEM TO MENTORS AND INVESTORS. THIS IS A HYBRID PROGRAM, WITH PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING A NATURE RETREAT DESIGNED TO CREATE A LIFE-LONG COMMUNITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENTREPRENEURS, FOLLOWED BY A 10-WEEK VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOCUSED ON SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES. THE PROGRAM CULMINATES WITH A \$100,000 PRIZE THAT HELPS COMPANIES CROSS A CRITICAL THRESHOLD IN BECOMING VIABLE BUSINESSES. IN SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BUSINESSES TO SOLVE BIG CHALLENGES, THE INSTITUTE BRINGS ATTENTION TO THE INNOVATIVE, NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS NEEDED TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT WORLD.THE 2022 AWARD RECIPIENT WAS GREENPOD LABS, FROM CHENNAI, INDIA. GREENPOD LABS HAVE CREATED BIO-INSPIRED PACKAGING SACHETS THAT RELEASE PLANT BASED VOLATILES TO ACTIVATE THE BUILT-IN DEFENSE MECHANISM WITHIN SPECIFIC FRUITS OR VEGETABLES, IN ORDER TO SLOW DOWN THE RIPENING RATE AND MINIMIZE MICROBIAL GROWTH. BY UNDERSTANDING CROP PHYSIOLOGY AND SPOILAGE TYPES, GREENPOD LABS IS ABLE TO CREATE THE RIGHT FORMULATION FOR PRODUCE TO FIGHT AGAINST BIOTIC AND ABIOTIC STRESSES AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, LESSENING THE NEED FOR COLD STORAGE AND COLD SUPPLY CHAINS. FUSION BIONIC, FROM DRESDEN, GERMANY, CREATES LASER-GENERATED SURFACE TEXTURES INSPIRED BY TEXTURES FOUND IN NATURE, TOOK HOME THE \$25,000 RUNNER-UP PRIZE. IN TOTAL, TEN STARTUPS (SELECTED FROM 212 APPLICANTS) PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S RAY OF HOPE PRIZE PROGRAM, WHICH CONSISTED OF TRAINING ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION SKILLS. IN ADDITION TO ACCESSING A CURATED COMMUNITY OF EXPERT MENTORS, ADVISORS, AND INVESTORS. ADDITIONALLY, THESE 10 STARTUP COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN A WEEK-LONG NATURE IMMERSION IN THE COASTAL CALIFORNIA REDWOODS, IN WHICH THEY BUILT A LIFE-LONG COMMUNITY OF PEERS AND PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO FOSTER A CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MINDSET.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 361,334 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 28,867) DESIGN CHALLENGES AND OTHER EDUCATION

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 361,334 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 28,867)

4e Total program service expenses 2,004,996

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and schedules A through H.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
25b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons?		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
28a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
28b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
28c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
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?		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
35b	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	Yes	

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
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with 17 main rows (2a-17) and sub-rows (a-e) for various sections. Columns include question text, response boxes (e.g., 2a, 2b, 18), and Yes/No indicators. Includes sections for 501(c)(7), 501(c)(12), 4947(a)(1), 501(c)(29), and 501(c)(21) organizations.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members included... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets... 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders... 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? 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 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.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b 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? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe on 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 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. 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? 16b 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?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA, NY
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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.
[checked] Own website [] Another's website [checked] Upon request [] 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:
BETH RATTNER PO BOX 9216 MISSOULA, MT 59807 (415) 800-1401

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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee;	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(1) ANGELA NAHIKIAN PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X			0	0	0
(2) KENT SNYDER VICE PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X			0	0	0
(3) JIM BUNCH SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			0	0	0
(4) ERIN ROVALO TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0	0	0
(5) BILLY ALMON BOARD OF DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0
(6) LAUREN BIRNEY BOARD OF DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0	0	0
(7) DIMITRI DEHEYN BOARD OF DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0
(8) EVELYN ERICKSON BOARD OF DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0
(9) LISA GAUTIER BOARD OF DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0
(10) DANIELA PIGOSSO BOARD OF DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0
(11) BETH RATTNER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X			170,389	0	16,013
(12) ANDREW HOWLEY ASKNATURE CHIEF EDITOR	40.00					X	102,008	0	9,872
(13) MEGAN DWYER ASKNATURE BRAND MARKETING DIRECTOR	40.00					X	101,020	0	4,041

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	2,632,352	
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$		1g	21,239	
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			2,632,352	

Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
2a CONSULTING		900099	33,000	33,000			
b WORKSHOPS		611710	12,100	12,100			
c ONLINE EDUCATION		611710	2,370	2,370			
d PRG APPLICATION FEES		611710	1,397	1,397			
e							
f All other program service revenue.							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.	48,867						

Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		5,178			5,178
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents	6a				
	b Less: rental expenses	6b				
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	232,687			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	231,626			
	c Gain or (loss)	7c	1,061			
	d Net gain or (loss)		1,061			1,061
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
	b Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						

Other Revenue Misc Amt	11a REIMBURSED EXPENSE	Business Code				
		900099	775			775
	b OTHER INCOME	900099	745			745
	c					
	d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			1,520			
12 Total revenue. See instructions			2,688,978	48,867	0	7,759

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	22,099	22,099		
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.	59,181	59,181		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	186,402	102,217	45,351	38,834
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	1,056,032	826,559	138,942	90,531
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	25,858	20,818	3,099	1,941
9 Other employee benefits	56,346	44,198	7,314	4,834
10 Payroll taxes	93,049	69,914	13,556	9,579
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	7,124		7,124	
c Accounting	34,929		34,929	
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)	657,866	603,360	40,746	13,760
12 Advertising and promotion	864	99	756	9
13 Office expenses	36,230	20,852	12,662	2,716
14 Information technology	108,764	81,572	18,913	8,279
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	91,120	71,116	18,867	1,137
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	28,409	22,527	5,882	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	62,864	57,018	5,846	
23 Insurance	5,306	3,054	1,854	398
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 CCY TRANSLATION LOSS	10,407		10,407	
b BUSINESS EXPENSES	3,553	412	3,106	35
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,546,403	2,004,996	369,354	172,053
26 Joint costs. 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 IX

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	95,281	1	337,084
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,174,630	2	1,655,869
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	494,277	3	20,594
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4,103	4	525
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	14,282	9	20,116
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 207,724		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 122,994	141,524	10c 84,730
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	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	25	15	25
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	1,924,122	16	2,118,943	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	169,820	17	148,566
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	365,193	19	438,693
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	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 Total liabilities: Add lines 17 through 25	535,013	26	587,259
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	912,510	27	1,258,691
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	476,599	28	272,993
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	1,389,109	32	1,531,684
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,924,122	33	2,118,943	

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	2,688,978
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,546,403
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	142,575
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,389,109
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	1,531,684

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 on 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		No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
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.	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		No
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.		

Additional Data

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Software ID:

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Special Condition Description

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.**

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

Name of the organization
THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE

Employer identification number
86-1153859

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 12, 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).)
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 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.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - 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- 10 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		
Total						

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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	1,138,020	1,752,504	1,873,028	1,885,407	2,632,352	9,281,311
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	1,138,020	1,752,504	1,873,028	1,885,407	2,632,352	9,281,311
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) . . .						6,239,130
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3,042,181

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . .	1,138,020	1,752,504	1,873,028	1,885,407	2,632,352	9,281,311
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	5,987	12,519	8,168	4,419	5,178	36,271
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . .	123					123
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						9,317,705

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 530,996

13 First 5 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

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	32.650 %
15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	28.180 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2022.** 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
- b 33 1/3% support test—2021.** 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
- 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022.** 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
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021.** 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
- 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

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income; 13 Total support; 14 First 5 years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2022; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2022; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17; Row 19a: 33 1/3% support tests-2022; Row 19b: 33 1/3% support tests-2021; Row 20: Private foundation.

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, 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 lines 3b and 3c 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 box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c 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 lines 5b and 5c 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	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. 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).		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
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 on 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 on 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 line 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
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the officers, 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? <i>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.</i>		
2 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? <i>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.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 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)? <i>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).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 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?		
2 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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, 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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**):

- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

	Yes	No
a 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? <i>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.</i>		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>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.</i>		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

	Yes	No
a 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? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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 (*explain in Part VI*). 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 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 | | |

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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|--|-----------|--|--|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | 1 | | |
| 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 Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | | |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>): | | | |
| 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 0.015 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 0.035 | 6 | | |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | | |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (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 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |

- 7** 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	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022:			
a From 2017.			
b From 2018.			
c From 2019.			
d From 2020.			
e From 2021.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2018.			
b Excess from 2019.			
c Excess from 2020.			
d Excess from 2021.			
e Excess from 2022.			

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

THE ORGANIZATION MEETS THE 'FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES' TEST FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) TBI HAS AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF 10% PUBLIC SUPPORT UNDER THIS TEST, (2) THE CURRENT SUPPORT TEST IS CLOSE TO ONE THIRD OF TOTAL SUPPORT, (3) THE ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT COMES FROM A BROAD NUMBER OF DONORS, (4) THE ORGANIZATION HAS A GOVERNING BODY THAT IS MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF BROAD PUBLIC INTERESTS, (5) THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PUBLIC, AND (6) A FUNDRAISING PROGRAM IS IN PLACE THAT GENERATES BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT.

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Schedule B

Schedule of Contributors

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(Form 990)
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Name of the organization
THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE

Employer identification number
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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

- 501(c)() (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 other 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 33¹/₃% 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. Don't 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 isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't 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 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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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
RESTRICTED		\$ RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	

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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.

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two yes/no questions about donor information.

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes checkboxes for various types of easements, a table for 'Held at the End of the Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, and questions 3 through 9 regarding monitoring and reporting.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions 1a, 1b, 2, and 3 regarding reporting requirements and amounts.

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 in 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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Term endowment ▶
- 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 | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		30,296	23,267	7,029
e Other		177,428	99,727	77,701
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				84,730

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)		
Total. (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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) 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)	
Total. (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)	
Total. (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	2,730,261
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	41,283	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	41,283	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,688,978	
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		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,688,978	

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	2,587,686
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	41,283	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	41,283	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,546,403	
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	0	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,546,403	

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	THE INSTITUTE FOLLOWS THE AUTHORITATIVE GUIDANCE RELATING TO ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES INCLUDED IN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION TOPIC 740-10, INCOME TAXES. THESE PROVISIONS PROVIDE CONSISTENT GUIDANCE FOR THE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES RECOGNIZED IN AN ENTITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESCRIBE A THRESHOLD OF "MORE LIKELY THAN NOT" FOR RECOGNITION AND DERECOGNITION OF TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN. IT IS THE INSTITUTE'S POLICY TO RECOGNIZE INTEREST AND/OR PENALTIES RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS, IF ANY, IN INCOME TAX EXPENSES. THE INSTITUTE PERFORMED AN EVALUATION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO MATTERS THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR THAT MAY HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS. THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS GENERALLY REMAINS OPEN FOR THREE TAX YEARS WITH THE U.S. FEDERAL JURISDICTION OR THE VARIOUS STATES AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE INSTITUTE FILES TAX RETURNS.

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Statement of Activities Outside the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

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SCHEDULE F (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants or other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

Table with 6 columns: (a) Region, (b) Number of offices in the region, (c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region, (d) Activities conducted in region (by type), (e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region, (f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region. Rows include regions like SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, and SOUTH AMERICA.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND)		0	BOOK	7,155		TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTI
(2)			EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND)		0	BOOK	7,556		TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTI
(3)			SOUTH AMERICA		0	BOOK	7,199		TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTI
(4)			SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA		27,593		3,941		
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 5

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 0

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
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(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* . Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990).* Yes No

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

86-1153859

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.

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| <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 idemnification and gross-up payments | <input 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, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input 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?
 - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
 - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 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?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on 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?
 - b** Any related organization?
- 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 nonfixed payments not described in 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" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 3	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF TOTAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR ALL OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES. PART OF THE REVIEW IS TO DETERMINE WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES. THE REVIEW IS BASED ON COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DATA FOR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN FUNCTIONALLY COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOARD ALSO DOCUMENTS ITS DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT AND AS TO ANY CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COMPENSATION OR BENEFITS FOR THE DESIGNATED PERSONS.

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE 990 POLICY INCLUDED AS PART OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' GOVERNANCE POLICIES: THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE RIGHT TO REVIEW THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO ITS FILING. PROCEDURE IS AS FOLLOWS: A. THE BIOMIMICRY'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMELY PREPARATION OF FORM 990. B. THE COMPLETED FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF THE FILING DEADLINE TO ENABLE A COMPREHENSIVE AND CAREFUL REVIEW BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ADDRESSED BY THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE'S FINANCIAL OFFICER AND INCORPORATED INTO THE FORM 990 AS APPROPRIATE. C. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE INVITED TO VIEW THE COMPLETED FORM 990 IN ADVANCE OF THE FILING DEADLINE. QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD ARE ADDRESSED BY THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE'S FINANCIAL OFFICER AND INCORPORATED INTO THE FORM 990 AS APPROPRIATE. D. AFTER ALL OF THE INPUT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED, SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE FILES THE FINAL FORM 990 AS REQUIRED.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ACCORDING TO THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE'S (TBI) CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY EACH DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL, OFFICER AND MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WITH GOVERNING BOARD-DELEGATED POWERS SHALL ANNUALLY SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON: A. HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY; B. HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY; C. HAS AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY; AND D. UNDERSTANDS TBI IS CHARITABLE AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION IT MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, OUR POLICY CALLS FOR PERIODIC REVIEWS TO ENSURE TBI OPERATES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH ITS CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND DOES NOT ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS. THE PERIODIC REVIEWS SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: A. WHETHER COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS AND BENEFITS ARE REASONABLE BASED ON COMPETENT SURVEY INFORMATION, AND THE RESULT OF ARM'S LENGTH BARGAINING; B. WHETHER PARTNERSHIPS, JOINT VENTURES, AND REASONABLE INVESTMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, FURTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND DO NOT RESULT IN INUREMENT, IMPERMISSIBLE PRIVATE BENEFIT OR IN AN EXCESS BENEFIT TRANSACTION.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF TOTAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR ALL OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES. PART OF THE REVIEW IS TO DETERMINE WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES. THE REVIEW IS BASED ON COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DATA FOR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN FUNCTIONALLY COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOARD ALSO DOCUMENTS ITS DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT AND AS TO ANY CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COMPENSATION OR BENEFITS FOR THE DESIGNATED PERSONS. THE PROCESS WAS LAST CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 2022.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE 990, GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THIRD PARTY SITES SUCH AS GUIDESTAR. THE 990 AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	MARKETING SERVICES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 26,639. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 2,794. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 567. TOTAL EXPENSES 30,000. SERVICES TO SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 309,449. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0. TOTAL EXPENSES 309,449. PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 2,235. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 16,805. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 187. TOTAL EXPENSES 19,227. STAFF RECRUITING: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 386. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 2,899. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 32. TOTAL EXPENSES 3,317. OTHER CONSULTANTS: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 264,651. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 18,248. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 12,974. TOTAL EXPENSES 295,873.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT CHANGE EITHER ITS OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE TAX YEAR.

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