

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047
2014
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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/14, and ending 06/30/15

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

C Name of organization: **Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy**
 Doing business as: _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): **26 East Exchange Street, #206** Room/suite: _____
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **St. Paul MN 55101**

D Employer identification number: **23-7412105**

E Telephone number: **651-223-5969**

F Name and address of principal officer:
Scott Strand
26 East Exchange Street
St. Paul MN 55101

G Gross receipts: **2,106,639**

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

J Website: **www.mncenter.org**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: **1974** **M** State of legal domicile: **MN**

H(c) Group exemption number: _____

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy is a nonprofit organization that uses law, science and research to protect Minnesota's environment, its natural resources and the health of its people.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	18
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	18
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	5	18
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	72
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1a)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	964,331	1,365,403
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	286,392	358,700
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	54,580	123,490
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	26,234	4,267
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,331,537	1,851,860
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		25,000
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	1,130,360	1,170,248
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 133,487		0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	383,257	348,165
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,513,617	1,543,413	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-182,080	308,447	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,416,439	2,683,110
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	88,123	94,624
		2,328,316	2,588,486

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer: **Scott Strand** Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: **Executive Director**

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **Sherry D. Heffernan, Ltd.** Preparer's signature: _____ Date: **11/03/15** Check if self-employed PTIN: **P00949190**

Firm's name: **Sherry D. Heffernan, Ltd.** Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: **6650 Horseshoe Bend Dr Corcoran, MN 55340-9549** Phone no.: **763-478-6518**

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 Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy is a nonprofit organization that uses law, science and research to protect Minnesota's environment, its natural resources and the health of its people.

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 \$ **495,894** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$ **333,700**)
Clean Energy: focuses on long-term development of modern and sustainable energy sources for Minnesota and the replacement of out-dated environmentally harmful energy sources like coal-fired power plants. To support this goal, MCEA serves as legal counsel for several Minnesota Energy Partners including The Izaak Walton League, Wind on the Wires, Fresh Energy, Center for Energy and the Environment and Sierra Club.

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4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **355,163** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)
Water Quality: focuses on protecting Minnesota's greatest natural resource and economic asset, its water. For example, MCEA advocates for the adoption and effective implementation of protective nitrogen and phosphorous standards for flowing waters, defends the state's numeric nitrogen and phosphorous standards for lakes and reservoirs, and fully participates in large-scale implementation plans for turbidity reductions in the Minnesota River and phosphorus reductions in Lake Pepin. MCEA also acts as a watchdog to assure that clean water funds from the Legacy Amendment are targeted effectively. MCEA continues to provide legal and technical pressure on Minnesota agency officials to meet federal standards for water quality permitting and enforcement.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **201,367** including grants of\$) (Revenue \$ **25,000**)
Land Use and Transportation: advocates for public policy platforms and funding mechanisms that support more compact and mixed-use forms of development, broaden the choices for how we live and get around, provide residents access to the region's environmental, social and economic opportunities, protect forest, farms, and natural areas, and improve the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink. MCEA works to make certain that racially diverse and transit-dependent neighborhoods will benefit from the region's substantial investment in transitway corridors. MCEA also works to integrate authorities and align investments at the local, regional and state levels to mitigate Minnesota's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the coming changes in Minnesota's

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ **200,019** including grants of\$ **25,000**) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **1,252,443**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
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 in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1a	14		
1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2a	18		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	18	
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	18	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	7a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	15b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	16a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **▶ MN**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website 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: **▶**
The Organization **26 East Exchange Street, No. 206**
St. Paul **MN 55101** **651-223-5969**

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

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Jaclyn Schroeder Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(2) Merritt Clapp-Smith Feb 10 2015 Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(3) Andrew Steiner Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(4) Sara Thurin Rollin Director/Secretary	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) John Helland Director/Chair	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) Ellen Herman Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Doug Hemer (started 1/2015) Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Alan Thometz Director/VP/Treas	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Alexandra Klass Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Lawrence Downing Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) Mehmet Konar-Steenberg Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12)Gene Merriam (thru 11/2014)	1.00									
Director/Treasurer	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(13)Irene Qualters	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(14)Peter Reich	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(15)Paige Stradley (started 1/2015)	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(16)Carol Tomer (started 3/2015)	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(17)Matt Samuel	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(18)Fred Morris	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(19)Steve Kinsella	1.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							121,764		11,361	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							121,764		11,361	

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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) Jane Krentz Director	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) Scott Strand Executive Director	40.00 0.00			X				121,764	0	11,361
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
1b Sub-total								121,764		11,361
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c 129,233				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 1,236,170				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	30,427				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	▶ 1,365,403				
Program Service Revenue	2a Program Service Income	Busn. Code 541900	358,700	358,700		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	▶ 358,700				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	▶	26,765		26,765	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	▶				
	5 Royalties	▶				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental exps.					
	c Rental inc. or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)	▶				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	324,895			
		(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.	228,170				
	c Gain or (loss)	96,725				
	d Net gain or (loss)	▶ 96,725			96,725	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 129,233 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	22,550			
		b Less: direct expenses	26,609			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		▶ -4,059				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	▶				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	▶				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a Unemployment reserve dist.	900099	7,926		7,926		
b Sale of equipment	900099	400		400		
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶	8,326				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.	▶	1,851,860	358,700	0	131,816	

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	25,000	25,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	128,120	81,958	23,051	23,111
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	830,434	684,715	76,256	69,463
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	26,309	18,639	3,835	3,835
9 Other employee benefits	111,166	88,695	11,649	10,822
10 Payroll taxes	74,219	57,361	8,716	8,142
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	19,703	5,336	9,773	4,594
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees			14,860	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	106,410	105,680		730
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	63,159	56,694	1,836	4,629
14 Information technology	18,628	17,704	462	462
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	58,780	54,708	2,506	1,566
17 Travel	12,943	12,311	316	316
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	6,983	6,715	179	89
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,015	3,812	401	802
23 Insurance	11,816	8,099	3,186	531
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 Dues & subscriptions	15,854	12,373	237	3,244
b Legal disb./library	10,226	10,226		
c Miscellaneous	3,788	2,417	220	1,151
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,543,413	1,252,443	157,483	133,487
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)				

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Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest bearing	863,254	1	886,066
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	75,000	3	272,200
	4	Accounts receivable, net	17,071	4	9,648
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	16,331	9	5,934
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	43,113		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	30,281		
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	1,434,662	11	1,496,430
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,416,439	16	2,683,110	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	63,873	17	94,624
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	24,250	19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		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	88,123	26	94,624
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	1,299,369	27	1,270,312
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	471,340	28	760,567
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	557,607	29	557,607
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	2,328,316	33	2,588,486	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,416,439	34	2,683,110	

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	1,851,860
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,543,413
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	308,447
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,328,316
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-48,277
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,588,486

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b 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	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		
b 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.		

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Name of the organization Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy Employer identification number 23-7412105

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

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

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

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?, (v) Amount of monetary support, (vi) Amount of other support. Includes rows (A) through (E) and a Total row.

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,254,816	860,111	1,585,020	964,331	1,365,403	6,029,681
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	1,254,816	860,111	1,585,020	964,331	1,365,403	6,029,681
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)						2,408,868
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3,620,813

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,254,816	860,111	1,585,020	964,331	1,365,403	6,029,681
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	23,639	25,391	33,258	34,014	26,765	143,067
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)				20,962	7,926	28,888
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6,201,636
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	381,250

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	58.38%
15 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	63.50%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2014. 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—2013. 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—2014. 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—2013. 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 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b 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 (a) its supported organizations; (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations; or (c) 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 IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent 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 in 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 in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) 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 IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer (b) 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.)		

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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 in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI .		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

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)? 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).		
1		

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, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
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? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
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? 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.		
2a		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
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? Provide details in Part VI .		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		
3b		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	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)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

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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	

Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:			
a			
b			
c			
d			
e From 2013			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c			
d Excess from 2013 . . .			
e Excess from 2014 . . .			

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Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail

Other income \$ **28,888**

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

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

2014

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

▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

Name of the organization Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	Employer identification number 23-7412105
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Organization type (check one):

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| Filers of: | Section: |
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 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. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

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

Name of organization

Minnesota Center for Environmental

Employer identification number

23-7412105

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 125,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 550,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 73,682	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6		\$ 30,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy Employer identification number 23-7412105

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
2 Political expenditures \$
3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
4a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

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Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6.

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

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2014

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	75,193													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	75,193													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,468,220													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	1,543,413													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	227,171													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	56,793													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	221,671	218,550	225,681	227,171	893,073
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,339,610
c Total lobbying expenditures	54,264	56,602	63,613	75,193	249,672
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	55,418	54,638	56,420	56,793	223,269
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					334,904
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures				0	

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule C, Part IV, Additional Information

MCEA reports its "direct lobbying expenditures" as defined by federal tax law. That is limited to efforts to "influence" specific pieces of legislation, and does not include advocacy work in the executive or judicial branches, nonpartisan analysis of policy issues and related communications and handling requests for information from legislators or

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

staff. "Lobbying" under Minnesota campaign finance law is much broader than "lobbying" under federal tax law.

In 990 returns filed prior to 2010, MCEA included expenditures for some activities that would fall outside the federal definition of lobbying.

This return conforms MCEA reporting to the federal definition.

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II including questions 1-9 about conservation easements, with a table for lines 2a-2d and Yes/No checkboxes.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form for Part III including questions 1a, 1b, and 2 about collections of art and historical treasures, with dollar amount fields.

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" to 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" to 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	1,431,063	1,235,158	1,212,039	1,178,061	997,961
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	6,473	20,156	83,119	45,247	191,311
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs			60,000		
f Administrative expenses	14,860	13,845	12,438	11,269	11,211
g End of year balance	1,492,676	1,431,063	1,235,158	1,212,039	1,178,061

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
 - a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ **62.60 %**
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶ **37.40 %**
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ %
 The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations		X
(ii) related organizations		X
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?		
- 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" to 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				
e Other		43,112	30,281	12,831
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				12,831

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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" to 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.) ▶		

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Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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" to 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,803,583
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		-48,277
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	-48,277
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,851,860
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	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	1,851,860

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,543,413
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,543,413
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part IX, line 18.)		5	1,543,413

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Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses for Endowment Funds

The Board designated a fund for future programming needs. These amounts are not available for general operations until released by the Board of Directors. The Board has designated the use of cumulative earnings from the endowment fund for future programming needs.

The permanently restricted - endowment fund has been created from gifts, bequests and legacies specified as endowment funds by the donor. It is to ensure the longevity and independence of MCEA by providing a long-term funding source, enabling MCEA to develop and maintain programming and facilities in line with its mission. The Board of Directors sets the spending policy for the Endowment Fund and considers the balance between re-investment of annual earnings with the operating needs of the organization.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

Part X - FIN 48 Footnote

The organization has evaluated its potential exposure for uncertain tax positions and management has expressed there are no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2015. Tax returns for the past three tax years remain open for examination by tax jurisdictions.

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

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

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Part I

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

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

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

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

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

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
1							
2							
3							
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8							
9							
10							
Total							

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events	
		<u>Legally Green G</u> (event type)	<u>House Parties</u> (event type)	<u>1</u> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	120,818	22,125	8,840	151,783
	2	Less: Contributions	102,578	22,125	4,530	129,233
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	18,240		4,310	22,550
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs	500		800	1,300
	7	Food and beverages	17,926		3,071	20,997
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	2,132	1,411	769	4,312
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)					-4,059

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
b If "Yes," explain: _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? **Yes** **No**
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? **Yes** **No**

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
a The organization's facility

13a	%
13b	%

b An outside facility

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:
Name ▶
Address ▶

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

Name ▶
Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information:
Name ▶
Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$
Description of services provided ▶ **Public Disclosure Copy**
 Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

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

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

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**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)	Friends Boundary Waters Wilderness 401 N. 3rd St., #290 Minneapolis MN 55401	36-3414821	c3	20,000				Subcontractor
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

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- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **▶ 1**
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **▶**

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Part I, Line 2 - Procedures for Monitoring the Use of Grant Funds

MCEA enters into a contract agreement with the organization receiving the funds. This agreement specifies the type of activities the funding is to be used for, the time period of the agreement, any end-of-agreement deliverables or reports, and the portion of the funding that is withheld pending completion of the agreement and related activities. Progress on activities and the final report are reviewed by MCEA staff over the course of the agreement. Final payment is authorized when MCEA accepts the final report.

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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- Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30. Attach to Form 990. Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

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Part I Types of Property

Table with 4 columns: (a) Check if applicable, (b) Number of contributions or items contributed, (c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, (d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts. Row 9 is filled with X, 15, 30,427, and Selling price.

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29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement 29

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 30a, 31, 32a are filled with X in the Yes or No columns.

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Third Accomplishment

climate.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishment

Mining: addresses the potential environmental impacts of proposed nonferrous sulfide mining projects in northeastern Minnesota, including water and air pollution, wetland conversion and tailings basin stability. MCEA's focus is to ensure that the proposed mines prove they can meet applicable environmental standards, that agencies use the best available science to evaluate these proposals, and the long-term interest of taxpayers and the environment are protected.

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Wildlife and Natural Resources: works to conserve, protect, and advocate for policies and practices that will sustain lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and forests, as well as the communities that depend upon them to prevent long term damage and destruction. For example, MCEA has been a key advocate for strengthening Minnesota's Wetland Conservation Act and for funding for actions and research that work to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 8b - Documentation by Committee Explanation

Board committees report verbally to the board on committee activities during Board meetings, with board minutes including documentation of committee activities.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

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It is the policy of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) that MCEA staff will generate all financial information for the external audit and 990 tax return.

After staff review of the draft audit and 990 documents, the Administration and Finance Committee of the Board will meet with staff to review the draft documents for approval and recommendation to the Board.

The recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee will be presented to the full Board for adoption.

These actions will be completed before the first filing date of November 15 of reporting year.

If the full Board cannot meet and consider the recommendation prior to November 15, the Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Board on the recommendation.

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

The Board requires each director, officer and staff member to be advised of the Conflict of Interest Policy, and provided a copy, immediately upon assuming duties or relationship at MCEA.

At every other Board meeting, the members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest. Each fall, the board members are provided with the necessary forms to update their status. Staff works with Board members to have all forms completed and returned.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The following describes the process used by MCEA to set compensation for its executive director.

MCEA compensation includes salary and benefits. The benefits package

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includes paid time off (accrued at varying rates based on tenure) and a benefits payment that can be used to purchase health care, purchase other coverage, contribute to retirement or be used in another manner as determined by the employee. Every employee receives the same benefit package. The benefits payment is designed to cover at least the cost of individual health care insurance for the employee. The amount of the payment is reviewed annually and adjusted as coverage costs and budget allow.

MCEA salary compensation for the executive director is determined based on the following factors:

1. Current salary and tenure of incumbent (or previous incumbent if filling vacancy).

2. Salary and tenure of comparable positions, including other organizations of like size and activity as reported on their 990.

3. A survey of the existing market based on similar job postings on the MN Council of Nonprofits website, local newspapers and job boards and national sources such as Monster.com.

4. A published survey of reported salaries/compensation for executive director or other top positions. The primary source for this information in Minnesota is the Minnesota Nonprofit Salary and Benefits Survey published regularly by the MN Council of Nonprofits.

This information is evaluated by the Board of Directors executive committee, with action recommended by the committee submitted to the full board for final approval.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

The organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy and

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financial statements are available to the public upon request. In addition, Form 990 is published at www.Guidestar.com.

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Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No. 1545-0172

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Attachment Sequence No. **179**

Name(s) shown on return **Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy**

Identifying number
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Business or activity to which this form relates
Indirect Depreciation

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

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

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2013 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2015. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

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

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

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	5,015

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

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2014	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2014 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

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

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2014 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

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

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	5,015
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Federal Asset Report**Form 990, Page 1**

Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179 Bonus	Basis for Depr	PerConv Meth	Prior	Current
Other Depreciation:									
3	Office improvements	12/31/02	14,471			14,471	10 MO S/L	14,471	0
10	Custom workstation	8/26/09	2,200			2,200	3 MO S/L	2,200	0
11	Laptop	10/06/09	1,552			1,552	3 MO S/L	1,552	0
12	Three computers	4/28/10	1,602			1,602	3 MO S/L	1,602	0
16	Dell - 4 Optiplex computers	10/12/10	2,777			2,777	3 MO S/L	2,777	0
17	Tech Guru-GIS Manager desktop	5/22/13	1,597			1,597	3 MO S/L	799	533
18	Dell replacement server	7/03/13	6,838			6,838	3 MO S/L	1,140	2,279
19	Donor Pro Software/Conversion	2/12/14	4,350			4,350	3 MO S/L	725	1,450
20	computers	12/17/14	3,145			3,145	3 MO S/L	0	524
21	Carpentry on new offices	5/01/15	4,580			4,580	10 MO S/L	0	229
	Total Other Depreciation		<u>43,112</u>			<u>43,112</u>		<u>25,266</u>	<u>5,015</u>
	Total ACRS and Other Depreciation		<u>43,112</u>			<u>43,112</u>		<u>25,266</u>	<u>5,015</u>
	Grand Totals		43,112			43,112		25,266	5,015
	Less: Dispositions and Transfers		0			0		0	0
	Less: Start-up/Org Expense		0			0		0	0
	Net Grand Totals		<u>43,112</u>			<u>43,112</u>		<u>25,266</u>	<u>5,015</u>

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**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)****Fundraising Other Events****2014**For calendar year 2014, or tax year beginning **07/01/14**, and ending **06/30/15**

Name

**Minnesota Center for Environmental
Advocacy**

Employer Identification Number

23-7412105

		(a) Other event	(b) Other event	(c) Other event	(d) Total other events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		<u>Women's Breakfa</u> (event type)	_____	_____	
		(event type)	(event type)	(event type)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	8,840			8,840
	2 Less: Charitable contributions	4,530			4,530
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	4,310			4,310
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	800			800
	7 Food/beverages	3,071			3,071
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other expenses	769			769

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STATE OF MINNESOTA CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION INITIAL REGISTRATION & ANNUAL REPORT FORM

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORI SWANSON

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445 MINNESOTA STREET
ST. PAUL, MN 55101-2130
(651) 757-1311
(651) 296-1410 (TTY)
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Annual Reporting Initial Registration

FEDERAL EIN NUMBER 23-7412105

FOR YEAR ENDING: 06/30/15

SECTION A: REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION & ANNUAL REPORTING

Minnesota Center for Environmental

1. Legal Name of Organization: **Advocacy**

If annual reporting, is this a new name since the organization's last filing? Yes No

If so, please state former name: _____

2. List all names under which the organization solicits contributions:
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy or MCEA

3. Mailing Address of Organization (required)	Physical Address of Organization (required)
<u>26 East Exchange Street, #206</u>	<u>26 East Exchange Street, #206</u>
<u>St. Paul MN 55101</u>	<u>St. Paul MN 55101</u>

4. Contact Person <u>Mr. Scott Strand</u>	E-mail <u>sstrand@mncenter.org</u>
Tel. No. <u>651-223-5969</u>	Fax No. <u>651-223-5967</u>

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5. Does the organization use the services of a professional fund-raiser (outside solicitor or consultant)?
 Yes No

If so, provide name and address of any outside professional fund-raiser employed by the organization and state the total amount of compensation each outside fund-raiser received from the filing organization during the year. **Attach schedule if more than one.**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Compensation _____

6. a) Does this professional fund-raiser solicit or consult in Minnesota? Yes No
b) Is this professional fund-raiser registered to solicit or consult in Minnesota? Yes No

7. Month and day accounting year ends: **6/30**

8. Has the organization included the filing fee, late fee (if any) and all attachments required by the instructions? Yes No

Office Use Only:	ARF	\$25	\$50	N (e-Postcard)	990	EZ	PF	FES	SIG	BD	SAL	Audit
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9. This Section A(9) must be completed by organizations filing a 990-N (e-Postcard) or organizations whose filing does not contain the information requested below. This includes organizations that: 1) do not file an IRS Form 990, 2) file an IRS Form 990-EZ or 990-PF, or 3) organizations that file a group return that does not include the filing organization's individual financial information.

INCOME

Contributions from the public	\$	<u>1,365,403</u>
Government Grants	\$	
Other revenue	\$	<u>486,457</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	<u>1,851,860</u>

EXCESS or DEFICIT	\$	<u>308,447</u>
TOTAL Assets	\$	<u>2,683,110</u>
TOTAL Liabilities	\$	<u>94,624</u>

END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE/NET WORTH (Assets minus Liabilities) \$ 2,588,486

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SECTION B: REQUIRED FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION ONLY

1. Address of registered agent in the State of Minnesota or the address of the person who has custody of the organization's books and records if not kept at the organization's office.
 Name _____
 Street and Number _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone # _____

2. Type of legal entity (**Attach** the creating document):
 Nonprofit corporation Trust Unincorporated association Other _____

3. Place and date the organization was incorporated: _____
(state) (date)

4. Is the organization exempt from federal income taxes?
 Yes (**Attach** a copy of the IRS determination letter) Status: 501(c)(_____)
 No Date organization submitted Form 1023 to the IRS _____

5. If the organization is not exempt from federal income taxes and uses a fiscal agent, state the fiscal agent's name, address and federal EIN: _____

6. Has the organization been denied the right to solicit contributions?
 a. By any government agency? Yes No If yes, attach explanation.
 b. By any court? Yes No If yes, attach explanation.

7. Explain in detail the charitable purposes of the organization, including major program activities.

8. Please mark all items that describe the organization's charitable mission:
 Arts & Culture Human Services Civic/Lobbying International Health
 Environment Mental Health Education Religious Other _____
 Or: List the NTEE code(s) that describe the organization's purpose: _____

9. Which of the above two best describes the organization's primary purpose(s)?
 1. _____ 2. _____

10. Check one or more methods of solicitation the organization anticipates using:
 Telephone appeals Grant writing Sweepstakes Other _____
 Direct mail Internet Media

11. State the total contributions the organization received during the accounting year last ended:
 \$ _____

12. **Attach** a list of organization's officers, directors, trustees, and chief executive officer, including their titles, addresses, and total annual compensation paid to each Attached

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SECTION C: REQUIRED FOR ANNUAL REPORTING ONLY

ALL Annual Report filers MUST complete questions 1-6

- 1. Has the organization's accounting year changed since the last report was filed Yes No
 If yes, provide the new year-end date: _____
- 2. **Attach** an explanation if there has been any change in the organization's tax status with the Internal Revenue Service; a significant change in the purposes of the organization; or if the organization's right to solicit funds has been denied, suspended, revoked or enjoined by any state agency or court in any state, or if there are proceedings pending. None Attached
- 3. List of the five highest paid directors, officers, and employees of the organization and its related organizations, as that term is defined by section 317A.011, subdivision 18, that receive total compensation of more than \$100,000, together with the compensation paid to each. For purposes of this subdivision, "compensation" is defined as the total amount reported on Form W-2 (Box 5) or Form 1099-MISC (Box 7) issued by the organization and its related organizations to the individual. The value of fringe benefits and deferred compensation paid by the charitable organization and all related organizations as that term is defined by section 317A.011, subdivision 18, shall also be reported as a separate item for each person whose compensation is required to be reported pursuant to this subdivision.

	Name/Title	Compensation	Deferred Compensation	Fringe Benefits
1	See form 990			
2				
3				
4				
5				

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- 4. **Attach** a list of organization's board of directors. Attached Included in IRS Return
- 5. **Attach a GAAP audit** if total revenue exceeds \$750,000 Attached Audit not included under the Food Shelf Exemption (excluding from total revenue the value of food donated to a nonprofit food shelf for redistribution at no cost). Audit not required
- 6. Minnesota law requires that an organization file a copy of all tax or information returns filed with the IRS, including IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard), 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF, including all schedules and amendments. Has the organization included with this annual report a copy of all tax or informational returns, including IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard), 990, 990-EZ or 990-PF that it filed with the IRS (excluding Schedule B or any other donor list) Yes No (Not required to file a return with IRS or files a group return).

NOTE: By answering YES to the above question, you are attesting that the IRS informational return filed with this office is an exact copy, including all schedules and attachments, of the IRS informational return filed with the IRS (excluding Schedule B or any other donor list the IRS may require).

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7. This Section C(7) must be completed by organizations that: 1) do not file an informational return with the IRS; 2) file a 990-N (e-Postcard), 990-EZ, or 990-PF; 3) file a group return that does not include the filing organization's functional expense information; or 4) file an IRS Form 990 that does not contain a completed functional expenses statement within the IRS Form 990.

Statement of Functional Expenses				
	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S.				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S.				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
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				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a				
b				
c				
d All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24d				
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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Must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
For 990-EZ filers: Column A, Line 25 should equal line 17 IRS Form 990-EZ
For 990-PF filers: Column A, Line 25 should equal line 26 IRS Form 990-PF
The total of Column A, lines 1 through 24d should equal line 25a.
The total of lines 25b, 25c and 25d, should equal line 25a.

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SECTION D: REQUIRED FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION & ANNUAL REPORTING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SIGNATURES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We, the undersigned, state and acknowledge that we are duly constituted officers of this organization, being the Executive Director (Title) and _____ (Title) respectively, and that we execute this document on behalf of the organization pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Directors (Board of Directors, Trustees, or Managing Group) adopted on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____, approving the contents of the document, and do hereby certify that the Board of Directors (Board of Directors, Trustees or Managing Group) has assumed, and will continue to assume, responsibility for determining matters of policy, and have supervised, and will continue to supervise, the finances of the organization. We further state that the information supplied is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Scott Strand
Name (Print) _____ Name (Print) _____
Signature _____ Signature _____

Executive Director
Title _____ Title _____

_____ Date _____
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*** NOTICE ***

Documents required to be filed are public records. Please do not include social security numbers, driver's license numbers or bank account numbers on the documents filed with this Office as they are not required, but could become part of the public records. A charitable organization is not required to file a list of its donors. If it is included, it may become part of the public file.