

EXTENDED TO MAY 15, 2017

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2015
Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2015** and ending **JUN 30, 2016**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY		D Employer identification number 04-2108374
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 617-536-1608
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1154 BOYLSTON STREET		G Gross receipts \$ 2,929,057.
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BOSTON, MA 02215-3695		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	F Name and address of principal officer: DENNIS A. FIORI SAME AS C ABOVE		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
J Website: WWW.MASSHIST.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1791 M State of legal domicile: MA	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE MHS IS A CENTER OF LEARNING DEDICATED TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE.		
	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	22
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	21
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	58
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	35
	7 a 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 1h)	Prior Year 2,507,894.	Current Year 2,751,581.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	93,707.	149,505.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	354,451.	-42,624.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	226,248.	-1,767.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,182,300.	2,856,695.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	125,317.	109,001.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	3,757,026.	3,713,841.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 414,291.		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,484,657.	2,128,613.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,367,000.	5,951,455.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-2,184,700.	-3,094,760.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 90,661,553.	End of Year 84,771,602.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,917,048.	2,641,937.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	88,744,505.	82,129,665.

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 <i>Dennis A. Fiori</i>	Date 5/10/17
	DENNIS A. FIORI, PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name DONALD ZIDIK	Preparer's signature	Date 05/08/17	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00080352
	Firm's name ▶ MARCUM LLP	Firm's address ▶ 53 STATE STREET, FLOOR 17 BOSTON, MA 02109	Firm's EIN ▶ 11-1986323	Phone no. (617) 807-5000	

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 [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS A CENTER OF RESEARCH AND LEARNING DEDICATED TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. THROUGH ITS COLLECTIONS, SCHOLARLY PURSUITS, AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS, THE SOCIETY SEEKS TO NURTURE A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$ 4,039,024. including grants of \$ 109,001.) (Revenue \$ 178,386.) AS THE NATION'S FIRST HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE MHS STRIVES TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NATION'S PAST AND ITS CONNECTION TO THE PRESENT, DEMONSTRATING THAT HISTORY IS NOT JUST A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT HAPPENED TO INDIVIDUALS LONG AGO BUT IS INTEGRAL TO THE FABRIC OF OUR DAILY LIVES. ITS COLLECTIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN AMERICAN HISTORY. BEYOND RESEARCH, THE MHS OFFERS MANY WAYS FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY ITS COLLECTIONS INCLUDING ENGAGING PROGRAMS, THOUGHT-PROVOKING EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS, SEMINARS, AND TEACHER WORKSHOPS.

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 4,039,024.

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes rows for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, and charitable contributions.

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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (22), 1b (21), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MA
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.
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 - 617-536-1608 1154 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02215-3695

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 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) AMALIE M. KASS TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) JOSEPH PETER SPANG TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) G. MARSHALL MORIARTY TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) LISA NURME TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) CLAIRE NELSON TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) LEVIN H. CAMPBELL, JR. TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) WILLIAM C. CLENDANIEL TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) NEWCOMB STILLWELL TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) ANTHONY H. LENESE TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) EDWARD L. WIDMER TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) WILLIAM N. THORNDIKE TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) FREDERICK PFANNENSTIEHL TRUSTEE & VICE CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(13) CHARLES C. AMES CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(14) JUDITH WITTENBERG SECRETARY	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(15) BENJAMIN ADAMS CHAIR OF COUNCIL OF OVERSEERS	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(16) FREDERICK D. BALLOU TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) PROF. JOYCE CHAPLIN TRUSTEE	3.00	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 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			
(18) HERBERT P. DANE TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) BYRON RUSHING TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) PAUL W. SANDMAN TREASURER	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(21) OLIVER F. AMES TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) DENNIS A FIORI PRESIDENT	35.00			X				263,037.	0.	29,402.
(23) PETER HOOD DIRECTOR OF ADMIN & FINANCE	35.00				X			150,131.	0.	8,983.
(24) BRENDA M. LAWSON DIRECTOR OF COLLECTION SERVICES	35.00				X			122,543.	0.	18,869.
(25) CONRAD WRIGHT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	35.00				X			115,043.	0.	18,244.
(26) PETER DRUMMEY LIBRARIAN	35.00				X			123,091.	0.	8,872.
1b Sub-total								773,845.	0.	84,370.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								773,845.	0.	84,370.

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 **5**

	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
SHAWMUT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION 560 HARRISON AVE, BOSTON, MA 02118	ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS	629,027.
BAY STATE ALARM SECURITY INC. 462 PLEASANT STREET, MARLBORO, MA 01752	SECURITY CONSULTANT	109,268.

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 **2**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a						
	b Membership dues	1b	134,050.					
	c Fundraising events	1c	179,961.					
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,157,295.					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,280,275.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$							
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			2,751,581.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a SUBSCRIPTIONS & EVENTS	Business Code	519100	96,629.	96,629.		
b PHOTO RENTAL / REPRODU			519100	46,548.	46,548.			
c SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			511120	6,328.	6,328.			
d								
e								
f All other program service revenue								
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f				149,505.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			-42,624.			-42,624.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	5 Royalties			41,732.			41,732.	
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)						
		d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
		c Gain or (loss)						
		d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 179,961. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a		0.				
		b Less: direct expenses	b	72,362.				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-72,362.			-72,362.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses		b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11 a SALE OF COLLECTIONS			900099	17,500.	17,500.			
	b OTHER REVENUE		900099	11,363.	11,363.			
	c							
	d All other revenue							
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d				28,863.			
12 Total revenue. See instructions.				2,856,695.	178,368.	0.	-73,254.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	109,001.	109,001.		
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	897,355.	601,228.	224,339.	71,788.
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	2,189,709.	1,458,099.	531,397.	200,213.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	105,606.	70,756.	26,402.	8,448.
9 Other employee benefits	309,868.	207,612.	77,467.	24,789.
10 Payroll taxes	211,303.	141,573.	52,826.	16,904.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,532.		5,532.	
c Accounting	40,000.		40,000.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	26,300.	2,720.	23,580.	
12 Advertising and promotion	84,129.		84,129.	
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology	115,458.	58,043.	33,924.	23,491.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	405,421.	233,401.	169,699.	2,321.
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	6,162.	6,162.		
20 Interest	53,140.		53,140.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	406,601.	345,611.	40,660.	20,330.
23 Insurance				
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 PROGRAM EXPENSE	303,142.	303,142.		
b EXHIBITS	162,397.	162,397.		
c CULTIVATION & MEETINGS	136,897.		108,939.	27,958.
d PRINTING	107,337.	89,779.		17,558.
e All other expenses	276,097.	249,500.	26,106.	491.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	5,951,455.	4,039,024.	1,498,140.	414,291.
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 if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	269,184.	1	293,067.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,885,989.	2	1,855,257.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	988,513.	3	1,187,299.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,465.	4	26,652.
	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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	109,241.	9	117,514.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 17,596,898.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 6,012,986.	11,006,129.	10c 11,583,912.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	75,936,781.	11	69,284,487.
	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	464,251.	15	423,414.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	90,661,553.	16	84,771,602.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	363,919.	17	475,565.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	486,128.	19	474,065.
	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	795,506.	23	1,426,964.
	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	271,495.	25	265,343.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,917,048.	26	2,641,937.
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	36,115,980.	27	33,553,661.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	36,496,882.	28	32,390,761.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	16,131,643.	29	16,185,243.
	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	88,744,505.	33	82,129,665.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	90,661,553.	34	84,771,602.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,856,695.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,951,455.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-3,094,760.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	88,744,505.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-3,520,080.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	82,129,665.

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	2a	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	2b	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.	2c	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? _____	3a	X
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 _____	3b	

Form 990 (2015)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **04-2108374**

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

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

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2361492.	2445986.	2547320.	2335487.	2571620.	12261905.
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	2361492.	2445986.	2547320.	2335487.	2571620.	12261905.
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)						130,481.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						12131424.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	2361492.	2445986.	2547320.	2335487.	2571620.	12261905.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1021229.	938,882.	1066032.	501,935.	142,285.	3670363.
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.)	37,222.	1246841.	11,689.	16,552.	11,363.	1323667.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						17255935.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	930,009.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	70.30 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	64.66 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

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

Section B. Total Support

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

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

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?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
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 .		

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.		
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.		

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).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
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.		

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.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
b 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.			
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 .			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	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	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

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

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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

PART VI

N/A

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

04-2108374

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% 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).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY **Employer identification number** 04-2108374

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

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

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	75,936,781.	76,295,401.	67,677,383.	61,134,394.	66,797,009.
b Contributions	128,329.	484,236.	384,525.	1,695,432.	80,683.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-2,645,956.	2,925,719.	11,899,085.	8,173,090.	-1,954,079.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	3,293,867.	3,154,045.	3,248,242.	2,940,053.	3,414,569.
f Administrative expenses	840,800.	614,530.	417,350.	385,480.	374,650.
g End of year balance	69,284,487.	75,936,781.	76,295,401.	67,677,383.	61,134,394.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 32.00 %
- b Permanent endowment 23.00 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment 45.00 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii) related organizations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		200,000.		200,000.
b Buildings		16,522,923.	5,400,150.	11,122,773.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		873,975.	612,836.	261,139.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				11,583,912.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) LIABILITIES UNDER SPLIT-INTEREST	
(3) AGREEMENTS	265,343.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	265,343.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	-661,066.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-3,520,080.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	72,362.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		-3,447,718.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		2,786,652.
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	70,043.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		70,043.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5		2,856,695.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	5,953,774.
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	72,362.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		72,362.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		5,881,412.
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	70,043.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		70,043.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5		5,951,455.

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 III, LINE 1A:

THE COLLECTIONS, WHICH WERE ACQUIRED THROUGH PURCHASES AND CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THE SOCIETY'S INCEPTION, ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS ASSETS ON THE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION. PURCHASE OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE RECORDED AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS IF PURCHASED WITH UNRESTRICTED ASSETS AND AS DECREASES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED OR PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS IF PURCHASED WITH DONOR-RESTRICTED ASSETS. CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES OR AS ASSETS. PROCEEDS FROM DEACCESSIONS ARE REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE ABSENCE OR EXISTENCE AND NATURE OF DONOR-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

PART III, LINE 4:

THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS ARE MADE UP OF MANUSCRIPTS, RARE BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, REFERENCE WORKS, ART OBJECTS AND OTHER ARTIFACTS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE THAT ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH, HISTORIC, AND CURATORIAL PURPOSES. EACH OF THESE ITEMS IS CATALOGED, PRESERVED, AND CARED FOR, AND ACTIVITIES VERIFYING THEIR EXISTENCE AND ASSESSING THEIR CONDITION ARE PERFORMED CONTINUALLY.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE SOCIETY EVALUATES ALL SIGNIFICANT TAX POSITIONS AS REQUIRED BY GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES IN THE UNITED STATES. AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, THE SOCIETY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT HAS TAKEN ANY TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE RECORDING OF ANY ADDITIONAL TAX LIABILITY NOR DOES IT BELIEVE THERE ARE ANY UNREALIZED TAX BENEFITS THAT WOULD EITHER INCREASE OR DECREASE WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 72,362.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

PURCHASE OF COLLECTIONS 70,043.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 72,362.

PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

PURCHASE OF COLLECTIONS 70,043.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		ANNUAL FUNDRAISER (event type)	NONE (event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	179,961.		179,961.
	2	Less: Contributions	179,961.		179,961.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)			
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs	16,779.		16,779.
	7	Food and beverages	46,000.		46,000.
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	9,583.		9,583.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			72,362.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)			-72,362.	

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

PART IV

N/A

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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
FELLOWSHIPS	27	109,001.	0.		

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:

THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCHERS TO USE ITS LIBRARY.
 IN ADDITION, PRIOR TO DISBURSING THE FINAL FELLOWSHIP PAYMENT THE SOCIETY RECEIVES A COPY OF THE FELLOWS RESEARCH WORK PRODUCT.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |
- b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain
- 2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?
- 3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |
- 4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:
- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.
- Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**
- 5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:
- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.
- 6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:
- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.
- 7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III
- 8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III
- 9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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

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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 1A:

THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES A SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR ITS PRESIDENT. THE AMOUNT IS PAID PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OUTLINED IN HIS ORIGINAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT.

**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 **MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **04-2108374**

Part I	Types of Property	(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
1	Art - Works of art				
2	Art - Historical treasures				
3	Art - Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications				
5	Clothing and household goods				
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
8	Intellectual property				
9	Securities - Publicly traded	X	8	160,229.	AVG NAV (HI+LO)
10	Securities - Closely held stock				
11	Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12	Securities - Miscellaneous				
13	Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14	Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15	Real estate - Residential				
16	Real estate - Commercial				
17	Real estate - Other				
18	Collectibles				
19	Food inventory				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ▶ (SEE PART II)	X	127	0.	
26	Other ▶ ()				
27	Other ▶ ()				
28	Other ▶ ()				

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**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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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.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

INCLUDES BOOKS, ARTIFACTS, MANUSCRIPTS, FAMILY RECORDS, LETTERS, CORRESPONDENCE, CORPORATE DOCUMENTS, MAPS AND BROADSIDES. THE SOCIETY'S POLICY AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE D, IS NOT TO RECORD THE VALUE OF DONATED COLLECTION ITEMS AS ASSETS.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

AMERICAN HISTORY AND FOR THE IDEAS, VALUES, SUCCESSES, AND FAILURES
THAT BIND US TOGETHER AS A NATION.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND DESCRIPTIONS:

COLLECTIONS - THE SOCIETY'S EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTIONS TELL THE STORY OF
AMERICA THROUGH MILLIONS OF RARE AND UNIQUE DOCUMENTS, ARTIFACTS, AND
NATIONAL TREASURES, INCLUDING THE PERSONAL PAPERS OF THREE
PRESIDENTS-JOHN ADAMS, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, AND THOMAS JEFFERSON. THROUGH
ITS RESEARCH LIBRARY, ONLINE RESOURCES, PUBLICATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, AND
PROGRAMS, THE MHS MAKES ITS HOLDINGS ACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE WITH AN
INTEREST IN THE PEOPLE AND EVENTS THAT SHAPED OUR COUNTRY. PAUL
REVERE'S HANDWRITTEN ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMOUS RIDE, THOMAS JEFFERSON'S AND
JOHN ADAMS'S MANUSCRIPT COPIES OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, AND
ELBRIDGE GERRY'S ANNOTATED COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION-THESE ARE AMONG THE
MANY ICONIC AMERICAN DOCUMENTS OF THE MHS. SPANNING FOUR CENTURIES, THE
SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS-THE LETTERS, DIARIES, AND OTHER PERSONAL PAPERS
OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, AS WELL AS THEIR BOOKS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS,
NEWSPAPERS, ARTIFACTS, AND WORKS OF ART-HAVE BECOME ESSENTIAL PRIMARY
SOURCES FOR THE STUDY AND UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN HISTORY. THE
LIBRARY IS FREE AND OPEN TO RESEARCHERS OF ALL AGES AND LEVELS OF
INTEREST IN OUR COLLECTIONS SIX DAYS A WEEK. THE LIBRARY DOES NOT LEND
MATERIALS, BUT ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN USING THE COLLECTIONS CAN
REGISTER AS A RESEARCHER AND USE MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY. IN MANY

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CASES SELECTED MATERIALS CAN BE REPRODUCED AND SENT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT VISIT THE LIBRARY IN PERSON.

EXHIBITIONS - THE SOCIETY'S EXHIBITIONS CELEBRATE THE PERSPECTIVE AMERICAN HISTORY BRINGS TO OUR OWN TIME AND ILLUSTRATE HOW IT SUSTAINS OUR REPUBLIC AND GUIDES OUR FUTURE. AS ONE OF THE REGION'S MAJOR VENUE FOR HISTORY PRESENTATIONS, THE MHS PRODUCES EXHIBITIONS THAT ARE THEMATIC, TELL STORIES, AND EXPLORE TURNING POINTS IN THE PAST. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR WAS THE PRIVATE JEFFERSON: FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY. VISITORS ENJOYED AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A SELECTION OF JEFFERSON'S ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS, WRITINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE, AND RECORD BOOKS. THE GALLERIES ALSO FEATURED NEW TECHNOLOGY COMPONENTS IN THE FORM OF INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS THAT OFFERED MULTIMEDIA CONTENT, INCLUDING EXPERT COMMENTARY AND DIGITAL FACSIMILES THAT ENABLED CLOSE INVESTIGATION OF MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY. THE MHS OFFERED THREE OTHER EXHIBITIONS THAT EXPLORED VALUABLE ASPECTS OF ITS COLLECTIONS. TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY EXAMINED FIFTEEN DECISIVE MOMENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY AS DESCRIBED IN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS AND PERSONAL RECORDS OR AS COMMEMORATED BY "DUMB WITNESSES"-ARTIFACTS FOUND IN THE SOCIETY'S ENORMOUS COLLECTIONS. TERRA FIRMA: THE BEGINNINGS OF THE MHS MAP COLLECTION SHOWCASED THE SOCIETY'S EARLIEST COLLECTING EFFORTS IN CARTOGRAPHY, WHICH BEGAN IN 1791. ALWAYS YOUR FRIEND": LETTERS FROM THEODORE ROOSEVELT TO HENRY CABOT LODGE, 1884-1918 EXAMINED THE PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP OF THESE TWO PROMINENT STATESMEN, VICISSITUDES AND ALL.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS - CONTINUING TO DEVELOP A VIBRANT

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SELECTION OF PUBLIC AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS ENABLES THE MHS TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NATION'S PAST AND ITS CONNECTION TO THE PRESENT, DEMONSTRATING THAT HISTORY IS NOT JUST A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT HAPPENED TO INDIVIDUALS LONG AGO BUT IS INTEGRAL TO THE FABRIC OF OUR DAILY LIVES. WHERE OPINIONS VARY, THE MHS PROVIDES A FORUM FOR DEBATE. PROGRAMMING DESIGNED FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE ATTRACTED MORE THAN 2,200 ATTENDEES AT 47 PROGRAMS OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR. THE SOCIETY OFFERED SCHOLARS AND OTHERS WHO JOINED US FOR ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS A TOTAL OF 70 PROGRAMS-29 SEMINARS IN 5 SERIES, 40 BROWN-BAG LUNCHES, AND A RECEPTION AT THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR TO INTRODUCE THE SOCIETY TO GRADUATE STUDENTS.

THE MHS ALSO OFFERS AN ENGAGING ARRAY OF PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES TO K-12 TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, INCLUDING WORKSHOPS, FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CURRICULUM RESOURCES, TWENTY-ONE SUCH TEACHER PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS TOOK PLACE THIS PAST YEAR. COMMITTED TO USING ITS UNIQUE RESOURCES TO IMPROVE AND SUPPORT THE TEACHING OF AMERICAN HISTORY IN ALL K-12 CLASSROOMS, THE MHS WILL LAUNCH THE CENTER FOR THE TEACHING OF HISTORY AT THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN JANUARY 2017. THE CENTER WILL PROMOTE HISTORY AND CIVICS EDUCATION AND BE AMONG THE NATION'S PREMIER RESOURCE PROVIDERS FOR EDUCATORS. IT WILL SUPPORT INNOVATIVE AND BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING HISTORY THROUGH PROGRAMS, WEB-BASED RESOURCES, FELLOWSHIPS, AND ITS SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORY DAY.

RESEARCH - THE SOCIETY STRIVES TO FOSTER A RESEARCH COMMUNITY THAT ACTIVELY PROMOTES THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE NATION. WE OFFER AN EXCEPTIONAL RANGE OF RESOURCES FOR MAKING AND SHARING HISTORICAL DISCOVERIES. VISITORS CAN ENJOY PUBLIC TALKS, TOURS,

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EXHIBITIONS, SCHOLARLY SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES, AND GAIN ACCESS TO OUR UNPARALLELED COLLECTIONS THROUGH OUR RESEARCH LIBRARY AND OUR WEBSITE.

THE MHS OFFERS MORE THAN 30 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN FOUR ANNUAL COMPETITIONS, AND PROVIDES SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO MORE THAN 600

SCHOLARS EVERY YEAR. THE MHS WELCOMES A WIDE VARIETY OF

RESEARCHERS-REPRESENTING 35 COUNTRIES AND ALL 50 STATES-FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO FAMILY HISTORIANS, TO PROFESSORS AND PULITZER

PRIZE-WINNING AUTHORS. THESE RESEARCHERS NETWORK, SHARE THEIR FINDINGS, AND EXCHANGE IDEAS.

PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EDITING INCLUDING THE ADAMS PAPERS - THE MHS BEGAN PUBLISHING BOOKS IN 1792 AND IS ONE OF THE OLDEST,

CONTINUALLY OPERATING PUBLISHERS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND MAKES

AVAILABLE PRINTED BOOKS, ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS, A NEWSLETTER, AND

SCHOLARLY JOURNAL. THE MHS PUBLISHES WORKS THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION

ABOUT AND MAKE AVAILABLE THE CONTENT OF SOME OF ITS MOST SIGNIFICANT

COLLECTIONS AND THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED THEM. AS PART OF ITS MISSION,

THE MHS MAINTAINS ITS OWN PUBLISHING PROGRAM AND HOSTS THE OFFICES OF

THE ADAMS PAPERS EDITORIAL PROJECT. FOUNDED IN 1954, THE ADAMS PAPERS

PROJECT PREPARES A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLISHED EDITION OF THE MANUSCRIPTS

WRITTEN AND RECEIVED BY THE FAMILY OF JOHN ADAMS OF QUINCY,

MASSACHUSETTS. THE ADAMS FAMILY PAPERS MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION AT THE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY FORMS THE NUCLEUS OF THE PROJECT. IN

ADDITION, THE EDITORS HAVE GATHERED OVER 27,000 COPIES OF ADAMS ITEMS

FROM HUNDREDS OF LIBRARIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED

STATES AND ABROAD. THE EDITORS DO NOT ALTER THE ADAMSES' WORDS; RATHER,

THEY CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR ADAMS DOCUMENTS, SELECT THE MATERIAL TO BE

INCLUDED IN THE EDITION, PROVIDE A FAITHFUL TRANSCRIPTION OF THE

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MANUSCRIPTS, AND SUPPLY ANNOTATION. TO DATE, OVER 50 VOLUMES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AS PART OF THE ADAMS PAPERS DIGITAL EDITION. THE PROJECT'S CUT-OFF DATE IS 1889, THE YEAR ABIGAIL BROOKS ADAMS DIED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4:

THE FOLLOWING LIST IS A SUMMARY OF THE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE SOCIETY'S BY-LAWS :

1. SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE II PROVIDES THAT ELECTION AS AN OVERSEER WILL CONSTITUTE ELECTION AS A FELLOW.

2. SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE II REDUCES THE THRESHOLD FOR ELECTION AS A FELLOW FROM THREE-QUARTERS TO TWO-THIRDS OF THE FELLOWS PRESENT AND VOTING AT A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

3. UNDER SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE II, FELLOWS MAY BE REMOVED BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE TRUSTEES THEN IN OFFICE AND PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING THE TRUSTEES.

4. SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE III ESTABLISHES A TERM LIMIT FOR TRUSTEES OF TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS, OR EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, PROVIDED THAT (A) ANY TRUSTEE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE PREVENTED FROM BEING RE-ELECTED AS A TRUSTEE MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE AS LONG AS HE OR SHE IS ALSO SERVING AS AN OFFICER, (B) ANY TRUSTEE WHO HAD BEEN SERVING AS AN OFFICER BUT WHO IS NOT NOMINATED TO CONTINUE AS AN OFFICER IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR MAY BE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR ONE ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM (I.E., EVEN IF HIS OR HER TERM LIMIT HAD BEEN REACHED WHILE SERVING AS AN OFFICER), AND (C) AFTER ONE OR MORE YEARS OFF OF THE BOARD, ANY FORMER TRUSTEE OR OFFICER MAY BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED AS A TRUSTEE SUBJECT TO THE TERM LIMITS FOR NEW TRUSTEES.

5. UNDER SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE III, TRUSTEES MAY BE REMOVED BY A VOTE OF

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TWO-THIRDS OF THE TRUSTEES THEN IN OFFICE AND PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING THE TRUSTEES.

6. SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IV PROVIDES THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIR OF THE OVERSEERS WILL BE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY AND REQUIRES THAT THE CHAIR OF THE OVERSEERS BE A TRUSTEE.

7. SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE IV ALLOWS THE TRUSTEES, INSTEAD OF THE FELLOWS, TO ELECT THE OFFICERS.

8. UNDER SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS MAY BE REMOVED BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE TRUSTEES THEN IN OFFICE AND PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING THE TRUSTEES.

9. UNDER ARTICLE V, THE TRUSTEES ARE GIVEN BROAD AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH, COMBINE, ELIMINATE, RENAME OR REORGANIZE THE STANDING COMMITTEES. THE BY-LAWS NO LONGER INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE.

10. ARTICLE VI ADDS PROVISIONS DESCRIBING THE COUNCIL OF OVERSEERS AND ITS GOVERNANCE. ELECTION AS AN OVERSEER WILL REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE FELLOWS PRESENT AND VOTING AT A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY. OVERSEERS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ELECTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

THE SOCIETY HAS ELECTED MEMBERS, KNOWN AS FELLOWS, AS WELL AS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, WHICH DO NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

THE SOCIETY HAS ELECTED MEMBERS, KNOWN AS FELLOWS, WHO DO NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS. IN ADDITION, THE SOCIETY IS GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHO ARE NOMINATED AND ELECTED BY THE EXISTING GOVERNING BODY. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GOVERNANCE DECISIONS.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES A DRAFT OF FORM 990 TO ITS FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING. ADDITIONALLY, A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL TRUSTEES FOR COMMENT PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

ANNUALLY, THE SOCIETY DISTRIBUTES A QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES REQUIRING THEM TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. THE SOCIETY REQUIRES THAT ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS DISTRIBUTED COMPLETE IT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

EACH YEAR THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MADE UP OF TRUSTEES TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DATA AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD, WHICH THEN MAKES THE FINAL DECISION. THE DELIBERATIONS AND DECISION OF BOTH THE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD ARE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY RECORDED IN THE MINUTES.

EACH YEAR THE PRESIDENT, AS CEO, REVIEWS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE KEY EMPLOYEES AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DATA AND REPORTS HIS DECISIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHICH ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE PRESIDENT ARE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY RECORDED AS IS THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, FORM 990 AND

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.		Yes	No
1	During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a	Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	X	
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
e	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f	Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g	Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
m	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
n	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		X
o	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)		X
p	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		X
q	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		X
r	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
s	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) FOUNDING FATHERS PAPERS, INC.	C	238,000.	
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

PART VII

N/A