

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Form **990**

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

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

C Name of organization
AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 Doing business as
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1400 S LAKE SHORE DRIVE
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
CHICAGO, IL 60605

D Employer identification number
72-6019246

E Telephone number
312-665-7936

G Gross receipts \$ **7,802,218.**

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

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

J Website: **WWW.AMERICANORNITHOLOGY.ORG**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: **1883** **M** State of legal domicile: **DC**

F Name and address of principal officer: **MELINDA PRUETT-JONES**
SAME AS C ABOVE

H(c) Group exemption number

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (AOS) IS AN INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO	
	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 16
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 16
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5 4
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 210
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 3,078.
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0.
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 1,817,037. Current Year 7,097,363.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	211,137. 297,189.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	-184,641. 194,997.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	170,575. 212,669.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,014,108. 7,802,218.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	129,974. 138,089.
	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)	396,078. 423,686.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0. 0.
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	41,579.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	403,347. 608,257.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	929,399. 1,170,032.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,084,709. 6,632,186.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 11,024,944. End of Year 19,744,386.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	59,358. 249,795.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	10,965,586. 19,494,591.

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: **MELINDA PRUETT-JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
 Date: _____
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **ROSE DOHERTY** Preparer's signature: **ROSE DOHERTY** Date: **1/14/18** Check if self-employed: PTIN: **P00653989**

Firm's name: **LEGACY PROFESSIONALS LLP** Firm's EIN: **32-0043599**

Firm's address: **4 WESTBROOK CORPORATE CTR #700 WESTCHESTER, IL 60154** Phone no.: **312-368-0500**

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 AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (AOS) IS AN INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO ADVANCING THE SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF BIRDS, ENRICHING ORNITHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION, AND PROMOTING A RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS.

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 \$ 241,469. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 241,273.) AOS PUBLISHES THE JOURNALS 'THE AUK: ORNITHOLOGICAL ADVANCES,' AND 'THE CONDOR: ORNITHOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS,' BOTH INTERNATIONAL, PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS. THESE JOURNALS PUBLISH PAPERS IN WHICH AUTHORS PRESENT ORIGINAL RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP THAT ADVANCE THE FUNDAMENTAL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF BIRD SPECIES, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD BIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS THROUGH STUDIES OF BIRD SPECIES. THE AOS ALSO PUBLISHES THE BOOK SERIES 'STUDIES IN AVIAN BIOLOGY.' THE SOCIETY ENDEAVORS TO PUBLISH ORIGINAL WORKS THAT INTRODUCE OR EMPLOY INNOVATIVE EMPIRICAL AND THEORETICAL APPROACHES AND ANALYSES, APPLIED RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY, AND DISCIPLINARY REVIEWS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 486,505. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 52,838.) THE AOS HOSTS AN INTELLECTUALLY ENGAGING AND VITAL ANNUAL MEETING THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DYNAMIC EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC IDEAS AMONG RESEARCHERS, STUDENTS, PRACTITIONERS, ENTHUSIASTS, AND WORLD EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ORNITHOLOGY. THE AOS REGULARLY HOLDS JOINT CONFERENCES IN ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SCIENCES.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 222,588. including grants of \$ 138,089.) (Revenue \$) THE AOS CONFERS SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH GRANTS AND PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS TO ITS MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN ORNITHOLOGY. THESE HONORS AND AWARDS SERVE TO PROMOTE AND INSPIRE THE ADVANCEMENT OF ORNITHOLOGICAL SCIENCE AMONG STUDENTS, EARLY PROFESSIONALS, AND SENIOR SCIENTISTS, AND ARE AWARDED TO ORNITHOLOGISTS AND STUDENTS IN ACADEMIA, GOVERNMENT, NONPROFITS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WORKING ACROSS THE GLOBE.

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

4e Total program service expenses 950,562.

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, and various tax compliance items.

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 (16), 1b (16), 2 (X), 3 (X), 4 (X), 5 (X), 6 (X), 7a (X), 7b (X), 8a (X), 8b (X), 9 (X).

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 (X), 10b, 11a (X), 11b, 12a (X), 12b (X), 12c (X), 13 (X), 14 (X), 15a (X), 15b (X), 16a (X), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL, CA
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY - 312-665-7936 1400 S LAKE SHORE DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60605

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) STEVEN BEISSINGER PRESIDENT	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) ANDREW W. JONES SECRETARY	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) REBECCA T. KIMBALL TREASURER	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) KATHY L. MARTIN PRESIDENT - ELECT	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) MELISSA S. BOWLIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) ELIZABETH P. DERRYBERRY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) RENEE A. DUCKWORTH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) KATIE M. DUGGER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) PETER O. DUNN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) SCOTT V. EDWARDS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) SHARON A. GILL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) KEVIN E. OMLAND DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) SARA R. MORRIS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) VIVIANA RUIZ-GUTIERREZ DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) NATHANIEL T. WHEELWRIGHT DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) CHRISTOPHER C. WITT DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) MELINDA PRUETT-JONES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00	X		X				147,689.	0.	9,245.

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) COLLEEN HANDEL DIRECTOR - PAST	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) PATRICIA HEGLUND DIRECTOR - PAST	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) JIM RIVERS DIRECTOR - PAST	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) REBECCA SAFRAN DIRECTOR - PAST	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total							147,689.	0.	9,245.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							147,689.	0.	9,245.	

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

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		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
NONE		

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

Part 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	129,348.					
	c Fundraising events	1c						
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	6,968,015.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$							
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			7,097,363.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a PUBLICATIONS	Business Code	511190	244,351.	241,273.	3,078.		
	b ANNUAL MEETING		900099	52,838.	52,838.			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f All other program service revenue							
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			297,189.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			194,997.			194,997.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	5 Royalties			209,332.			209,332.	
	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 \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a						
		b Less: direct expenses	b					
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	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 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		900099	3,337.			3,337.		
b								
c								
d All other revenue								
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			3,337.					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			7,802,218.	294,111.	3,078.	407,666.		

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	109,934.	109,934.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	28,155.	28,155.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	156,934.	117,304.	31,657.	7,973.
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	217,131.	153,192.	36,328.	27,611.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	5,102.	2,915.	1,311.	876.
9 Other employee benefits	15,560.	11,425.	2,846.	1,289.
10 Payroll taxes	28,959.	21,105.	5,306.	2,548.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	10,046.	680.	9,366.	
c Accounting	55,092.		55,092.	
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.)	18,218.	17,054.	1,164.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	21,728.	13,493.	7,939.	296.
14 Information technology	36,412.	26,774.	9,638.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	9,157.	8.	9,149.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	25,817.	23,825.	1,992.	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,436.	6,400.	1,229.	807.
23 Insurance	5,095.	1,456.	3,460.	179.
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 PUBLISHING	277,504.	277,504.		
b MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	66,229.	65,002.	1,227.	
c ORNITH COUNCIL SUPPORT	43,700.	43,700.		
d STRATEGIC PROJECTS	20,249.	20,249.		
e All other expenses	10,574.	10,387.	187.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,170,032.	950,562.	177,891.	41,579.
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	224,950.	1	153,955.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,000,495.	2	3,401,265.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	217,501.	4	4,527,536.
	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	19,319.	9	33,258.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 42,176.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 26,004.		
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	8,248,445.	11	11,294,545.
	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	289,626.	15	317,655.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	11,024,944.	16	19,744,386.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	49,821.	17	44,830.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	9,537.	19	156,547.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0.	25	48,418.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	59,358.	26	249,795.
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	8,437,718.	27	9,622,922.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	2,054,371.	28	9,362,514.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	473,497.	29	509,155.
	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	10,965,586.	33	19,494,591.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	11,024,944.	34	19,744,386.	

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	7,802,218.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,170,032.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	6,632,186.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	10,965,586.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	1,896,819.
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	19,494,591.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

Form 990 (2017)

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

72-6019246

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	172,596.	139,300.	205,963.	1817037.	152,649.	2487545.
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	172,596.	139,300.	205,963.	1817037.	152,649.	2487545.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2487545.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	172,596.	139,300.	205,963.	1817037.	152,649.	2487545.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	360,976.	206,216.	332,190.	157,456.	194,997.	1251835.
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.)	2,878.	2,710.	284.	686.	3,337.	9,895.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						3749275.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	1,189,859.
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 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	66.35 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	66.26 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(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 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <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 12a or 12b 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.		
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.	Yes	No
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 (explain in Part VI.) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
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).		

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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 2017 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-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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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.)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

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.**

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **72-6019246**

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 7/25/06, 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?

Yes No

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)?

Yes No

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

▶ \$ _____

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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	10,248,728.	8,617,981.	8,957,629.	8,408,935.	6,778,594.
b Contributions	6,949,949.	1,472,714.	11,702.	139,300.	172,596.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	2,056,158.	538,480.	-201,350.	514,522.	1,546,075.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	396,000.	380,447.	150,000.	105,128.	88,330.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	18,858,835.	10,248,728.	8,617,981.	8,957,629.	8,408,935.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 49.00 %
- b Permanent endowment 1.00 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment 50.00 %

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		X
(ii) related organizations		X

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		8,497.	5,725.	2,772.
e Other		33,679.	20,279.	13,400.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				16,172.

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) PARTNER LIABILITIES	48,418.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	48,418.

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	9,711,037.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	1,896,819.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	12,000.	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		1,908,819.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		7,802,218.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5		7,802,218.

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	1,182,032.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	12,000.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		12,000.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		1,170,032.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5		1,170,032.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART V, LINE 4:

TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF ORNITHOLOGY.

PART X, LINE 2:

AOS HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE THAT IT IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND THEREFORE, NOT SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER PRESENT INCOME TAX LAWS. IN ADDITION, THE INTERNAL REVENUE HAS DETERMINED THAT AOS IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A PRIVATE FOUNDATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 509(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. AOS IS SUBJECT TO TAX, HOWEVER, ON ANY UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME. AT BOTH DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016, AOS HAS DETERMINED THAT NO INCOME TAXES ARE DUE FOR ITS ACTIVITIES. ACCORDINGLY, NO ACCRUAL FOR

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUIRE AOS TO EVALUATE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY AOS AND RECOGNIZE A TAX LIABILITY IF AOS HAS TAKEN AN UNCERTAIN POSITION THAT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UP EXAMINATION BY TAX AUTHORITIES. AOS IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

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Name of the organization AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number 72-6019246
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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

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

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

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

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
3 a Sub-total	0	0			0.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			0.

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

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

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

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ _____

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

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
HESSE RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	1	1,929.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
THE AOS INTERNATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAM SUPPORTS LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.	SOUTH AMERICA - BRAZIL, COLUMBIA,	3	4,600.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
THE AOS OFFERS TRAVEL AWARDS FOR STUDENTS AND/OR POSTDOCS TO HELP DEFRAY TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL	NORTH AMERICA - CANADA, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	2	660.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
NICE RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	1	600.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
AOS AND KESSEL STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT	NORTH AMERICA - CANADA, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	1	1,130.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
AOS AND KESSEL STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT	SOUTH AMERICA - COLUMBIA	1	900.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
AOS AND TUCKER STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS AND STUDENTS	NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	20	9,035.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
AOS AND TUCKER STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS AND STUDENTS	SOUTH AMERICA - COSTA RICA, COLUMBIA,	4	2,575.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
AOS RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	NORTH AMERICA - CANADA, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES	1	2,351.	CHECK	0.		BOOK

SEE PART V FOR COLUMN (A) DESCRIPTIONS

Schedule F (Form 990) 2017

Part III Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. (Schedule F (Form 990), Part III)							
(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
AOS RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	SOUTH AMERICA - COLUMBIA	1	2,351.	CHECK	0.		BOOK
MEWALDT-KING RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	EUROPE	1	2,050.	CHECK	0.		BOOK

Part IV Foreign Forms

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

Schedule F (Form 990) 2017

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

PART III, COLUMN (A):

REGION: NORTH AMERICA - CANADA, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: THE AOS OFFERS TRAVEL AWARDS FOR STUDENTS AND/OR POSTDOCS TO HELP DEFRAY TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

REGION: NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: NICE RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED IN THEIR APPLICATION

REGION: NORTH AMERICA - CANADA, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: AOS AND KESSEL STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS AND STUDENTS

REGION: SOUTH AMERICA - COLUMBIA

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: AOS AND KESSEL STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS AND STUDENTS

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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

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Name of the organization **AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY** Employer identification number **72-6019246**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

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

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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 noncash assistance
BAROODY STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARD-AOS AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED IN THEIR APPLICATION	1	500.	0.	BOOK	
DONALD L. BLEITZ AWARD: SUPPORTS RESEARCH IN ALL AREAS OF AVIAN BIOLOGY.	1	2,500.	0.	BOOK	
BREWSTER AWARD - A SENIOR PROFESSIONAL AWARD HONORING SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENT IN ORNITHOLOGY	1	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
HERBERT AND BETTY CARNES AWARD: STIPULATES THAT RECIPIENTS MUST BE FEMALES AND NON-SMOKERS (I.E., HAVE NOT SMOKED FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS).	1	2,000.	0.	BOOK	
COUES AWARD - A SENIOR PROFESSIONAL AWARD HONORING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ORNITHOLOGY	1	1,000.	0.	BOOK	

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 AOS MAINTAINS A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO APPLIED FOR EACH AWARD, THE AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD, THE SELECTION CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE WHO RECEIVED THE AWARD, AND THE LIST OF THE GRANTEES. THE LIST OF GRANTEES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AMERICANORNITHOLOGY.ORG.

PART III, COLUMN (A):

(A) TYPE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: THE SCHREIBER CONSERVATION AWARD HONORS EXTRAORDINARY SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONSERVATION, RESTORATION,

Part III Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part III.)

(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
THE HAUBER AWARD IS GIVEN FOR THE BEST ORAL PRESENTATION ON AVIAN BEHAVIOR.	2.	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
HESSE RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	4.	9,680.	0.	BOOK	
JENKINSON AWARD - A PROFESSIONAL AWARD HONORING SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE AOS	1.	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
AOS AND KESSEL STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS AND STUDENTS	50.	19,890.	0.	BOOK	
THE SCHREIBER CONSERVATION AWARD HONORS EXTRAORDINARY SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, OR PRESERVATION OF BIRDS AND/OR THEIR HABITATS BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR	1.	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
AOS STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARD-AOS AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING	7.	3,500.	0.	BOOK	
AOS AND TUCKER STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS TO ENABLE MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS AND STUDENTS	42.	13,485.	0.	BOOK	
JOSSELYN VAN TYNE MEMORIAL RESEARCH AWARD: SUPPORTS RESEARCH IN ALL AREAS OF AVIAN BIOLOGY.	1.	2,500.	0.	BOOK	
WETMORE RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	5.	11,245.	0.	BOOK	

Part III Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part III.)

(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
NED K JOHNSON - PROFESSIONAL AWARD	1.	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
AOS RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH	13.	28,447.	0.	BOOK	
JAMES G COOPER YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD	2.	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
JOSEPH GRINNELL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	1.	2,347.	0.	BOOK	
MEWALDT-KING RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	1.	2,500.	0.	BOOK	
PAINTON AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENT AOS MEMBERS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AS DESCRIBED	1.	1,000.	0.	BOOK	
THE AOS OFFERS TRAVEL AWARDS FOR STUDENTS AND/OR POSTDOCS TO HELP DEFRAY TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY	13.	3,340.	0.	BOOK	

Part IV Supplemental Information

OR PRESERVATION OF BIRDS AND/OR THEIR HABITATS BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL TEAM.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**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.

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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 type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, 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 on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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 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" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described 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" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) MELINDA PRUETT-JONES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	147,689.	0.	0.	4,245.	5,000.	156,934.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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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.

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

ADVANCING THE SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF BIRDS.

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

THE AOS PRODUCES SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, HOSTS INTELLECTUALLY ENGAGING AND PROFESSIONALLY VITAL MEETINGS, SERVES ORNITHOLOGISTS AT EVERY CAREER STAGE, PURSUES A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, AND INFORMS PUBLIC POLICY ON ALL ISSUES IMPORTANT TO ORNITHOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:

AOS OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES ANNUALLY SUBMIT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR SERVICE TO, OR EMPLOYMENT WITH, THE SOCIETY. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE RECORDED AND MONITORED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3:

THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES OF NORTH AMERICA (OSNA) IS THE MEMBERSHIP AND BILLING SERVICES OF A CONSORTIUM OF FIVE INDEPENDENT, NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES IN NORTH AMERICA. THE AOS IS A SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER IN OSNA, REPRESENTING ABOUT HALF OF OSNA'S TOTAL MEMBERSHIP RECORDS. BUSINESS AND DATABASE MANAGEMENT OF OSNA IS OUTSOURCED TO A BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FIRM, THE SCHNEIDER GROUP. IN 2016, OSNA INITIATED TRANSITION STEPS TO A NEW ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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

THE AOS HAS MEMBERS WHO PAY ANNUAL DUES.

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

THE AOS MEMBERS ELECT A COUNCIL AND OFFICERS; COUNCIL MEETS THREE TO FOUR TIMES A YEAR TO ADDRESS GOVERNANCE ISSUES.

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

THE AOS AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE 990 PRIOR TO SUBMISSION. THE 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO AOS COUNCIL AND IS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOCIETY WEBSITE, AMERICANORNITHOLOGY.ORG, AS WELL AS UPON REQUEST.

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

AOS OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, AND EMPLOYEES WITH FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS AMONGST AOS' GOVERNANCE REPORT THESE RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS. ANY RELATIONSHIPS REPORTED ARE REVIEWED AND NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. WHEN A STATED RELATIONSHIP COULD POSE A CONFLICT FOR A VOTE ON ANY GOVERNANCE ISSUE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR WHICH THERE WOULD BE A PERCEIVED CONFLICT. IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS NOT ALREADY HEARD FROM THE INDIVIDUAL(S) DIRECTLY, HE/SHE WILL REQUEST THAT THE INDIVIDUAL(S) RECUSE THEMSELVES.

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

THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION POLICY AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL TO CONDUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL APPRAISAL, AND TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS. THE POLICY REQUIRES A COMPENSATION STUDY TO BE PERFORMED PERIODICALLY; A STUDY

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CONDUCTED IN FY2014 WAS USED TO DEVELOP A FOUR-YEAR COMPENSATION PLAN.

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

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AND ON THE WEBSITE.