

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2024

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Header section A-M containing organization details: Chicago Zoological Society, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513. Includes tax-exempt status (501(c)(3)), website (www.brookfieldzoo.org), and form of organization (Corporation).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for line number, description, Prior Year, and Current Year. Rows include mission statement, revenue (Total: 107,989,615), expenses (Total: 29,610,018), and net assets (Total: 223,188,000).

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.

Signature block containing officer signature (Michael J Adkesson, President and CEO), date (9/10/2025), and paid preparer information (LuAnn Trapp, Plante Moran PLLC).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. [X] Yes [ ] No

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
To inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 28,601,004 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 28,688,626 )  
Park Operations: The CZS maintains 75 buildings on 235 acres of land to exhibit over 2,500 animals. In a typical year, two million visitors annually enjoy the experience of seeing and learning about the animals of the world. Each individual that enters through Brookfield Zoo's gates represents an opportunity to introduce representatives of the wild world, to convey our intertwined connections to the animal kingdom, and to encourage positive change in the world. The Zoo is open almost every day of the year. Admission is free to the general public 52 days/year and at all times to Illinois school groups and military personnel. The membership team services our 109,000 member households, providing them with the opportunity to participate in the conservation and educational efforts of CZS. The events team provides seasonal and animal themed events such as Earth Day, Spring Fest, Hispanic Heritagefest, Holiday Magic and Boo at the Zoo. Visitor services provides narrated tram tours and accessible transportation options in the park.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 29,870,000 including grants of \$ 156,007 ) (Revenue \$ 3,229,814 )  
Animal Health, Welfare, Care and Programs: More than 2500 ambassadors of the animal kingdom provide our visitors with a rare opportunity to see species from around the globe and experience up close, personal encounters. CZS staff provide expert care of these ambassadors, where innovations in husbandry techniques and pioneering breeding programs are part of the cutting edge culture of excellence and integrating disciplines such as population biology, behavioral science, nutrition and veterinary science help determine the best ways to provide and continuously care for the animals. CZS also incorporates models and practices from an array of animal care professionals around the world, to develop the best possible zoo-based animal care and management practices. Through Keeper Chats and Ambassador Animal Encounters, staff share their knowledge of the animals in their care with zoo guests, helping them gain an appreciation for all citizens of the natural world. Through field programs CZS support efforts to protect and restore populations of threatened species in other parts of the world.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 4,106,000 including grants of \$ 38,000 ) (Revenue \$ 298,248 )  
Education and Community Engagement: Through its education programs, CZS communicates with others to engender in them a sense of ownership about living harmoniously with nature and helping save endangered species. Education specialists, volunteers, curators, graphic and exhibit designers, photographers and many others contribute to sharing this information both in person and virtually. As well as reaching the daily visitors to the Zoo, CZS's education and outreach programming reaches out to would be conservationists outside of the Zoo including classrooms of school children and teachers, local libraries and community organizations to engage them in nature based programs, strengthening the bridge between education and conservation and working together to create healthy spaces for people and wildlife.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

4e Total program service expenses 62,577,004

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various IRS schedule requirements.

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. [ ]

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding rules.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee reporting, tax shelter transactions, contributions, and organizational compliance.



**Part VIII** Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	0				
	1b	Membership dues	0				
	1c	Fundraising events	1,964,359				
	1d	Related organizations	0				
	1e	Government grants (contributions)	24,195,231				
	1f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	36,084,283				
	1g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$ 2,944,774				
	1h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f	62,243,873				
	Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
2a		General Admissions	900099	8,706,943	8,706,943		
2b		Memberships	900099	16,704,448	16,704,448		
2c		Visitor Services	900099	7,599,307	2,382,107	5,217,200	
2d		Admissions-Internal Attractions	900099	2,944,739	2,944,739		
2e		Visitor Parking	900099	3,176,203		3,176,203	
2f		All other program service revenue		1,515,306	1,310,781	167,670	
2g		<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f		40,646,946			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		3,909,124		3,909,124	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	92,268			
			(ii) Personal				
			6b				
	6c	Less: rental expenses					
	6d	Net rental income or (loss)		92,268		92,268	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	10,458,153			
			(ii) Other	0			
			7b				
	7c	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	7d	Net gain or (loss)		1,601,062		1,601,062	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		1,964,359			
			8a	202,265			
8b			738,580				
8c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-536,315		-536,315		
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		42,433				
		9a	9,776				
		9b					
9c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		32,657		32,657		
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		0				
		10a	0				
		10b					
10c	Less: cost of goods sold						
10d	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0				
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
	11a			0			
	11b			0			
	11c			0			
	11d	All other revenue		0			
11e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d		0				
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions		107,989,615	32,049,018	167,670	13,529,054	

**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	56,239	56,239		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	32,500	32,500		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	105,268	105,268		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	3,332,597	1,117,561	1,387,871	827,165
6	Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7	Other salaries and wages	30,037,339	24,836,624	3,499,796	1,701,019
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	743,122	552,359	161,116	29,647
9	Other employee benefits	6,014,277	5,163,929	556,868	293,480
10	Payroll taxes	2,210,792	1,842,855	272,347	95,590
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management	0	0	0	0
b	Legal	856,536	0	856,536	0
c	Accounting	136,915	0	136,915	0
d	Lobbying	52,272	0	52,272	0
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	218,375			218,375
f	Investment management fees	143,606	0	143,606	0
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	6,812,658	5,985,056	590,368	237,234
12	Advertising and promotion	1,691,752	0	1,691,752	0
13	Office expenses	7,119,294	6,721,140	245,806	152,348
14	Information technology	2,209,552	478,022	1,658,394	73,136
15	Royalties	38,087	38,087	0	0
16	Occupancy	2,634,876	2,618,807	14,485	1,584
17	Travel	314,784	235,284	45,571	33,929
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	239,691	126,440	68,722	44,529
20	Interest	819,635	819,635	0	0
21	Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,968,075	8,528,997	389,926	49,529
23	Insurance	1,436,316	1,303,500	93,671	39,145
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	Animal Food and Transport	1,478,295	1,478,295	0	0
b	Revenue Bond Maintenance fees	249,421	249,421	0	0
c	Loss on Retirement of fixed assets	32,826	32,826	0	0
d	UBIT taxes	20,329	20,329	0	0
e	All other expenses Miscellaneous	374,168	233,930	122,835	17,403
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	78,379,597	62,577,004	11,988,857	3,814,113
26	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,147,340	1	1,698,025
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	55,785,703	2	49,529,970
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	11,953,087	3	30,191,907
	4	Accounts receivable, net	669,292	4	473,624
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	5	0
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,035,563	9	2,636,342
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 369,474,111		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 195,935,753	10c	173,538,358
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	57,153,000	11	58,917,000
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	340,563	15	216,774
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	265,240,000	16	317,202,000	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,736,013	17	12,573,182
	18	Grants payable	0	18	0
	19	Deferred revenue	16,435,494	19	15,379,636
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	28,920,000	20	28,920,000
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	1,571,313	22	5,848,564
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	7,854,679	24	29,235,805
	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	2,119,501	25	2,056,813
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	70,637,000	26	94,014,000
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	150,175,000	27	152,986,000
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	44,428,000	28	70,202,000
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	31	
32	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	194,603,000	32	223,188,000	
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	265,240,000	33	317,202,000	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

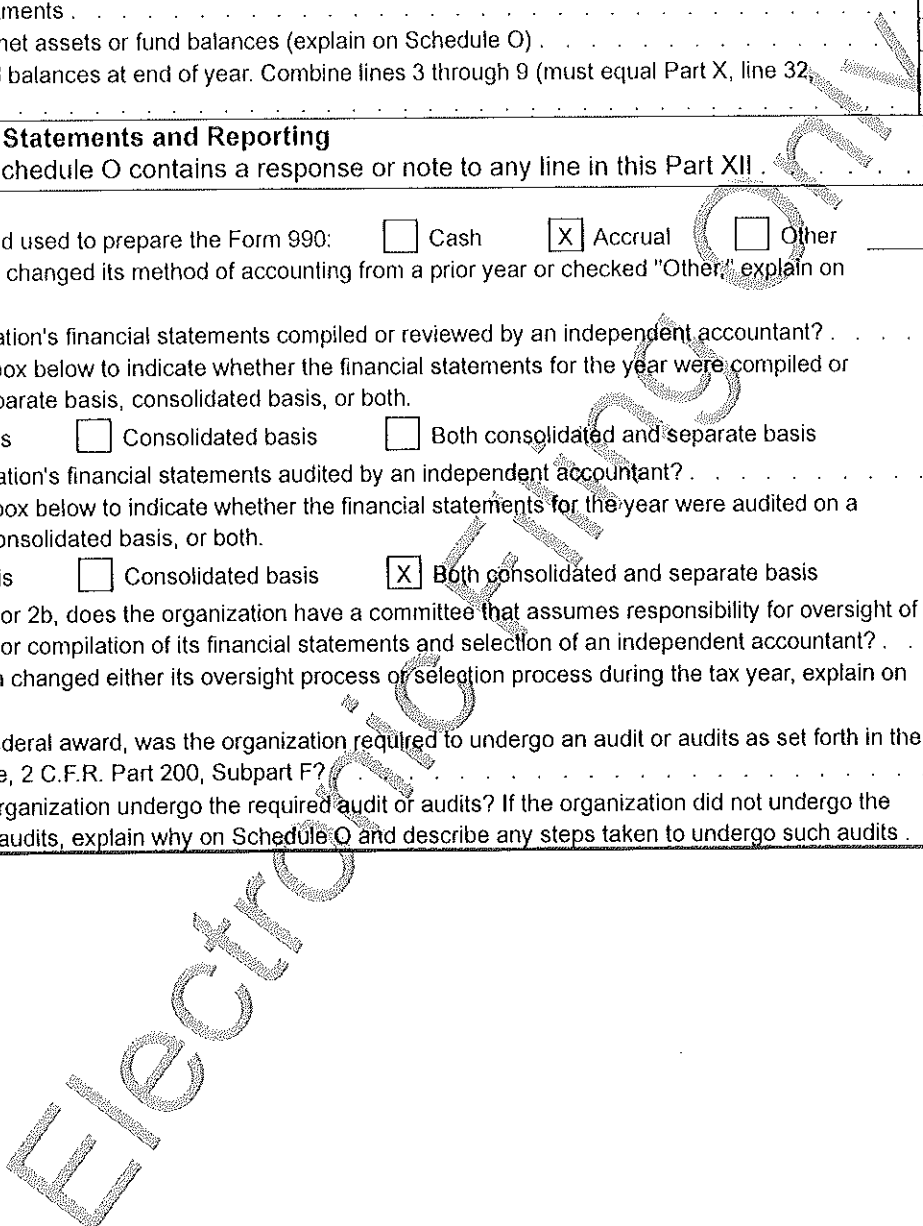
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	107,989,615
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	78,379,597
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	29,610,018
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	194,603,000
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-69,748
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 on Schedule O)	9	-955,270
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	223,188,000

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other  
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?  
 If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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.  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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 on Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- 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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		



# Public Charity Status and Public Support

**2024**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Chicago Zoological Society

Employer identification number

36-2167016

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

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

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An agricultural research organization described in **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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations: 0
  - 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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>					0	0

**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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	1,851,264	29,624,590	12,543,166	34,054,622	42,576,514	120,650,156
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .	3,908,169	14,955,352	14,156,721	20,047,681	19,667,359	72,735,282
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						0
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	5,759,433	44,579,942	26,699,887	54,102,303	62,243,873	193,385,438
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) . . . . .						25,615,695
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .						167,769,743

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	5,759,433	44,579,942	26,699,887	54,102,303	62,243,873	193,385,438
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	0	1,020,225	2,524,043	4,158,999	4,001,392	11,704,659
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .	9,196	0	13,678	30,521	64,544	117,939
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						0
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						205,208,036
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	147,631,209
13 <b>First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	14	81.76%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	15	90.59%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2024.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b <b>33 1/3% support test—2023.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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 <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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 <b>Private foundation.</b> 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.); 14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 15 - 0.00%. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 - 16 - 0.00%.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 17 - 0.00%. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 - 18 - 0.00%.

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2024. 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—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

- 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
  - a  The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
  - b  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
  - c  The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).

	Yes	No
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b 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? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)		
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	0	0
5	Depreciation and depletion		
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)		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)		
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	0	0

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		
b	Average monthly cash balances		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets		
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	0	0
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	0	0
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	0	0
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	0	0
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	0	0
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	0	0
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	0	0

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)		0
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.		0
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)		0
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.		0
5	Income tax imposed in prior year		
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).		0

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

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	Distributable Amount for 2024
1	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6		0
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024		
a	From 2019		
b	From 2020		
c	From 2021		
d	From 2022		
e	From 2023		
f	<b>Total of lines 3a through 3e</b>	0	
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		0
h	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		0
i	Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.	0	
4	Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$ 0		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		0
b	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		0
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.	0	
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		0
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		0
7	<b>Excess distributions carryover to 2025.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.	0	
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2020	0	
b	Excess from 2021	0	
c	Excess from 2022	0	
d	Excess from 2023	0	
e	Excess from 2024	0	

**Part VI**

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

Part II Section A Line 1-4: The 2020 amounts reflect the short year period from 1/1/21-3/31/21 due a change in accounting period.

Part II Section B Line 7-10: The 2020 amounts reflect the short year period from 1/1/21-3/31/21 due a change in accounting period.

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# Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

**2024**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization Chicago Zoological Society	Employer identification number 36-2167016
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

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

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses, and EINs of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(4) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(5) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(6) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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

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

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount			0	0
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))				0
c	Total lobbying expenditures			0	0
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount			0	0
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))				0
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures			0	0

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

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		78,685
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			78,685
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

1 Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members.	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year.	2a	
b Carryover from last year.	2b	
c Total.	2c	0
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues.	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions.	5	0

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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

Part II-B Line 1 A-J The Chicago Zoological Society is a private non profit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo Chicago on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Brookfield Zoo Chicago was created through an act of the Illinois Legislature and the Society annually receives partial funding from the Cook County Forest Preserves to maintain and operate the Zoo. Occasionally, the laws and regulations under which the Society was organized and is funded and operated require updating. The Society may advise and assist appropriate legislative bodies in this activity. It may also advocate for the adoption or rejection of legislation. By virtue of a management agreement with the District, the Society is periodically called upon to advise on matters of public policy. The Society also employs certain staff and consultants to communicate with the State of Illinois, federal officials, county commissioners and other government officials, to inform those parties of the activities of the Society. Additionally, as required during the year, the Society's President and designated staff attend national and international professional group meetings and otherwise communicate with those groups on various matters, including the expression of

**Part IV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

opinions to appropriate congressional representatives, congressional committees or other deliberative bodies that influence public policy concerning species in danger of extinction, environmental management, the biological sciences (and kindred subject), and federal regulatory agency activities affecting wildlife and its management. Also, as needed from time to time, the Society may contact its members, staff and volunteers to encourage them to express their views on pending legislation that may have a direct impact on the Society and its conservation programs.

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization: Chicago Zoological Society; Employer identification number: 36-2167016

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include Total number at end of year, Aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two Yes/No questions regarding donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes questions about purpose of easements, total number, acreage, and monitoring. Includes a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

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

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

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting on Form 990 and amounts related to these items.

**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 make 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 program
  - 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 0   |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII.

**Part V Endowment Funds**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	26,355,000	23,275,000	24,740,000	25,383,000	24,562,000
b Contributions	497,000	134,000	3,000	28,000	3,000
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	1,497,000	3,834,000	-1,419,000	256,000	831,000
d Grants or scholarships	0	0	0	0	0
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	928,000	839,000	5,000	874,000	0
f Administrative expenses	55,000	49,000	44,000	53,000	13,000
g End of year balance	27,366,000	26,355,000	23,275,000	24,740,000	25,383,000

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 22%
  - b Permanent endowment 40%
  - c Term endowment 38%
- 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? |     |    |
- 3b
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	0	0	0
b Buildings	0	0	0	0
c Leasehold improvements	0	292,781,306	186,983,811	105,797,495
d Equipment	0	11,824,560	8,951,942	2,872,618
e Other	0	64,868,245	0	64,868,245
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				173,538,358

**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 . . . . .	0	
(2) Closely held equity interests . . . . .	0	
(3) Other . . . . .		
(A) . . . . .		
(B) . . . . .		
(C) . . . . .		
(D) . . . . .		
(E) . . . . .		
(F) . . . . .		
(G) . . . . .		
(H) . . . . .		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)).	0	

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B)).	0	

**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)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)).	0

**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	0
(2)	Accrued Post Retirement Benefit Obligation	948,412
(3)	Accrued Sick Pay Benefit Obligation	787,757
(4)	457f Employee Benefit Obligation	277,186
(5)	Charitable Gift Annuity Obligation	139,554
(6)	Unamortized Bond Issue Costs	-96,408
(7)	Other	312
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)).		2,056,813

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 FASB 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	108,972,000
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-69,748		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	490,366		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	420,618
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	108,551,382
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	143,606		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	705,373		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c	-561,767
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)			5	107,989,615

**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	79,571,000
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	490,366		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	844,643		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	1,335,009
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	78,235,991
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	143,606		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b			
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c	143,606
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)			5	78,379,597

**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 I Line 5 and 6 The Society does not maintain any donor advised funds. Other Funds consist of the Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund and the CZS Women's Board Fund. Contributions to these funds come from donors as well as proceeds from fundraising events and investment income. Grants are decided by committees as described in Schedule I. At times, donors who have given money to the fund may also sit on the granting committee but no one donor may decide on the grant awards. All grants awarded must follow the guidelines and processes established by CZS. CZS Board of Trustees has final approval of all Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund Committee recommended grant awards. CZS Management has final approval of all CZS Women's Board recommended grant awards.

Part III Line 1A: Animal Collections, which were acquired through breeding loans, purchases and contributions, are not recognized as assets on the Statement of Financial Position. Costs to acquire collection items are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets in the year in which the animals are acquired. Proceeds from deaccessions are reflected as increases in the appropriate net asset class. The Society's animal collection consists of specimens with numerous attributes including taxonomic group, age, sex, relationship and value to other animals, endangered status and breeding potential. The Society retains a record of every animal in a permanent file. An inventory of the collection is prepared annually. Professionally trained keeper staff and population managers provide daily care for the collection and determine population needs.

Part III Line 4: The more than 2500 ambassadors of the animal kingdom which make up the CZS collection provide our visitors a rare opportunity to see species from around the globe. The collection, in connection with our education programs, provides CZS the opportunity to teach guests about animals and nature, conservation and other related topics.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information** (continued)

Part V Line 4: The Society's endowment consists of different funds established to support a variety of CZS programs including conservation and research, education and outreach, care of the animal collection and grounds, and general operations. Additionally, the Society is the designated beneficiary of the interest income on a \$1 million endowment established and maintained by the Chicago Community Trust. The CCT maintains variance power over this endowment and, accordingly, the Society has not included it in its financial statements.

Part VI Line 1A-E: The Society operates a zoological park on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, IL which is provided to the Society at no charge. The land site of the Zoo, accordingly, is not recorded on the Society's financial statements. All park improvements acquired by the Society are legally owned by the District. All park improvements acquired by the Society, including those acquired with District funds, are recorded as park improvements on the Society's financial statements. The amount in Other represents construction in progress on capital assets. Once a capital asset is complete and in use, the total amount for that project is closed out of construction in progress and transferred to park improvements.

Part X Line 2: The Society is a not-for-profit corporation and is exempt from tax under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), except for taxes on unrelated business income. The Society has no liability for uncertain tax positions, therefore the Society does not include such a footnote as it is no longer required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Part XI Line 4b: Other Adjustments: - Fundraising Event Expense (\$-694,691); Rounding and Misc adjustments (\$-10,682)

Part XII Line 2d: Other Adjustments: - change in market value of swap agreements (\$141,172), Fundraising Event Expense (\$694,691); Rounding and Misc adjustments (\$8780)

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**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Chicago Zoological Society

Employer identification number

36-2167016

**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
(1) Central America and the Caribbean	0	0	grants to recipients for fieldwork in the region		7,000
(2) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	grants to recipients for fieldwork in the region		5,800
(3) East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	program services	attend conservation related conferences	15,545
(4) Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0	0	grants to recipients for fieldwork in the region		7,000
(5) Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0	0	program services	attend conservation related conferences	1,211
(6) Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0	0	program services	exhibit benchmarking	21,950
(7) Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0	0	program services	memberships in conservation organizations	29,635
(8) North America	0	0	program services	attend conservation related conferences	86,436
(9) South America	0	0	grants to recipients for fieldwork in the region		33,547
(10) South America	0	0	program services	conservation fieldwork	17,174
(11) South Asia	0	0	grants to recipients for fieldwork in the region		5,910
(12) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	program services	conservation education	13,186
(13) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	grants to recipients for fieldwork in the region		46,011
(14) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	program services	conservation fieldwork	5,651
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
<b>3a Subtotal</b>	0	0			296,056
<b>b Total from continuation sheets to Part I</b>	0	0			0
<b>c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)</b>	0	0			296,056

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

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			East Asia and the Pacific	Conservation Fieldwork	5,800	WT			
(2)			Europe (Including Iceland and	Conservation Fieldwork	7,000	WT			
(3)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Conservation Fieldwork	7,000	check			
(4)			Central America and the Caribbean	Conservation Fieldwork	7,000	check			
(5)			South America	Conservation Fieldwork	22,047	check			
(6)			South America	Conservation Fieldwork	6,500	check			
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter . . . . . 6

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities . . . . . 0

**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) Conservation Fieldwork	Sub-Saharan Africa	5	25,551	Wire Transfer			
(2) Conservation Fieldwork	Sub-Saharan Africa	2	13,460	check			
(3) Conservation Fieldwork	South Asia	1	5,910	Wire Transfer			
(4)							
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(18)							

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**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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990).* . . . . .  Yes  No

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**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 I Line 2: The Society awards grants through its Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund (CBT ESF). Grant proposals are reviewed by a team of three. Proposals may be endorsed by an IUCN Species Survival Committee or other major, internationally known conservation organization, the AZAWAZA, or other major zoo organization. For any individuals/organizations who are not US Citizens/entities, the Society checks the most recent OFAC Control List of Specifically Designated and Blocked Persons as well as the Consolidated List established and maintained by the 1267 Committee with respect to Al-Qaida, Osama Bin Laden, and the Taliban and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them. Approximately \$100k is awarded each year, usually in amounts of \$5000 to \$7000 per grant. Final award recommendations are presented to the Board of Trustees by the CBOT Advisory Committee members. Final reports are due 1 year after the receipt of the funds along with a final accounting of the grant funds expended. In addition, other grant funds are given by the Society to major, internationally known conservation organizations in support of their general conservation mission. These contributions are determined by Society management. They are approved by the Board either as part of the annual operating budget process or as part of a periodic spending authorization from the Society's Board Designated Conservation Fund.

Part I Line 2: (cont'd) The Society also holds funds raised for pangolin conservation programs. A small number of research grants are awarded from these funds each year. The grants awarded from these funds are approved by the Pangolin Consortium Group. This group is composed of staff from the Society and other like-minded institutions. The group has written grant application, awarding, tracking and reporting processes in place. All grant payments approved by the group must follow the Society's established internal procedures before payment is made.

Part I Line 3, Col F: , Part II Line 1, and Part III: All expenditures are reported using the accrual method of accounting.

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**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990)**

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**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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

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

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a  Mail solicitations
  - b  Internet and email solicitations
  - c  Phone solicitations
  - d  In-person solicitations
  - e  Solicitation of nongovernment grants
  - f  Solicitation of government grants
  - g  Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 Community Counselling Service Co. LL 527 Madison Ave, Fifth Floor New York NY	fundraising consulting		X	0	197,375	0
2 Miles River Direct 19 Boardman Lane Hamilton MA 01982	fundraising consulting		X	0	11,000	0
3 Virtual Marketing LLC 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza Ste 2200 Chic	fundraising consulting		X	0	10,000	0
4				0	0	0
5				0	0	0
6				0	0	0
7				0	0	0
8				0	0	0
9				0	0	0
10				0	0	0
<b>Total</b>				0	218,375	0

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events		
		Whirl Gala (event type)	tion Leadership Awar (event type)	4 (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts . . . . .	1,535,924	321,600	309,100	2,166,624	
	2	Less: Contributions . . . . .	1,413,424	297,250	253,685	1,964,359	
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	122,500	24,350	55,415	202,265	
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes . . . . .			0	0	
	5	Noncash prizes . . . . .			0	0	
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .	56,012	16,712	6,317	79,041	
	7	Food and beverages . . . . .	166,301	72,235	83,495	322,031	
	8	Entertainment . . . . .	14,000	0	0	14,000	
	9	Other direct expenses . . . . .	187,539	34,448	101,521	323,508	
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)					( 738,580)
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)					-536,315

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		1	Gross revenue . . . . .			42,433
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes . . . . .			3,000	3,000
	3	Noncash prizes . . . . .			6,776	6,776
	4	Rent/facility costs . . . . .			0	0
	5	Other direct expenses . . . . .			0	0
	6	Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 33.00% <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					( 9,776)
8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)					32,657

- 9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No
- b If "No," explain: CZS conducted 2 raffles in FY25. Raffle licensing in the State of IL is delegated to the County/Municipality. CZS properly obtained licenses from the appropriate county or municipality for each raffle conducted.
- 10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_



**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**  
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**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.

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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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 non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) The Biodiversity Group 10980 Rudasill Rd Tucson, AZ 85743	20-3091062	501c3	6,500				Pangolin Conservation
(2) Pangolin Conservation and Research 21095 State Rt 245 Marysville, OH 430	92-0508206	501c3	17,000				Pangolin Conservation
(3) -----							
(4) -----							
(5) -----							
(6) -----							
(7) -----							
(8) -----							
(9) -----							
(10) -----							
(11) -----							
(12) -----							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table	2
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table	0

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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 non-cash assistance
1	Educ. Scholarship for Conservation Education	6	30,000			
2	Conservation Leadership Award	1	2,500			
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						

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

Part I Line 2: CZS awards grants and assistance through a variety of programs. For awards under the CBT ESF and Pangolin Conservation Programs, as well as general contributions to major conservation organizations, see details in Schedule F, part V. CZS also provides grants and assistance through its educational scholarship programs. CZS maintains records to substantiate amounts, eligibility and selection criteria. Procedures are in place to monitor grants to ensure they are used for proper purposes including, where applicable, periodic reporting by the grantee.

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**Part III Private Business Use**

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1		X						
2		X						
3a		X						
b		X						
c		X						
d		X						
4								
5								
6		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%
7		X						
8a		X						
b								
c								
9	X							

**Part IV Arbitrage**

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1								
2		X						
a								
b								
c	X							
3	X							



**Part VI** Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K. See instructions. (continued)

Area with horizontal lines for supplemental information.

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 29 or 30.

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .	X		7,782	cost or selling price
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	X	28	2,806,371	price of stock on gift date
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .	X	2	31,801	vendor estimated value
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .	X	1	1,200	cost or selling price
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .	X	34	0	
24 Archaeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ( Operating supplies ) . . . . .	X	19	46,355	cost or selling price
26 Other ( Charity Auction Items ) . . . . .	X	28	43,889	cost or selling price
27 Other ( Charity Raffle Items ) . . . . .	X	7	6,776	cost or selling price
28 Other ( Charity Fundraiser Signage ) . . . . .	X	1	600	cost or selling price

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . . 29 0

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported on Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? . . . . .	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .	X	
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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

Part I Line 32b: The Society has an agreement with IDonate to process certain non cash donations on behalf of the Society. Donors donate their items to IDonate Foundation/Servant Foundation, a 501c3 organization, who sells the items, retains a commission and issues a cash grant to the Society for the remainder.

Part I Line 33: Securities: Current year contributions of stock which represent payments on pledges recorded as contribution in a previous year are not included in the revenue shown on Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1g. Stock gifts which represent payments of Conditional Contributions for which the conditions for revenue recognition have not yet been met are also not included in the revenue shown on Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1g.

Part I Line 33: Collection Items/Scientific Specimens: A zero dollar amount was reported on Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1g because the Society does not capitalize its collection, as allowed under SFAS 116.

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**SCHEDULE O**

**(Form 990)**

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

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 1A: The fiscal, general oversight, and policies of the Society are vested in a Board of not more than 58 Trustees. As of March 31, 2025, there were 44 voting Trustees. The elected Officers of the Board, the chairs of the standing committees and such other Trustees as may be appointed by the Chairman constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the power to transact all regular business of the Society during the period between the regular Board meetings.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 3: All restaurant, retail and catering operations are outsourced to a third party service provider.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6: The membership of the Society is composed of up to 250 Governing Members. Up to 55 of the 58 Board of Trustees are elected by the Governing Members at their annual meeting. Governing Members are also eligible for appointment by the Society's Chairman to serve on Board committees other than the Executive Committee. Governing Members are chosen by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees and voted on by the full Board of Trustees.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7A: The membership of the Society is composed of up to 250 Governing Members. Up to 55 of the 58 Board of Trustees are elected by the Governing Members at their annual meeting. Governing Members are also eligible for appointment by the Society's Chairman to serve on the Board committees other than the Executive Committee. Governing Members are chosen by the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees and voted on by the full Board of Trustees.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11B: The IRS Form 990 is prepared by Society's management and reviewed and signed by the Society's tax advisor. The Form 990 is also reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees and a copy of the entire final version of the form is also made available to the Board of Trustees prior to filing with the IRS.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12C: Annually, a conflict of interest form is sent out to all members of the Board of Trustees, Key Employees and any employee with purchasing authority. The form covers potential conflicts through financial interests, use of Society services, privileged information and representation of Society interests. It also covers specific disclosures required by the IRS Form 990 and the Illinois AG990IL. Board of Trustees responses are reviewed by the Secretary of the Board and the Chief Financial and Admin. Officer who together determine if a conflict exists. Employee responses are reviewed by the Sr. VP Human Resources and the Chief Financial and Admin. Officer. Any conflicts are addressed to ensure that all internal procedures are followed for any transactions with that individual and that all items requiring disclosure are properly noted. Any Board members with a conflict must abstain from voting on decisions involving the transaction in question. Any transactions entered into with interested parties follow the Society's established procurement policies and are provided at rates competitive with market rates.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15A and 15B: The Society's policy for approval of compensation arrangements with officers and certain senior employees requires review and approval of the compensation arrangement by the Executive Committee of the Board, excluding anyone who is related to or under the control of the person involved in the arrangement. The Committee relies on appropriate comparability data which indicates the types and levels of similar compensation and benefit packages for similar positions provided by similar organizations. The Committee documents the basis for its determination of the reasonableness of compensation. This process is done annually for the President, Chief Financial and Admin Officer, Sr VP of Guest Experience and the Sr. VP Development in any year where there is an increase in compensation.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: Governing documents are available through applicable governmental agencies; the conflict of interest policy and financial statements are available upon written request to the Society.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 9: Other Changes in net assets or fund balances: Changes in Post Retirement Benefits not yet recognized in operations \$-213,812; change in market value of swap

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Schedule O (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

**SCHEDULE O**  
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agreements \$-141,172; change in pledge reserve \$-602,000; rounding and other \$1714.

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