

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning Nov 1, 2015, **and ending** Oct 31, 2016

B Check if applicable:	C Name of organization AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY	D Employer identification number 22-2469164
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing business as	E Telephone number (763) 657-7251
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	PO BOX 1583	G Gross receipts \$ 274,824.
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	MAPLE GROVE MN 55311	H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer: NEIL FUSILLO 2265 OLD ORCHARD DR. MARIETTA GA 30068	
I Tax-exempt status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	H(c) Group exemption number ▶
J Website: ▶	WWW.CONIFERSOCIETY.ORG	
K Form of organization:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	L Year of formation: 1983 M State of legal domicile: MN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>THE PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY ARE THE DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVATION AND PROPAGATION OF CONIFERS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THOSE THAT ARE DWARF OR UNUSUAL, THE CLARIFICATION OF NOMENCLATURE AND THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC.</u>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	125
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	2,233.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-992.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	76,417.	74,425.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	277,115.	176,745.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	18,152.	18,674.
	12	Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,039.	1,331.
	12		372,723.	271,175.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	7,674.	19,917.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e).	308,330.	279,056.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	316,004.	298,973.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	56,719.	-27,798.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	606,434.	571,694.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	606,434.	571,694.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date	
	NEIL FUSILLO		
	Type or print name and title.		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	ROBIN E TOWER		09/20/17
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN ▶	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed
	Robin E. Tower	31-5560089	PTIN P00440964
	Firm's address	PO BOX 1	Phone no. (336) 306-5848
		PFAFFTOWN NC 27040	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY ARE THE DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVATION AND PROPAGATION OF
See Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

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 [X]

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 [X]

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 \$ 60,206. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 2,233.)

BULLETINS - PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE QUARTERLY BULLETINS TO MEMBERS THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE PROPAGATION, USE AND CARE OF CONIFERS. MAINTAIN AN INFORMATIVE WEB SITE FOR DISEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON CONIFERS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 124,286. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 113,900.)

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY MANY PEOPLE. CONFERENCES CONSIST OF EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS RELATED TO CONIFERS AS WELL AS TOURS OF ARBORETUMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT CONIFERS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 19,917. including grants of \$ 19,917.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CONIFER REFERENCE GARDENS. THESE ARE GARDENS WHERE CONIFERS MAY BE VIEWED BY THE PUBLIC. THE PUBLIC CAN LEARN ABOUT CULTIVARS AND SPECIES OF CULTIVARS THAT ARE ADAPTED FOR THEIR REGION. PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDYING CONIFERS. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISHED PUBLIC ARBORETUMS.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 7,937. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 60,612.)

4e Total program service expenses 212,346.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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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 columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions of questions, and Yes/No columns. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, deductible contributions, and 501(c)(7), (12), (19), and (29) organizations.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body... 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13. 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done. 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization. If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16b If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
[] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
STEVE COURTNEY PO BOX 1583 MAPLE GROVE MN 55311 (763) 657-7251

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

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

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

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

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

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BYRON BAXTER CENTRAL REGION PRES	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) THOMAS NEFF VP/TREAS	10.00			X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) SARA MALONE DIRECTOR	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) JARED WEAVER DIRECTOR	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) MIKE MAHONEY DIRECTOR	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) BRIAN JACOB PAST PRESIDENT	5.00			X			0.	0.	0.	
(7) DAVID SPETH DIRECTOR	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) COLBY FELLER NE PRESIDENT	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) MARTIN STONE SE REGION PRES	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) SUZANNE MAHONEY SECRETARY	10.00			X			0.	0.	0.	
(11) NEIL FUSILLO PRESIDENT	10.00			X			0.	0.	0.	
(12) DAVID OLSZYK WEST REGION PRES	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15) -----	-----								
(16) -----	-----								
(17) -----	-----								
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(24) -----	-----								
(25) -----	-----								

1 b Sub-total	0 .	0 .	0 .
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	0 .	0 .	0 .

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

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	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b 71,184.				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions) . .	1 e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . .	1 f 3,241.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		74,425.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS		Business Code			
		110000	113,900.	113,900.	0.	0.
	b QUARTERLY PUBLICATION	110000	2,233.	0.	2,233.	0.
	c CONIFER DISTRIBUTION	110000	60,612.	60,612.	0.	0.
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue . . .					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		176,745.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		18,467.	18,467.	0.	0.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss) . .				
		d Net rental income or (loss) ▶				
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			3,856.			
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . .		3,649.		
		c Gain or (loss)		207.		
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶		207.	207.	0.	0.
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including . . \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18.	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶					
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19.	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a MISC _____	110000	1,331.	1,331.	0.	0.	
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		1,331.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		271,175.	194,517.	2,233.	0.	

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	19,917.	19,917.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	53,500.	22,000.	31,500.	0.
b Legal				
c Accounting	1,033.	0.	1,033.	0.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	1,959.	0.	1,959.	0.
14 Information technology	6,511.	0.	6,511.	0.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	17,330.	0.	17,330.	0.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	121,304.	121,304.	0.	0.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	1,330.	0.	1,330.	0.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>PRINTING AND PUBLICATION</u>	43,229.	28,429.	14,800.	0.
b <u>BANK FEES</u>	5,291.	2,982.	2,309.	0.
c <u>PURCHASE OF PLANTS</u>	7,937.	7,937.	0.	0.
d <u>MISC</u>	938.	0.	938.	0.
e All other expenses	18,694.	9,777.	8,917.	0.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	298,973.	212,346.	86,627.	0.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	140,551.	1	113,219.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D		10a	
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation		10b	
	10c			10c	
	11	Investments — publicly traded securities	465,883.	11	458,475.
	12	Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	606,434.	16	571,694.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	0.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	248,933.	27	222,842.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	357,501.	28	348,852.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	606,434.	33	571,694.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	606,434.	34	571,694.

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	271,175.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	298,973.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-27,798.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	606,434.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-6,942.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	571,694.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.			
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 c	If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3 a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Form 990 (2015)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY	Employer identification number 22-2469164
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2011, (b) 2012, (c) 2013, (d) 2014, (e) 2015, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2011, (b) 2012, (c) 2013, (d) 2014, (e) 2015, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions); 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33-1/3% support test - 2015; 16b 33-1/3% support test - 2014; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2015; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2014; 18 Private foundation.

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')	70,936.	82,731.	70,385.	76,417.	74,425.	374,894.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	345,411.	207,510.	151,085.	277,115.	175,843.	1,156,964.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	416,347.	290,241.	221,470.	353,532.	250,268.	1,531,858.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,531,858.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	416,347.	290,241.	221,470.	353,532.	250,268.	1,531,858.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	10,310.	9,498.	18,715.	17,771.	18,467.	74,761.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	10,310.	9,498.	18,715.	17,771.	18,467.	74,761.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	426,657.	299,739.	240,185.	371,303.	268,735.	1,606,619.

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	95.35 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	95.95 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	4.65 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	4.05 %

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

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

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If 'No,' describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ('foreign supported organization')? <i>If 'Yes' and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document)</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If 'Yes,' answer 10b below</i>		
b Did the organization, have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 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?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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? Row 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? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows 2a, 2b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows 3a, 3b.

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 November 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1 a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1 b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1 c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c).	1 d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

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

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

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

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

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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2015

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Employer identification number

AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY

22-2469164

Pt VI, Line 11b ALL DIRECTORS WERE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF FORM 990 BEFORE ITS RELEASE
AND GIVEN 2 WEEKS TO REVIEW AND COMMENT.

Pt VI, Line 19 ALL DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

**Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))**

2015

For calendar year 2015 or other tax year beginning Nov 1, 2015, and ending Oct 31, 2016

► **Information about Form 990-T and its instructions is available at www.irs.gov/form990t.**

► **Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).**

**Open to Public Inspection for
501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed B Exempt under section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)	Print or Type	Name of organization (<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.) AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 1583 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MAPLE GROVE MN 55311	D Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions.) 22-2469164 E Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions.) 541800
C Book value of all assets at end of year 571,694.	F Group exemption number (See instructions.) ► G Check organization type . . . ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust		

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity.
 ► ADVERTISING IN QUARTERLY PUBLICATION

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ► Yes No
 If 'Yes,' enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation ►

J The books are in care of ► STEVE COURTNEY Telephone number ► (763) 657-7251

Part I	Unrelated Trade or Business Income	(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1	a Gross receipts or sales <u>2,233.</u>			
	b Less returns and allowances <u> </u> c Balance ►	1c <u>2,233.</u>		
2	2 Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)	2		
3	3 Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3 <u>2,233.</u>		<u>2,233.</u>
4	a Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)	4a		
	b Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)	4b		
	c Capital loss deduction for trusts	4c		
5	5 Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)	5		
6	6 Rent income (Schedule C)	6		
7	7 Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)	7		
8	8 Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Schedule F)	8		
9	9 Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Sch G)	9		
10	10 Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)	10		
11	11 Advertising income (Schedule J)	11		
12	12 Other income (See instructions; attach schedule)	12		
13	13 Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13 <u>2,233.</u>		<u>2,233.</u>

Part II	Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)			
14	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	14		
15	Salaries and wages	15		
16	Repairs and maintenance	16		
17	Bad debts	17		
18	Interest (attach schedule)	18		
19	Taxes and licenses	19		
20	Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules)	20		
21	Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	21		
22	Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	22a		
23	Depletion	23		
24	Contributions to deferred compensation plans	24		
25	Employee benefit programs	25		
26	Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	26		
27	Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	27		
28	Other deductions (attach schedule) <u>PRINTING AND POSTAGE.</u>	28		<u>3,225.</u>
29	29 Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28	29		<u>3,225.</u>
30	30 Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13	30		<u>-992.</u>
31	31 Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)	31		
32	32 Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30	32		<u>-992.</u>
33	33 Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)	33		
34	34 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	34		<u>-992.</u>

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation. Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here <input type="checkbox"/> See instructions and: a Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order): (1) \$ _____ (2) \$ _____ (3) \$ _____ b Enter organization's share of: (1) Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750) \$ _____ (2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000) \$ _____ c Income tax on the amount on line 34 ▶ 35 c 0.	
36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from: <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rate schedule or <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D (Form 1041) ▶ 36	
37 Proxy tax. See instructions ▶ 37	
38 Alternative minimum tax ▶ 38	
39 Total. Add lines 37 and 38 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies. ▶ 39 0.	

Part IV Tax and Payments

40 a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116) 40 a	
b Other credits (see instructions) 40 b	
c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions) 40 c	
d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827) 40 d	
e Total credits. Add lines 40a through 40d 40 e	
41 Subtract line 40e from line 39. 41 0.	
42 Other taxes. Check if from: <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4255 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8611 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8697 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8866 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (attach schedule) 42	
43 Total tax. Add lines 41 and 42. 43 0.	
44 a Payments: A 2014 overpayment credited to 2015 44 a	
b 2015 estimated tax payments. 44 b	
c Tax deposited with Form 8868 44 c 0.	
d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) 44 d	
e Backup withholding (see instructions) 44 e	
f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941) 44 f	
g Other credits and payments: <input type="checkbox"/> Form 2439 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4136 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Total . . . ▶ 44 g	
45 Total payments. Add lines 44a through 44g 45 0.	
46 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> 46	
47 Tax due. If line 45 is less than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount owed ▶ 47	
48 Overpayment. If line 45 is larger than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount overpaid. ▶ 48 0.	
49 Enter the amount of line 48 you want: Credited to 2016 estimated tax ▶ 49 Refunded ▶	

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

1 At any time during the 2015 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here ▶ _____	Yes	No
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		X
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ \$ _____		

Schedule A – Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation ▶

1 Inventory at beginning of year 1		6 Inventory at end of year 6	
2 Purchases 2		7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2 7	
3 Cost of labor 3			
4 a Additional section 263A costs (attach schedule) 4 a			
b Other costs (attach sch) 4 b			
5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b. 5			
		8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?	Yes No

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

Signature of officer _____ Date _____ Title _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: ROBIN E TOWER
Preparer's signature: _____
Date: 09/20/17
Check if self-employed
PTIN: P00440964
Firm's name: Robin E. Tower
Firm's EIN: 31-5560089
Firm's address: PO BOX 1
PFAFFTOWN NC 27040
Phone no.: (336) 306-5848

Schedule C – Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property) (see instructions)

1 Description of property		
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
2 Rent received or accrued		3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)
(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
Total	Total	
(c) Total income. Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) ▶		(b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) ▶

Schedule E – Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property		2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3 Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach sch)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6 Column 4 divided by column 5	7 Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8 Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
Totals ▶			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B).
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8 ▶				

Schedule F – Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1 Name of controlled organization	2 Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4 Total of specified payments made	5 Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6 Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
Nonexempt Controlled Organizations					
7 Taxable Income	8 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9 Total of specified payments made	10 Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11 Deductions directly connected with income in column 10	
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
Totals ▶			Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (A).	Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (B).	

Schedule G – Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1 Description of income	2 Amount of income	3 Deductions directly connected (attach schedule)	4 Set-asides (attach schedule)	5 Total deductions and set-asides (column 3 plus column 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
Totals ▶	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (A).			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (B).

Schedule I – Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1 Description of exploited activity	2 Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3 Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4 Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3). If a gain, compute columns 5 through 7.	5 Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6 Expenses attributable to column 5	7 Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals ▶	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, column (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, column (B).				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26.

Schedule J – Advertising Income (See instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3). If a gain, compute col 5 through 7.	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (col 6 minus col 5, but not more than col 4).
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals (carry to Part II, line (5)) ▶						

Part II Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3). If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7.	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (col 6 minus col 5, but not more than col 4).
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals from Part I ▶						
Totals, Part II (lines 1-5) ▶	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, column (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, column (B).				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 27.

Schedule K – Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1 Name	2 Title	3 Percent of time devoted to business	4 Compensation attributable to unrelated business
		%	
		%	
		%	
		%	
Total. Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14 ▶			

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

Briefly describe the organization's mission:

CONIFERS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THOSE THAT ARE DWARF OR UNUSUAL
, THE CLARIFICATION OF NOMENCLATURE AND THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC.

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990

Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4d (continued)

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.

Code: _____	Description: <u>PURCHASE OF PLANTS TO DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBERS</u>
Expenses <u>7,937.</u>	<u>SALE OF PLANTS TO MEMBERS THAT WERE DONATED BY MEMBERS</u>
Grants Of <u>0.</u>	_____
Revenue. <u>60,612.</u>	_____

