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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

Open to Public Inspection

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017 , and ending 12-31-2017

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

LAWRENCE, KS 66049

F Name and address of principal officer

J RHETT EVANS

1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE

LAWRENCE, KS 66049

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

D Employer identification number

59-0874226

E Telephone number

(785) 841-2240

G Gross receipts \$ 28,473,613

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW GCSAA ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1928

M State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS IN THE FIELD OF GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT THROUGH CONFERENCES & SHOWS, COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION, TOURNAMENTS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

2 Check this box ☐ 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)

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

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)

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

Prior Year

Current Year

743,500

914,500

12,658,013

13,408,074

280,233

3,751,739

129,022

160,104

13,810,768

18,234,417

4,750

88,536

0

0

5,835,840

5,748,105

0

0

8,534,570

8,961,450

14,375,160

14,798,091

-564,392

3,436,326

Beginning of Current Year

End of Year

20,805,012

21,744,209

10,738,684

10,539,144

10,066,328

11,205,065

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

2018-11-14

Date

CAMERON OURY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

REBECCA SHAW

REBECCA SHAW

2018-11-14

P01275425

Firm's name ▶ BERBERICH TRAHAN & CO PA

Firm's EIN ▶ 48-1066439

Firm's address ▶ 3630 SW BURLINGAME ROAD

Phone no (785) 234-3427

TOPEKA, KS 666112050

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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

GCSAA IS DEDICATED TO SERVING ITS MEMBERS, ADVANCING THEIR PROFESSION AND ENHANCING THE ENJOYMENT, GROWTH AND VITALITY OF THE GAME OF GOLF

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 \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

















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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶

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	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
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 	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5 Yes	
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 	6	No
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 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
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 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
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 	11a Yes	
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 	11b	No
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 	11c	No
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 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	No
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 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	No
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 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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	14b	No
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	15	No
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	16	No
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)	17	No
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	18	No
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	19	No

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>		No
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>	Yes	
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>	Yes	
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>	Yes	
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>		No
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>		
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>		
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>		No
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>		No
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>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
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>	Yes	
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
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>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
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>		No
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>		No
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>	Yes	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	Yes	
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>	Yes	
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>		
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>		No
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	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	100
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	3
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	92
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 9		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 0		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	Yes	
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.	9		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶	
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> 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. ▶CAMERON OURY 1421 RESEARCH PARK DR LAWRENCE, KS 66049 (800) 472-7878	

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or 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) WILLIAM H MAYNARD CGCS PRESIDENT	3 00	X		X				3,860	0	0
(2) DARREN J DAVIS CGCS VICE - PRESIDENT	1 00	X		X				2,621	0	0
(3) RAFAEL BARAJAS CGCS SECRETARY/TREASURER	1 00	X		X				5,285	0	0
(4) JOHN R FULLING JR CGCS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						4,118	0	0
(5) MARK F JORDAN CGCS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						3,968	0	0
(6) KEVIN P BREEN CGCS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						3,772	0	0
(7) KEVIN P SUNDERMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						2,683	0	0
(8) JOHN R WALKER DIRECTOR (PARTIAL YEAR)	1 00	X						1,556	0	0
(9) KEITH A IHMS CGCS DIRECTOR (PARTIAL YEAR)	1 00	X						704	0	0
(10) PETER J GRASS CGCS PAST PRESIDENT	1 00	X						4,580	0	0
(11) J RHETT EVANS CEO	39 00			X				477,660	0	27,381
(12) CAMERON OURY CFO	39 00			X				207,834	0	25,811
(13) JD DOCKSTADER COO	39 00			X				212,431	0	20,656
(14) ROBERT HELLAND DIRECTOR, GOV. & FEDERAL AFFAIRS	40 00					X		183,795	0	18,389
(15) EILEEN BANGALAN SR. DIRECTOR, BUSINESS STRATEGY	40 00					X		114,508	0	12,654
(16) SHELIA FINNEY SR. DIR., MEMBER PROGRAMS	40 00					X		105,220	0	8,548
(17) SHARI KOEHLER DIR. EDUCATION	40 00					X		101,850	0	5,316

[illegible]

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 ▶ 7

Section B. Independent Contractors

From the organization: Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation

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Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b				
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d	914,500			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		914,500			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a CONFERENCE & SHOW	611710	8,641,262	8,641,262		
	b MEMBERSHIP DUES	713910	4,269,141	4,269,141		
	c PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	611710	433,671	433,671		
	d ADVERTISING & MARKETING OPPORTUNI	611710	64,000	64,000		
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		13,408,074			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		187,277			187,277
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶		218,323			218,323
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
		520,529				
	b Less rental expenses	589,054				
	c Rental income or (loss)	-68,525				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶		-68,525		-20,536	-47,989
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
		13,191,975 22,629				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	9,542,773 107,369				
	c Gain or (loss)	3,649,202 -84,740				
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶		3,564,462			3,564,462
	8a 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 ▶					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b Less direct expenses b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶						
10a 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					
11a OTHER INCOME	900099	10,306	10,306			
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		10,306				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		18,234,417	13,418,380	-20,536	3,922,073	

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.	79,616			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	8,920			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,004,920			
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.	3,968,192			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	141,230			
9 Other employee benefits.	284,087			
10 Payroll taxes.	349,676			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	51,775			
c Accounting.	30,957			
d Lobbying.	2,725			
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).	176,614			
12 Advertising and promotion.	379,446			
13 Office expenses.	462,321			
14 Information technology.	700,306			
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	86,793			
17 Travel.	811,596			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	3,643,118			
20 Interest.	18,100			
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	832,508			
23 Insurance.	316,527			
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 CAREER DEVELOPMENT	597,883			
b RESEARCH & ENVIRONMENT	446,502			
c PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	109,135			
d MEMBER SERVICES	104,661			
e All other expenses	190,483			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	14,798,091			
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 SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			1	300
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		1,231,072	2	1,498,134
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		592,496	4	936,750
	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		3,734,960	7	3,706,046
	8	Inventories for sale or use		9,607	8	7,647
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		1,163,991	9	849,562
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	16,202,541		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	9,661,559		
				7,304,988	10c	6,540,982
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		6,725,398	11	8,162,288
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		42,500	12	42,500
	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)		20,805,012	16	21,744,209	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,162,372	17	1,052,222
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		8,257,548	19	8,418,467
	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		1,318,764	23	1,068,455
	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		10,738,684	26	10,539,144
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		10,066,328	27	11,205,065
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	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		10,066,328	33	11,205,065
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		20,805,012	34	21,744,209	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	18,234,417
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	14,798,091
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,436,326
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	10,066,328
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-2,297,589
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	11,205,065

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 59-0874226
Name: GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA

Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO ITS 17,530 MEMBERS FROM THE FIELD OF GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT THESE SERVICES INCLUDE A CONFERENCE & SHOW, WHICH APPROXIMATELY 13,717 INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED, EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS, WHICH HELPED 7,880 MEMBERS THIS YEAR, AND 5,847 PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM THE IMAGE & CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at**
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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 B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" 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 the organization GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	Employer identification number 59-0874226
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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 ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(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 (grass roots lobbying)

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)

h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-

i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -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?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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	4,269,141
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	27,823
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	27,823
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	256,148
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	-228,325

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Part I

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

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	

5

Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II

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

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

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

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

3

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

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

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

7

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

8

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

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

Part III

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

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

1a

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

b

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

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

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

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

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Part III

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

3

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

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

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

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
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		597,754		597,754
b Buildings		9,491,243	5,468,552	4,022,691
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,875,244	1,329,934	545,310
e Other		4,238,300	2,863,073	1,375,227
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				6,540,982

Part VII

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

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

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX

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

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

Part X

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

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

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

☒

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	

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

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 59-0874226
Name: GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
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Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION HAS ADOPTED THE INCOME TAXES TOPIC OF THE FASB ASC RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THIS TOPIC PRESCRIBES A RECOGNITION THRESHOLD AND MEASUREMENT ATTRIBUTE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT OF A TAX POSITION TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT HAVE ANY MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017 OR 2016

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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

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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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF 1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE LAWRENCE, KS 66049	59-0994338	501(C)(3)	60,000				TURF GRASS RESEARCH
(2) ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF 1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE LAWRENCE, KS 66049	59-0994338	501(C)(3)	19,616				DISASTER RELIEF

2

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

1

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) MEDICAL HARSHIP	7	6,000	920		DUES ASSISTANCE
(2) HOUSE FIRE ASSISTANCE	1	2,000			
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	GRANTS ARE MONITORED THROUGH THE ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET PROCESS OF GCSAA AND EIFG THE CEO, COO AND CFO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH ENTITIES AND COORDINATE THE USE OF FUNDS ACCORDING TO THEIR INTENDED USE

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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- For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**
- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1b Yes

2 Yes

4a Yes

4b No

4c No

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

8

9

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

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

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Part III Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 4A	JD DOCKSTADER \$34,615
PART I, LINE 1A	TRAVEL FOR COMPANIONS GCSAA PAID FOR TRAVEL FOR COMPANIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, J RHETT EVANS, CAMERON OURY, AND J D DOCKSTADER. ALL OF WHICH WAS REPORTED AS TAXABLE INCOME ON THEIR W-2S OR 1099S. TAX INDEMNIFICATION AND GROSS UP PAYMENTS GCSAA PAID FOR TAX INDEMNIFICATION AND GROSS UP PAYMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, J RHETT EVANS, CAMERON OURY, AND J D DOCKSTADER. ALL OF WHICH WAS REPORTED AS TAXABLE INCOME ON THEIR W-2S OR 1099S. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CLUB DUES GCSAA PAID FOR DUES TO SHADOW GLEN GOLF CLUB IN THE NAME OF GCSAA (RHETT EVANS AS PRINCIPAL CONTACT) AND CANYON FARMS GOLF CLUB IN THE NAME OF J D DOCKSTADER. THE EXECUTIVE TEAM HOLDS BUSINESS MEETINGS AND EVENTS AT THESE CLUBS AND THEY CAN BE USED BY THE GCSAA STAFF FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING ACCOUNT GCSAA PAID FOR DISCRETIONARY SPENDING ACCOUNTS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHICH WAS REPORTED AS TAXABLE INCOME ON THEIR 1099S.

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Transactions with Interested Persons

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ► \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ► \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total						► \$						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) SEE PART V		0			No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE L, PART IV	(A) GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS, INC (B) WILLIAM H MAYNARD, DARREN J DAVIS, RAFAEL BARAJAS, JOHN R FULLING, PETER GRASS, MARK JORDAN, KEVIN BREEN, JOHN WALKER, KEVIN SUNDERMAN, AND KEITH IHMS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BOTH GCSAA AND GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS, INC J RHETT EVANS, J D DOCKSTADER AND CAMERON E OURY SERVED AS OFFICERS FOR BOTH GCSAA AND GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC (C/D) \$218,323 ROYALTY, \$119,217 INTEREST FOR LOAN, \$532,758 INDIRECT SERVICES

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	PETER J GRASS, WILLIAM H MAYNARD, DARREN J DAVIS, RAFAEL BARAJAS, JOHN R FULLING, MARK F JORDAN, KEVIN P BREEN, JOHN WALKER, KEVIN SUNDERMAN, AND KEITH IHMS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BOTH GCSAA AND GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS, INC J RHETT EVANS, J D DOCKSTADER AND CAMERON E OURY SERVED AS OFFICERS FOR BOTH GCSAA AND GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	<p>CLASS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT (A) TO QUALIFY FOR CLASS A MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT SHALL HAVE, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, BE EMPLOYED IN SUCH CAPACITY AND COMPLY WITH ALL ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP CLASS B GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT (B) TO QUALIFY FOR CLASS B MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT SHALL, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, BE EMPLOYED AS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT AND NOT MEET THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CLASS A MEMBERSHIP CLASS B MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT THAT OF HOLDING OFFICE CLASS B WAS CHANGED FROM SM (SUPERINTENDENT MEMBER) AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ORLANDO IN FEBRUARY 2017 INTERNATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT MEMBER (ISM) TO QUALIFY FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE EMPLOYED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES AS A SUPERINTENDENT OR HEAD GREENKEEPER AND BE A MEMBER OF HIS/HER OWN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP INTERNATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE SERVICES AND BENEFITS PROVIDED TO INTERNATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT MEMBERS ARE OUTLINED IN THE STANDING RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT (CLASS C) TO QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, AN ASSISTANT TO A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, AND SHALL BE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN SUCH A CAPACITY CLASS C MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE LIFE MEMBER (CLASS AA) TO QUALIFY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP, ONE MUST HAVE RETIRED AS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT OR ASSISTANT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT AND HAVE BEEN A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT OR ASSISTANT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT MEMBER OF GCSAA FOR 25 YEARS OF WHICH A MINIMUM OF 20 YEARS HAS BEEN AS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT A LIFE MEMBER SHALL HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION EXCEPT THAT OF HOLDING OFFICE CLASS A - RETIRED TO QUALIFY FOR CLASS A - RETIRED STATUS, ONE MUST NOT BE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT AND HAVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CLASS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT MEMBER THE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A GCSAA MEMBER WHEN COMBINED WITH THE MEMBER'S AGE MUST EQUAL OR EXCEED 75 YEARS THIS MEMBER SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION AFFORDED THAT CLASSIFICATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOLDING OFFICE AFFILIATE (AF) TO QUALIFY FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL, BUSINESS FIRM OR GOVERNMENTAL BODY INTERESTED IN GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT AND/OR IN THE GROWING OR PRODUCTION OF FINE TURFGRASS, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR THROUGH EMPLOYMENT BY, OR OTHER AFFILIATION WITH, A COMPANY, PROPRIETORSHIP OR ASSOCIATION, AND WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ANOTHER CLASS AFFILIATE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE SUCH PRIVILEGES OF T</p>

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	<p>THE ASSOCIATION AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY BY STANDING RULES, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE EQUIPMENT MANAGER (EM) TO QUALIFY FOR EQUIPMENT MANAGER MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE EMPLOYED AS AN EQUIPMENT MANAGER, ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER OR MECHANIC/TECHNICIAN WITHIN THE GOLF INDUSTRY AND SHALL HAVE SUCH RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY BY STANDING RULES, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE ASSOCIATE MEMBER (AS) TO QUALIFY FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT MUST BE EMPLOYED BY A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT AT A GOLF COURSE AND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C OR EQUIPMENT MANAGER BYLAW'S DEFINITION ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE SUCH RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY BY STANDING RULES, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE EDUCATOR (CLASS E) TO QUALIFY FOR EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT MUST BE AN EDUCATOR OR EXTENSION OFFICER CLASS E MEMBERS SHALL HAVE SUCH PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY BY STANDING RULES, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE INACTIVE AN INACTIVE MEMBER IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, BY REASON OF UNEMPLOYMENT, ILLNESS OR OTHER ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, HAS BEEN PLACED IN THIS CLASS UPON HIS OR HER APPLICATION THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON SUCH APPLICATION AND TO PLACE A MEMBER ON INACTIVE STATUS SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY BY STANDING RULES STUDENT(S) TO QUALIFY FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP, AN APPLICANT MUST BE A FULL-TIME TURFGRASS STUDENT ENROLLED IN A FORMAL COURSE OF EDUCATION, OR HAVE COMPLETED HIS OR HER FORMAL EDUCATION LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND HAVE NOT BECOME EMPLOYED AT A GOLF COURSE STUDENT MEMBERS SHALL HAVE SUCH PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY BY STANDING RULES, EXCEPT THOSE OF VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE RETIRED (RT) TO QUALIFY FOR RETIRED MEMBERSHIP, ONE MUST BE RETIRED AND NO LONGER SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF ANY MEMBERSHIP CLASS OF THE ASSOCIATION AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN WRITING FOR RETIRED MEMBERSHIP, THE ANNUAL DUES FOR WHICH SHALL BE SET BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED HALF THE AMOUNT PAID FOR THE CLASSIFICATION IN WHICH THE MEMBER RETIRES THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR RETIREMENT (1) ANY MEMBER REACHING AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55), MAY RETIRE AND SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION AFFORDED THE MEMBER IN HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE PREVIOUS CLASSIFICATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOLDING OFFICE, OR (2) ANY MEMBER HAVING COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OF SERVICE IN ANY MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION MAY RETIRE IN THAT CLASSIFICATION AND SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION AFFORDED THAT CLASSIFICATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOLDING OFFICES RECLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS VOLUNTARY RECLASSIFICATION ANY INDIVIDUAL</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	MEMBER MAY REQUEST A CHANGE IN HIS OR HER MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORD WITH A CHANGE IN HIS OR HER QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP MANDATORY RECLASSIFICATION ALL MEMBERS, UPON RENEWAL OF THEIR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, MUST CLEARLY STATE THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS THIS STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS SHALL BE BASED UPON THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED JOB TITLES AND GOLF COURSE ORGANIZATION CHART, OR OTHER COMMONLY ACCEPTED LISTINGS OF JOB TITLES

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	MEMBER TYPES WITH VOTING RIGHTS ARE CLASS AA, A, B OR RETIRED A OR B THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AS AN INDIVIDUAL, PROXY OR BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR CHAPTER DELEGATE

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	ACCORDING TO CORPORATE BYLAWS, ISSUES OR PROCEDURES THAT REQUIRE MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL ARE (A) SETTING OF DUES AMOUNT FOR CLASS A, B & C MEMBERS (B) SETTING OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR CLASS A MEMBERSHIP (C) AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND THE BYLAWS

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM PREPARES AND REVIEWS THE FORM 990 THE FORM 990 IS THEN REVIEWED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICERS AND ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL ANY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICERS AND ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL HAVE ARE ADDRESSED AND ALL NECESSARY CHANGES ARE MADE THE FINAL FORM 990, WITH ALL REQUIRED SCHEDULES, IS THEN PROVIDED TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING THE FORM 990

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	AT THE TIME OF HIRE (OR ELECTION IN THE CASE OF A BOARD MEMBER), THE STAFF AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THIS POLICY IS IN THE NEW HIRE HANDBOOK AND IS PART OF THE ORIENTATION PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS SHALL DISCLOSE FULLY AND FRANKLY, ANY AND ALL, ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OR DUALITY OF INTEREST OR RESPONSIBILITY, WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY, PERSONAL OR BUSINESS RELATED IF A CONFLICT ARISES WITHIN THE BOARD, THE DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL SHALL NEITHER VOTE NOR ENDEAVOR TO INFLUENCE CORPORATE ACTION THE AFFECTED INDIVIDUAL SHALL LEAVE THE BOARDROOM WHILE THE MATTER IS DISCUSSED AND A VOTE, IF ANY, SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OR ITS COMMITTEE

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	IN 2015, GCSAA COMPLETED A MARKET ANALYSIS AND ADJUSTED THE SALARY STRUCTURE AS A RESULT THE SALARIES OF ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO AN ANNUAL MERIT PROCESS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW SALARY STRUCTURE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND THE YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE WWW GCSAA ORG WEBSITE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT IS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA

Employer identification number

59-0874226

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF 1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE LAWRENCE, KS 66049 59-0994338	FUNDRAISING	IL	501(C)(3)	LINE 7	N/A	Yes	
(2)GCSAA PAC 1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE LAWRENCE, KS 66049 82-3585801	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	KS	527		GCSAA	Yes	

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC 1421 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE LAWRENCE, KS 66049 48-1070515	PUBLICATIONS	KS	GCSAA	C	2,312	507,762	100 000 %	Yes	

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

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a	Yes	
1b	Yes	
1c	Yes	
1d	Yes	
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j	Yes	
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n		No
1o	Yes	
1p	Yes	
1q	Yes	
1r		No
1s		No

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

See Additional Data Table

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 59-0874226
Name: GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA

Form 990, Schedule R, Part V - Transactions With Related Organizations

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type(a-s)	(c) Amount Involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC	A	337,540	CASH
GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC	J	153,734	CASH
GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC	O	229,620	CASH
GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC	P	494,196	CASH
GCSAA COMMUNICATIONS INC	Q	61,761	CASH
THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF	C	914,500	CASH
THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF	B	60,000	CASH
THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF	Q	352,790	CASH
THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE FOR GOLF	O	138,085	CASH
GSCAA COMMUNICATIONS	D	3,706,046	CASH