

Form **990**

(Rev. January 2020)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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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2019**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning **7/01**, 2019, and ending **6/30**, 2020**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C **BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.**
741 N. VERMONT AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90029

D Employer identification number

95-1641426

E Telephone number

323-663-1111

G Gross receipts \$ **69,665,183.**

F Name and address of principal officer **Peter A. Mindnich**
Same As C Above

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no) **4947(a)(1) or 527**

J Website: **www.brailleinstitute.org****H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation **1961****M** State of legal domicile **CA****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: "To eliminate barriers caused by blindness and severe sight loss". See Attached Federal Supplemental Information	
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	17
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	17
Revenue	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2b)	236
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	903
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	0.
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	12,102,435.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	13,159,855.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	7,405,927.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	41,437,094.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,622,927.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,960,116.
Expenses	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	22,131,289.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	56,557,065.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	15,267,472.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 3,123,169.	14,949,467.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	114,000.
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	93,500.
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	8,417,480.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	7,456,729.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	23,798,952.
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	-1,667,663.
		34,057,369.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer <i>Rezaur Rahman</i>	Date 11/10/20
	Type or print name and title Rezaur Rahman	CFO
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Qi Wen Liang	Preparer's signature <i>Qi Wen Liang</i>
	Firm's name BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA INC	Date 11/11/2020
	Firm's address 741 N VERMONT AVE	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed
	Los Angeles, CA 90029	PTIN P01270238
	Firm's EIN 95-1641426	Phone no 323-663-1111

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

☒ Yes ☐ No**BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.**

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

"To eliminate barriers caused by blindness and severe sight loss". See Attached
Federal Supplemental Information2 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 \$ 13,155,422. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)See Attached Federal Supplemental Information Page 1, Part III - Line 4a4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 3,025,902. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)See Attached Federal Supplemental Information Page 1, Part III - Line 4b4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 731,914. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)See Attached Federal Supplemental Information Page 2, Part III - Line 4c

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 16,913,238.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax 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		
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	

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

	Yes	No
2 a 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	2 a 236	
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)	2 b X	
3 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3 a	X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3 b	
4 a 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)?	4 a	X
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)		
5 a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5 a	X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5 b	X
c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5 c	
6 a 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?	6 a	X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6 b	
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?	7 a X	
b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7 b X	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7 c	X
d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7 d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7 e	X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7 f	X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7 g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7 h	X
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	X
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9 a	X
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9 b	X
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10 a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10 b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11 a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11 b	
12 a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12 a	
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12 b	
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	13 a	
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	13 b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13 c	
14 a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14 a	X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation on Schedule O	14 b	
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If 'Yes,' see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N	15	X
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If 'Yes,' complete Form 4720, Schedule O	16	X

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on 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
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. 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 on Schedule O	17	
1 b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	17	
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?		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? See Schedule O	X	
7 a 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? See Schedule O	X	
7 b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
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 on Schedule O		X

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

	Yes	No
10 a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	X	
10 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?	X	
11 a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11 b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. See Schedule O		
12 a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13	X	
12 b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12 c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done. See Schedule O	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization. See Schedule O. If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)	X	
16 a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16 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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. See Schedule O

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on 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. See Schedule O

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.

Jamie Aung, Controller 741 N.Vermont Ave. Los Angeles CA 90029 (323) 663-1111

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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1 a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ 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) Peter Mindnich President	38 0			X				359,972.	0.	46,164.
(2) Rezaur Rahman CFO	38 0			X				208,357.	0.	44,683.
(3) Anthony Taketa Secretary	38 0			X				203,883.	0.	38,748.
(4) Gary Jimenez VP Development	38 0				X			213,260.	0.	27,869.
(5) Sandy Shin VP Mark. & Commun.	38 0					X		165,826.	0.	47,468.
(6) Anita Wright Thru 03/19 ED Programs Dir.	38 0					X		193,408.	0.	9,689.
(7) Gloria Coulston Thru 1/20 VP Prog. & Servc.	38 0				X			170,749.	0.	12,106.
(8) Maria Valdiva VP Technology	38 0					X		142,288.	0.	32,464.
(9) Cindy Chan Dir. Planned Giving	38 0					X		134,771.	0.	17,070.
(10) Janice Herzberg Thru 09/19 VP Org. Res. & Design	38 0					X		138,583.	0.	7,341.
(11) Michael C. Corley Chairman	1 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) George E. Thomas Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) Delbert White Thru 2/20 Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) James J. Rhodes Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Jeanne Olenicoff Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) James H. Jackson Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) Donald Whinfrey Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(18) Linda A. Lam Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) John F. Llewellyn Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) Diane B. Whitaker Thru 1/20 Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) Richard A. Nelson Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) William J. Link Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) Percy Duran III Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) John G. Nuanes Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) Harvey Strode Director	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
1 b Subtotal								1,931,097.	0.	283,602.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,931,097.	0.	283,602.

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 **23**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
3		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
4	X	

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Driver SPG 468 N. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107	Construction Service	1,121,558.
RKD Group 3400 Waterview Parkway, Suite 250 Richardson, TX 75080	Direct Mail Services	355,829.
A.B. Data LTD. 600 AB Data Drive Milwaukee, WI 53217	Direct Mail Services	243,943.
Olympic Maintenance 12030 Clarkson Road Los Angeles, CA 90064	Cleaning Services	223,508.
Applied Design Works LLC 33 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011	Design Services	193,517.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **9**

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Name of the Organization

Employer Identification number

BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

95-1641426

Part VII	Continuation: Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
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Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c	12,100.			
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e	244,766.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f	12,902,989.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1 g	58,806.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		13,159,855.			
	Business Code					
Program Service Revenue	2 a					
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		3,486,753.			3,486,753.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties		1,918,008.			1,918,008.
	6 a Gross rents	6 a	(i) Real 23,268.	(ii) Personal		
	b Less rental expenses	6 b				
	c Rental income or (loss)	6 c	23,268.			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		23,268.			23,268.
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7 a	(i) Securities 8,967,618.	(ii) Other 42080935.		
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	7 b	6,103,715.	6,994,497.		
	c Gain or (loss)	7 c	2,863,903.	35086438.		
	d Net gain or (loss)		37,950,341.			37,950,341.
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 12,100. of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	8 a	12,385.			
	b Less direct expenses	8 b	9,906.			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		2,479.			2,479.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	9 a				
	b Less direct expenses	9 b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10 a				
	b Less cost of goods sold	10 b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
	11 a Miscellaneous Income		16,361.			16,361.
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		16,361.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions		56,557,065.	0.	0.	43,397,210.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,282,335.	128,402.	786,534.	367,399.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	10,498,260.	8,576,494.	693,549.	1,228,217.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	639,702.	521,397.	44,381.	73,924.
9 Other employee benefits	1,699,359.	1,358,904.	145,224.	195,231.
10 Payroll taxes	829,811.	603,423.	107,114.	119,274.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees)				
a Management				
b Legal	90,519.		90,519.	
c Accounting	96,839.		96,839.	
d Lobbying	69,226.	69,226.		
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	93,500.			93,500.
f Investment management fees	31,007.		31,007.	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	284,480.	160,191.	119,789.	4,500.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	119,593.	86,423.	26,595.	6,575.
14 Information technology	509,173.	344,507.	70,030.	94,636.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,561,042.	1,491,743.	45,706.	23,593.
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	134,768.	36,809.	53,981.	43,978.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,283,689.	1,243,892.	22,485.	17,312.
23 Insurance	277,722.	254,860.	13,851.	9,011.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Equipment & Facility Maintenance</u>	1,423,623.	1,237,536.	105,849.	80,238.
b <u>Direct Mail</u>	744,346.			744,346.
c <u>Community Relations</u>	288,566.	286,420.		2,146.
d <u>Instructional Program Supplies</u>	217,390.	217,390.		
e All other expenses	324,746.	295,621.	9,836.	19,289.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	22,499,696.	16,913,238.	2,463,289.	3,123,169.
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 X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing	417,970.	1	908,061.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	462,847.	2	1,348,666.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,403,589.	3	889,036.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	195,483.	4	20,986.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	31,551.	8	36,185.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	107,325.	9	87,315.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 66,790,647.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 43,153,915.	31,370,895.	10c 23,636,732.
	11 Investments – publicly traded securities	149,320,822.	11	188,714,064.
	12 Investments – other securities See Part IV, line 11	2,724,036.	12	2,352,575.
	13 Investments – program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	2,589,496.	15	2,490,973.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	188,624,014.	16	220,484,593.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,262,388.	17	2,484,523.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	3,549,293.	25	3,067,134.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	5,811,681.	26	5,551,657.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	140,376,241.	27	173,723,198.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	42,436,092.	28	41,209,738.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	182,812,333.	32	214,932,936.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	188,624,014.	33	220,484,593.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

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1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	56,557,065.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	22,499,696.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	34,057,369.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	182,812,333.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-1,855,427.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O) See Schedule O	9	-81,339.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	214,932,936.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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		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			
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 c	If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O			
3 a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Form 990 (2019)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2019

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

BRaille INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

95-1641426

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f).						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3% support test—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2019 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33-1/3% support tests—2019.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐

b **33-1/3% support tests—2018.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?

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

c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If 'Yes' to a, b, or c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

Yes No

11a

11b

11c

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If 'No,' describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.

Yes No

1

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If 'Yes,' explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.

2

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If 'No,' describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

Yes No

1

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?

Yes No

1

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If 'No,' explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).

2

3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If 'Yes,' describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

3

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).

a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If 'Yes,' then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.

Yes No

2a

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If 'Yes,' explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.

2b

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in **Part VI**.

3a

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If 'Yes,' describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

3b

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

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

Section A – Adjusted Net Income

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

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount

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

Section C – Distributable Amount

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019

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

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2019	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required – explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019			
a From 2014			
b From 2015			
c From 2016			
d From 2017			
e From 2018			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2019 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2015			
b Excess from 2016			
c Excess from 2017			
d Excess from 2018			
e Excess from 2019			

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019

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

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

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Inspection****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 organization

BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

95-1641426

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

▶ \$ 0.

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955

▶ \$ 0.

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)				

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019

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
1 a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots 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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) Total
2 a 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					

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019

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 See Part IV During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		X	
c Media advertisements?	X		28,500.
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		40,726.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			69,226.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Part II-B - Description of Lobbying Activity

In December 2019, the organization retained a lobbying firm for purposes of restoring and/or increasing funding for its library operations from the California Legislature. The lobbying activities involved meeting and informing members of the legislature about the organization's library services benefitting visually impaired and other disabled patrons and conducting a digital campaign to demonstrate public

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)**Part II-B - Description of Lobbying Activity (continued)**

support for such services. Through the end of FY 2019-2020, the organization has expended \$69,226.

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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.
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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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2 a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2 b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2 c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2 d

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.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

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

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

- a ☐ Public exhibition
 b ☐ Scholarly research
 c ☐ Preservation for future generations

- d ☐ Loan or exchange program
 e ☐ Other _____

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

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

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

1 a 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
1 c	
1 d	
1 e	
1 f	

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance	29,312,902.	29,169,692.	23,903,663.	19,797,179.	12,834,918.
b Contributions	25,025.	121,470.	5,185,743.	3,952,386.	7,033,300.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-88,456.	21,740.	80,286.	154,098.	-71,039.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs				0.	
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	29,249,471.	29,312,902.	29,169,692.	23,903,663.	19,797,179.

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 ▶ 100.00 %
 c Term endowment ▶ _____ %
 The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

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

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
1 a Land	53,883.	6,484,582.		6,538,465.
b Buildings		42,951,615.	29,108,837.	13,842,778.
c Leasehold improvements		6,072,489.	3,620,240.	2,452,249.
d Equipment		11,228,078.	10,424,838.	803,240.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ▶ 23,636,732.

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Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

N/A

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) -----		
(I) -----		
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

N/A

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)		
(10)		
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

N/A

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)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (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) Gift Annuity Liabilities	3,067,134.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)	3,067,134.

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

See 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	54,701,638.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-1,855,427.	
	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	-1,855,427.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	56,557,065.
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	56,557,065.

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	22,581,035.
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) See Part XIII	2d	81,339.	
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	81,339.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	22,499,696.
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	22,499,696.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses Of Endowment Fund

These are net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the Institute is limited by donor-imposed stipulations. All permanently restricted net assets are available for endowment. The ending balance on part V, line 1g excludes \$2.6 million of interest & earning and investment appreciation, which is released to Temporarily Restricted funds, to provide specific program support to improve the lives of blind or visually impaired people.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**Part X - FASB ASC 740 Footnote****Taxes**

The Institute follows guidance that clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, including issues relating to financial statement recognition and measurement. This guidance provides that the tax effects from an uncertain tax position can only be recognized in the financial statements if the position is "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged.

The Institute was organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California. The Institute is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, though it is subject to tax on income unrelated to its exempt purpose, unless that income is otherwise excluded by the Code. The Institute has also been recognized by the California Franchise Tax Board as an organization that is exempt from California franchise and income taxes under Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The Institute has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status; to identify and report unrelated income; to determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it has nexus; and to identify and evaluate other matters that may be considered tax positions. The Institute has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d
Other Expenses And Losses Per Audited F/S**

Change in Split - Interest

	\$	81,339.
Total	\$	<u>81,339.</u>

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

- Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2019

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Name of the organization

BRaille INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

95-1641426

Part I

1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?

	YES	NO
1	X	

2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

2	X	
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3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If 'Yes,' please describe. If 'No,' please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

3	X	
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The organization has no set periods of solicitation or registration.
Nevertheless, its policy is posted on its website.

4 Does the organization maintain the following?

a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?

4 a	X	
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b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?

4 b		X
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c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

4 c	X	
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d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?

4 d	X	
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If you answered 'No' to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

Part 1, 4b - Is not applicable to Braille Institute of America, Inc.
All instruction is provided free of charge.

5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to

a Students' rights or privileges?

5 a		X
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b Admissions policies?

5 b		X
-----	--	---

c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?

5 c		X
-----	--	---

d Scholarships or other financial assistance?

5 d		X
-----	--	---

e Educational policies?

5 e		X
-----	--	---

f Use of facilities?

5 f		X
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g Athletic programs?

5 g		X
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h Other extracurricular activities?

5 h		X
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If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

6 a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?

6 a	X	
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b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

6 b		X
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If you answered 'Yes' on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.

See Part II

7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If 'No,' explain on Part II.

7	X	
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Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Schedule E, Line 6 - Explanation of Aid or Assistance from Governmental Agency

Our financial assistance comprises an appropriation from the State of California which reimburses Braille Institute for a portion of the operating expenses of the Library Services. This appropriation has been awarded annually.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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

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Name of the organization

BRaille INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

95-1641426

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

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☒ Mail solicitations e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants
b ☒ Internet and email solicitations f ☒ Solicitation of government grants
c ☐ Phone solicitations g ☒ Special fundraising events
d ☒ In-person solicitations

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 A.B Data LTD 600 AB Data Drive Milwaukee WI 53217	D. Mail Consult		X	934,292.	93,500.	840,792.
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total				934,292.	93,500.	840,792.

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

AL AK AR CA CO CT FL GA HI IL KS KY ME MD MA MI MN MS NH NJ NM NY NC ND OH OK OR PA
RI SC TN UT VA WA WV WI

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

REVENUE		(a) Event #1 <u>Dinner/Lunch</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 <u></u> (event type)	(c) Other events <u>None</u> (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))
	1 Gross receipts	24,485.			24,485.
	2 Less Contributions	12,100.			12,100.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	12,385.			12,385.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	1,900.			1,900.
	7 Food and beverages	7,600.			7,600.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	406.			406.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				9,906.
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				2,479.

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'No,' explain _____

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions

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

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

Part I, Line 2b - Fundraiser Additional Information

The Institute entered into separate agreements with A.B.Data LTD to cover professional fundraising services and professional fundraising expenses, such as printing, paper, envelopes and postage. Amounts calculated on Schedule G can be supported by the agreements and the expenses paid to A.B.Data LTD.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

95-1641426

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input 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 **Part III**

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

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

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

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

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

Yes No

1 b

2

4 a

4 b

4 c

5 a

5 b

6 a

6 b

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2019

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
Peter Mindnich 1 President	(i) 357,381. (ii) 0.	0.	2,591. 0.	19,484. 0.	26,680. 0.	406,136. 0.	0. 0.
Rezaur Rahman 2 CFO	(i) 207,011. (ii) 0.	0.	1,346. 0.	14,622. 0.	30,061. 0.	253,040. 0.	0. 0.
Anthony Taketa 3 Secretary	(i) 202,537. (ii) 0.	0.	1,346. 0.	14,204. 0.	24,544. 0.	242,631. 0.	0. 0.
Gary Jimenez 4 VP Development	(i) 213,260. (ii) 0.	0.	0. 0.	14,549. 0.	13,320. 0.	241,129. 0.	0. 0.
Gloria Coulston Thru 1/20 5 VP Prog. & Servc.	(i) 169,403. (ii) 0.	0.	1,346. 0.	10,684. 0.	1,422. 0.	182,855. 0.	0. 0.
Anita Wright Thru 03/19 6 ED Programs Dir.	(i) 37,322. (ii) 0.	0.	156,086. 0.	9,119. 0.	570. 0.	203,097. 0.	0. 0.
Sandy Shin 7 VP Mark. & Commun.	(i) 165,826. (ii) 0.	0.	0. 0.	11,410. 0.	36,058. 0.	213,294. 0.	0. 0.
Cindy Chan 8 Dir.Planned Giving	(i) 134,771. (ii) 0.	0.	0. 0.	8,038. 0.	9,032. 0.	151,841. 0.	0. 0.
Maria Valdiva 9 VP Technology	(i) 142,288. (ii) 0.	0.	0. 0.	9,244. 0.	23,220. 0.	174,752. 0.	0. 0.
10	(i) (ii)						
11	(i) (ii)						
12	(i) (ii)						
13	(i) (ii)						
14	(i) (ii)						
15	(i) (ii)						
16	(i) (ii)						

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Part III Supplemental Information

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

Part I, Line 4 - Received Severance, Supplemental NQ Retirement, Equity-Based Compensation

"Part I, Line 4 - Received Severance, Supplemental NQ Retirement, Equity-Based Compensation

One listed individual had a severance arrangement during calendar year 2019. This payment is disclosed on Schedule J, Part II. In the interest of privacy as guaranteed by Article I, Section I of the California Constitution, the organization declines to publicly disclose the terms and conditions of severance but will make such information available to the IRS upon request."

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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Name of the organization

BRILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

95-1641426

Part I **Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art – Works of art				
2 Art – Historical treasures				
3 Art – Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities – Publicly traded	X	7	58,806.	Market Value
10 Securities – Closely held stock				
11 Securities – Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities – Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution – Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution – Other				
15 Real estate – Residential				
16 Real estate – Commercial				
17 Real estate – Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ()				
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If 'Yes,' describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If 'Yes,' describe in Part II

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Yes No

30 a		X
31	X	
32 a		X

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2019

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 - Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder

The Institute is a non-stock, nonprofit corporation with members, no shareholders.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - How Members or Shareholders Elect Governing Body

The members elect directors to serve on the Board of Directors, the Institute's governing body. Not all members are elected to the Board of Directors.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Form 990 Review Process

The staff accountants at Braille prepare and review an initial draft Form 990, which is reviewed by an external accounting firm before it is finalized for review by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will then meet to review and discuss the Form 990. The Audit Committee approves the Form 990 before it is filed with the IRS. The Audit Committee consists of directors and one non-director. The final draft of the 990 is provided to the Braille board members and management prior to its filing with the IRS.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts

All of the Institute's directors and officers, i.e. the governing body, are required annually to sign the Braille Institute of America, Inc.'s Conflict of Interest Policy. The policy states that these individuals "should avoid placing themselves in positions in which their personal interests are, or may be, in conflict with the interests of Braille Institute," and continues on to provide certain guidelines on which to consider actual or potential conflict situations. The policy requires directors and officers to disclose, to the best of their knowledge, any of these interests. "In the event of an actual conflict of interest, the Board shall investigate the material facts and the affected director's, officer's or key employee's interest in the transaction or activity. * * * * After the Board's investigation is concluded, the Board shall vote on whether to authorize or approve or disapprove of the conflict of interest, excluding the vote of the interested

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts (continued)

director. If a Board vote is not reasonably practicable, a committee of three (3) directors appointed by the Board or Executive Committee may conduct the investigation and report to the Board at the Board's next meeting whereupon the Board will vote on the conflict of interest, excluding the vote of the interested director." The individual signing the policy is taking responsibility to adhere to the Conflict of Interest Policy, which includes notifying the Board if he/she becomes aware of any actual or potential conflict situation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Review & Approval Process - Officers & Key Employees

The Executive Compensation Committee shall review the performance and compensation of the President, Chief Financial Officer and other executives, as deemed appropriate, and make recommendations to the board as such. Accordingly, the Executive Compensation Committee meets annually to review the performance and compensation of not only the President but other top management officials. The Committee met in November 2019 to determine the compensation for the top management officials of the Institute.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 17 - List of States which this Return is Filed

AL AK CA CO CT FL GA HI IL KS KY ME MD MA MI MN MS NH NJ NM NY NC ND OH OK OR PA
RI SC TN UT VA WA WV WI

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available

The Institute makes the annual Audited Financial Statements available to the public by posting the published document on its website, www.brailleinstitute.org. The completed final Form 990 is available for public inspection through the Braille Institute, GuideStar and Foundation Directory websites. Additionally, the Institute's governing documents, the annual Audited Financial Statements and the Conflict of Interest Policy are available by written request and free of charge. If ever an inspection at an office of the Institute ensues, all such documents will be

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available (continued)

promptly provided upon request within a reasonable time.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 1a.- Composition of the Executive Committee

The organization does maintain an Executive Committee consisting of the Board Chair and chairs of the Audit, Finance, Governance, and Development committees. All members of the Executive Committee are directors. The Committee has all the powers of the Board except the power to fill Board vacancies and amend the bylaws.

**Form 990, Part XI, Line 9
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances**

Changes in split - interest

	\$	-81,339.
Total	\$	<u>-81,339.</u>

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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.

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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	En
(1) _____ _____ _____				
(2) _____ _____ _____				
(3) _____ _____ _____				

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, and 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))
(1) Anita A Mackenzie Trust P.O. BOX 803878 Chicago, IL 60680 94-6720255	Supporting Organization	IL	501 (c) (3)	12-III-0
(2) _____ _____ _____				
(3) _____ _____ _____				
(4) _____ _____ _____				

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on 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) Dispropor- tionate allocations?	
							Yes	No
(1) _____ _____ _____								
(2) _____ _____ _____								
(3) _____ _____ _____								

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on 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 total income
(1) _____ _____ _____						
(2) _____ _____ _____						
(3) _____ _____ _____						

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line**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)**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 transactions

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	A
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

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Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, P

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unre- lated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate allocations	
				Yes	No			Yes	No
(1) ----- ----- -----									
(2) ----- ----- -----									
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(8) ----- ----- -----									

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.
