

Form **990**

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

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

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>AMERICAN BOARD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>111 PRESIDENTIAL BLVD 241</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004-1004</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>GEORGE B. BARTLEY, MD</b> <b>same as C above</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>23-1693176</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(610) 664-1175</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>6,849,061.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>6</b> ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>WWW.ABOP.ORG</b>		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1916</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>MN</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>To serve the public by certifying ophthalmologists through the verification of</b>		
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>7b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>4,367,715.</b>	<b>4,379,454.</b>
<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>169,347.</b>	<b>277,725.</b>
<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>4,537,062.</b>	<b>4,657,179.</b>
<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>2,421,440.</b>	<b>2,437,854.</b>
<b>16b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>3,390,670.</b>	<b>2,319,112.</b>
<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>5,812,110.</b>	<b>4,756,966.</b>
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-1,275,048.</b>	<b>-99,787.</b>
<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>7,044,146.</b>	<b>7,108,710.</b>
<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>1,673,351.</b>	<b>1,591,467.</b>
		<b>5,370,795.</b>	<b>5,517,243.</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>GEORGE B. BARTLEY, MD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b> Type or print name and title	Date
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>DANELLE R. STEWART, CPA</b>	Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN <b>P00535522</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>S. R. SNODGRASS, P.C.</b> Firm's address ▶ <b>2009 MACKENZIE WAY, SUITE 340</b> <b>CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA 16066</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>25-1616561</b> Phone no. (724) <b>934-0344</b>

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Founded in 1916, the American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO) is an independent, not-for-profit organization and the nation's first medical specialty certifying board. Our mission is to serve the public by certifying ophthalmologists through the verification of

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

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

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Board Certification: Since 1916, over 30,000 ophthalmologists have challenged themselves to meet the rigorous certification standards established by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

The first medical specialty board founded in the United States, the American Board of Ophthalmology awards the only medical specialty certificate in ophthalmology recognized by both the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA). Certification is granted to ophthalmologists who meet a series of accredited medical training requirements in ophthalmology; sign a practice pledge indicating their intent to practice with compassion, integrity, and respect for human dignity; and complete an intensive

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Maintenance of Certification embodies the principles of career-long learning and continuous improvement for the benefit of the public and the profession and aims to:

- 1. establish and maintain high standards for patient care;
2. provide physicians with the means to continually assess and improve their ability to meet these standards;
3. ensure that physicians are being assessed by reliable and valid measures to continually improve patient care.

Standards for high-quality ophthalmic care are based on six general competencies: patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Certification of board certification status: The ABO provides primary source verification of board certification to the public, credentialing organizations, and other interested entities.

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

4e Total program service expenses

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Input box for Schedule O

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes, and No. Contains various tax compliance questions and numerical inputs.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (22); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (21); 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, or 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? (X); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b 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: 8a The governing body? (X); 8b 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 in Schedule O (X).

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: None
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: BETH ANN COMBER, ADMINISTRATOR - (610) 664-1175
111 PRESIDENTIAL BLVD, SUITE 241, BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004-1075

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JANE A. BAILEY, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					15,766.	0.	0.	
(2) KEITH H. BARATZ, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,171.	0.	0.	
(3) J. DOUGLAS CAMERON, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,479.	0.	0.	
(4) SOPHIA CHUNG, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					16,071.	0.	0.	
(5) CLAUDE L. COWAN, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					3,794.	0.	0.	
(6) K. DAVID EPLEY, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,803.	0.	0.	
(7) STEVEN J. GEDDE, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					11,585.	0.	0.	
(8) KENNETH M. GOINS, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					9,397.	0.	0.	
(9) DAVID C. HERMAN, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					5,887.	0.	0.	
(10) DALE K. HEUER, MD VICE CHAIR	4.00 0.00	X		X			14,222.	0.	0.	
(11) DON O. KIKKAWA, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					10,150.	0.	0.	
(12) LANNING B. KLINE, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					8,605.	0.	0.	
(13) ANDREAS K. LAUER, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,177.	0.	0.	
(14) PAUL P. LEE, MD CHAIR	4.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(15) SARAH NEHLS-RIKKERS, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,337.	0.	0.	
(16) HAROLD E. SHAW, JR., MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,821.	0.	0.	
(17) BHAVNA P. SHETH, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					19,428.	0.	0.	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) DEBRA J. SHETLAR, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					11,728.	0.	0.	
(19) JULIA L. STEVENS, MD BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					12,661.	0.	0.	
(20) MATTHEW E. FITZGERALD, Dr.PH BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					10,784.	0.	0.	
(21) SCOTT WALLACE, JD, MBA BOARD DIRECTOR	4.00 0.00	X					9,664.	0.	0.	
(22) GEORGE B. BARTLEY, MD CEO (Salary/benefits - see Sch. O)	40.00 0.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(23) BETH ANN COMBER ADMINISTRATOR	50.00 0.00			X			205,000.	0.	50,700.	
(24) MICK ENG IT MANAGER	40.00 0.00				X		129,000.	0.	25,800.	
(25) BRIAN MARTIN IT COORDINATOR	40.00 0.00				X		112,000.	0.	32,100.	
<b>1b Sub-total</b>							680,530.	0.	108,600.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>							0.	0.	0.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							680,530.	0.	108,600.	

**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 **3**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>4</b> 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	X	
<b>5</b> 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		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
MAYO CLINIC 200 1ST STREET SW, ROCHESTER, MN 55905	Dr. Bartley's services to ABO	579,280.

**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 **1**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1f</b>					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....						
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> EXAMINATION FEES .....	Business Code 541900	4,206,381.	4,206,381.			
	<b>b</b> EXAM DEVELOPMENT .....	541900	158,664.	158,664.			
	<b>c</b> INT'L TRAINED OPHTHALMOLOGISTS PI .....	541900	7,000.	7,000.			
	<b>d</b> CERTIFICATION DIPLOMAS .....	541900	3,715.	3,715.			
	<b>e</b> VERIFICATION CHARGES .....	541900	3,145.	3,145.			
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....	541900	549.	549.			
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....		4,379,454.				
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		164,859.			164,859.
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....							
<b>5</b> Royalties .....							
<b>6 a</b> Gross rents .....		(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....					
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....							
<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....		(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) .....					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....				112,866.		112,866.	
<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....		<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....						
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold .....	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11 a</b> _____							
	<b>b</b> _____						
	<b>c</b> _____						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue .....						
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions. ....			4,657,179.	4,379,454.	0.	277,725.	

**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	685,579.			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,184,035.			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	225,014.			
9 Other employee benefits	248,039.			
10 Payroll taxes	95,187.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	40,950.			
c Accounting	30,525.			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	32,561.			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	107,829.			
14 Information technology	30,170.			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	152,982.			
17 Travel	36,491.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	154,762.			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	162,458.			
23 Insurance	56,303.			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>EXAMINATION ADMIN</b>	1,136,335.			
b <b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>	377,746.			
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	4,756,966.			
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	289,794.	<b>1</b>	278,100.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	13,094.	<b>2</b>	13,095.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	25,000.	<b>4</b>	184,356.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	159,399.	<b>9</b>	226,539.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 1,932,739.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 1,796,822.	277,552.	<b>10c</b> 135,917.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	6,277,775.	<b>11</b>	6,269,171.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	1,532.	<b>15</b>	1,532.
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	7,044,146.	<b>16</b>	7,108,710.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	104,826.	<b>17</b>	50,792.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	1,568,525.	<b>19</b>	1,540,675.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	1,673,351.	<b>26</b>	1,591,467.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....	0.	<b>30</b>	0.
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....	0.	<b>31</b>	0.
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....	5,370,795.	<b>32</b>	5,517,243.
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	5,370,795.	<b>33</b>	5,517,243.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	7,044,146.	<b>34</b>	7,108,710.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	4,657,179.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	4,756,966.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-99,787.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	5,370,795.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	246,235.
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0.
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	5,517,243.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Employer identification number: 23-1693176

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate values, and questions about donor property and grant fund usage.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of easements, total number, acreage, and monitoring expenses.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include questions about reporting art collections and revenue/assets.

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

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

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

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

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

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

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		320,033.	248,290.	71,743.
e Other		1,612,706.	1,548,532.	64,174.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				135,917.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

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

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

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

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	4,870,852.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	246,235.	
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	246,235.	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	4,624,617.
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	32,561.	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	1.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	32,562.	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	4,657,179.

**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	4,724,404.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	4,724,404.
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	32,561.	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	1.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	32,562.	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	4,756,966.

**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 X, Line 2:**

The Board accounts for uncertainties in income taxes in accordance with authoritative guidance, which presents a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by the appropriate taxing authority. Measurement of the tax uncertainty occurs if the recognition threshold has been met. Management determined that there were no tax uncertainties that met the recognition threshold for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The organization's federal exempt organization business income tax returns for 2017, 2016, and 2015 remain subject to examination by the IRS.



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

The board's policy is to recognize interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses.

Part XI, Line 4b - Other Adjustments:

Rounding 1.

Part XII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments:

Rounding 1.

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**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.  
 ▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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Internal Revenue Service

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? .....
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

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

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

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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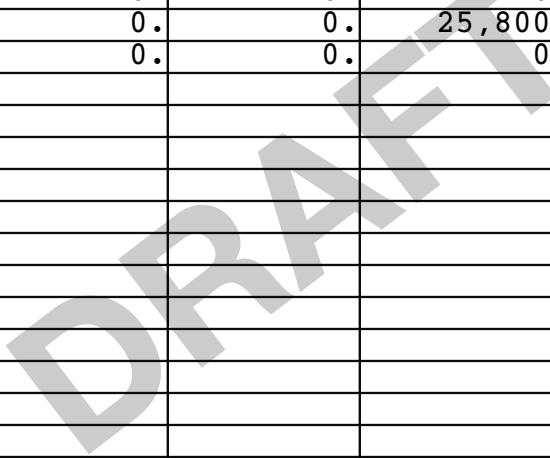
Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) BETH ANN COMBER ADMINISTRATOR	(i)	205,000.	0.	0.	41,000.	9,700.	255,700.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) MICK ENG IT MANAGER	(i)	129,000.	0.	0.	25,800.	0.	154,800.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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

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

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Form 990, Part I, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:

competencies.

Form 990, Part III, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:

competencies.

Form 990, Part III, Line 2, New Program Services:

Successfully piloted in 2017, Quarterly Questions is an exam alternative program designed to assess the knowledge of practicing ophthalmologists. The program uses a longitudinal assessment model where a pass/fail decision is made on a Diplomate's performance over time. As of 2019, Quarterly Questions will replace the Demonstration of Cognitive Knowledge (DOCK) examination for all Diplomates.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Program Service Accomplishments:

evaluation process that includes both a written qualifying examination and an oral examination. Physicians who meet all of the requirements for initial certification become diplomates of the board and earn a certificate valid for a period of 10 years. Since the early 1990s, all diplomates who elect to retain an active certificate participate in periodic assessments of knowledge, judgment, and skill in addition to demonstrating a commitment to practice improvement. This process has been termed Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

Successful candidates are certified by the American Board of

Ophthalmology for a period of ten years. The ABO issued initial

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2017)

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certificates to 501 persons in 2017.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b, Program Service Accomplishments:

and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice. The ABO, along with other surgical certifying boards, also recognizes a seventh competency in surgical or procedural skills.

The ABO's maintenance of certification process is the only one for eye care specialists that is recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties. The ABO recertified 926 ophthalmologists in 2017.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 1:

There shall be an executive committee of the board of directors consisting of the chair, vice-chair, CEO, public directors in their second term, and the chairs of the written examinations committee, the oral examinations committee, finance committee, admissions committee, nominating and governance committee, examiners committee and the maintenance of certification committee. During the period between regular meetings of the board of directors, the executive committee shall be vested with all powers and authority which the board of directors may exercise, provided the actions of such executive committee shall not revoke prior but still effective action taken by the board of directors. The executive committee shall report its actions to the board of directors at each regular meeting of the board of directors.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b:

Management engages an accounting firm to draft the Form 990. The Form then

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is reviewed by the ABO's Finance Committee and then by all members of the Board of Directors prior to filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c:

The ABO's Conflict of Interest policy is sent to all members of the Board of Directors and all employees each year. Each person is required to acknowledge, in writing, receipt and review of the policy and to disclose any known, potential, or perceived conflicts. The Credentials Committee reviews the disclosure forms, seeks further information when potential conflicts are identified, and works with the individuals to eliminate the conflicts. If a board member has a conflict that cannot be eliminated, he or she is recused from any relevant decisions.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15:

The ABO covers board director travel, lodging, and meal expenses (meal reimbursement is limited to \$75/day). A per diem of \$1,000 is provided to board directors for meeting days that fall during the work week (approximately three days for each meeting). In addition to meetings, the board directors work without compensation approximately 10% or 4 hours per week on ABO-related activities. Total compensation for individual directors may vary based on their participation in additional ABO activities.

The CEO's compensation is assessed annually, dependent on performance, and determined by the executive director compensation committee using a formula based on the Association of American Medical Colleges faculty survey.

Staff compensation ranges are determined based on job scope and performance in reference to an independent salary survey that includes both national

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and local benchmarks. This survey is conducted every two to three years with annual updates.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19:

The organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements are available on the ABO website.

Form 990, Page 7, Part VII, Column B:

The CEO is considered a part time employee who works for the ABO at 80% time. This is based on a 50-hour work week.

Members of the ABO board of directors spend an average of 10% of a 40-hour work week performing board-related activities. The work varies according to the Director's committee responsibilities.

The staff work a standard 40-hour work week.

Form 990, Part VII, Section A, Line 1a, (22):

Dr. Bartley is employed by the Mayo Clinic, where he sees patients and performs surgery one day per week (0.2 FTE). The ABO remunerates the Mayo Clinic for the balance of his professional time (0.8 FTE) all of which is devoted to ABO responsibilities. His compensation is set at 80% (given his 0.8 FTE as ABO CEO) of the 75th percentile for ophthalmology department chairs from a salary survey from the Association of American Medical Colleges. Of note, Dr. Bartley served as Chair of the Mayo Clinic Department of Ophthalmology from 1992 - 2001, and as Chief Executive Officer of Mayo Clinic in Florida from 2002 - 2008.