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Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2005

Form 990-EZ

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4047(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except for a church or other religious organization)

For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year. The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending:

B Check if applicable: (a) Single state, (b) Multi-state, (c) Foreign, (d) Federated, (e) Apportioned, (f) Other. C Name of organization: THE CONSORTIUM FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM INC. D Employer identification number: 54-1037746. E Telephone number: 703-320-7521. F Group exemption number.

G Accounting method: (a) Cash, (b) Accrual, (c) Other (specify). H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-E, or 990-B).

I Website: WWW.CONSORTIUMNEWS.COM. J Organization type: (a) 501(c)3, (b) 4947(a)(1), (c) 527.

K Check if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. Some states require a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7c to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 67,949.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 36 of the instructions.)

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21). Total revenue is 67,949. Total expenses is 67,052. Net assets at end of year is 14,351.

Part II Balance Sheets - If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, (A) Beginning of year, and (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, land, buildings, other assets, total assets, total liabilities, and net assets.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 42 of the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE STATEMENT 3

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

28 PROVIDE HONEST AND ACCURATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON A FREE WEBSITE.

(Grants \$ _____) If the amount includes foreign grants, check here 28a

29 _____

(Grants \$ _____) If the amount includes foreign grants, check here 29a

30 _____

(Grants \$ _____) If the amount includes foreign grants, check here 30a

31 Other program services (attach schedule) _____

(Grants \$ _____) If the amount includes foreign grants, check here 31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) 0. 32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (Attach only even if no compensation. See page 42 of the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
ROBERT PARRY ARLINGTON, VA 22204	PRESIDENT	47,500.	0.	0.
JULIE BERGMAN SENDER LOS ANGELES, CA 90068	VICE PRES.	0.	0.	0.
MARTIN KILIAN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22903	TREASURER	0.	0.	0.
TIFFANY DEVITT HERALDSBURG, CA 95488	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirements in General Instruction V, page 14.)

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity. 33 X

34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a copy of the changes. 34 X

35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but no reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T. X

35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or E333(b) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? X

35b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? X

36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement.) 36 X

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 0. 37a

37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? X

38a Did the organization loan money, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by the return? X

38b If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the instructions and enter the amount involved. 38b N/A

39a 501(c)(7) organizations: Enter contribution fees and capital contributions included on line 9. 39a N/A

39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for purchase of club facilities. 39b N/A

40a 501(c)(3) organizations: Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 0., section 4912 0., section 4955 0.

40b 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations: Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation. 40b X

c Enter amount of tax imposed on organizational managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 1958. 0.

d Enter amount of tax on line 43b withheld by the organization. 0.

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Exempt Private Foundation) and Section 501(c) 501(l) 501(k),
501(n), or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)
▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization: **THE CONSORTIUM FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM INC**
Employer identification number: **54-1937746**

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None".)

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Compensation to employee benefit plans, pension, compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000	0			

Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None".)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services	0	

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services

(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services	0	

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Contains questions 1 through 4b regarding lobbying, prohibited acts, and grants.

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is: Please check only ONE applicable box. 6 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches... 11X An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit...

Table for supported organizations with columns (a) Name(s) of supported organization(s) and (b) Enter number from above.

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Part IV-A Support Schedules (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.
 Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) 2000
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include or usual grants. See line 28.)	24,686.	10,508.	10,238.	12,770.	53,202.
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities or facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose					
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from mortgages regulated by the organization after June 30, 1975					
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax expenses paid for the organization's benefit and other paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services, or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	24,686.	10,508.	10,238.	12,770.	53,202.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	24,686.	10,508.	10,238.	12,770.	53,202.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	247.	105.	102.	128.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a. Enter 25% of amount in column (a) line 24				1,164.	
1 Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown on line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts				1,806.	
2 Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (a)				53,202.	
3 Add amounts from column (a) for lines 18 19 22			1,835.		
4 Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)				55,366.	
5 Public support percentage (line 26c (numerator) divided by line 26a (denominator))				96.8455%	
27 Organizations described on line 12: a. For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year.	N/A				
(2004) (2003) (2002) (2001)					
b. For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons") prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year that was more than the lesser of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000 (include on the list organizations described in lines 5 through 17b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year.	N/A				
(2004) (2003) (2002) (2001)					
3 Add amounts from column (a) for lines 17 20 21					
4 Add line 27a total and line 27b total					
5 Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					
6 Total support for section 509(a)(2) test. Enter amount on line 23, column (a)			271	N/A	
7 Public support percentage (line 27c (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				N/A %	
8 Investment income percentage (line 18, column (a) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				N/A %	
28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described on line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.					

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 1 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	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?		
30	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?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the regular session 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, attach a separate statement.)			

32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
1	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?		
2	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		
3	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
4	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?		
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			

33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
1	Students' rights or privileges?		
2	Admissions policies?		
3	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		
4	Scholarships or other financial assistance?		
5	Educational policies?		
6	Use of facilities?		
7	Athletic programs?		
8	Other extracurricular activities?		
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			

34	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		
1	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?		
If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement			
35	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. 557, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation		

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 990-EZ)

Check a if the organization lobbies to an affiliated group. Check b if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(e) Limited group totals	(f) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
		N/A	
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nondeductible amount. Enter the amount from the following table - If the amount on line 40 is - The lobbying nondeductible amount is - Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 \$1,750,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 \$275,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000	41	
42	Grassroots nondeductible amount (equal 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

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 line columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				N/A (c) Total
	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	
45	Lobbying nondeductible amount				0.
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(a))				0.
47	Total lobbying expenditures				0.
48	Grassroots nondeductible amount				0.
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(a))				0.
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				0.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Non-electing Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

N/A

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a. Volunteers			
b. Paid staff or management (include compensation and expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
c. Media advertisements			
d. Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e. Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f. Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g. Direct contact with legislators (their staffs), government officials, or a legislative body			
h. Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i. Total lobbying expenditures (add lines a through h.)			0.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

Part VI Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See page 12 of the instructions.)

51 Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with an other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

1 Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

- (i) Cash
(ii) Other assets

2 Other transactions:

- (i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization
(ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
(iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
(iv) Reimbursement arrangements
(v) Loans or loan guarantees
(vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

3 Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

Summary table with columns 'Yes' and 'No' and rows for items (i) through (vi) and a total row.

Main schedule table with columns: (a) Line no., (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions and sharing arrangements.

52 Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with or related to one or more tax-exempt organizations discussed in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) or in section 527)?

If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

N/A

Yes No (X)

Affiliation schedule table with columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship.