

Form **990**
 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 black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047
2009
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2009 and ending 03-31-2010

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INC
 Doing Business As: RIAA
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 1025 F ST NW 10th Floor
 Room/suite:
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: WASHINGTON, DC 20004

D Employer identification number: 13-1669037
E Telephone number: (202) 775-0101
G Gross receipts \$ 44,421,911

F Name and address of principal officer:
 Mitch Bainwol
 1025 F ST NW 10th Floor
 WASHINGTON, DC 20004

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c) (6) (Insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527
J Website: www.riaa.com

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other
L Year of formation: 1951 **M** State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
 supports and promotes the creative and financial vitality of the major music companies

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	26
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	25
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	107
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		0
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	51,347,004	34,809,323
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	317,762	37,941
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	95,064	81,485
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	51,759,830	34,928,749
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		16,361,134	14,044,245
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)		36,155,130	21,200,032
18 Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		52,516,264	35,244,277
19 Revenue less expenses—subtract line 18 from line 12	-756,434	-315,528	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	17,882,865	17,325,973
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	12,604,221	12,079,941
22 Net assets or fund balances—subtract line 21 from line 20	5,278,644	5,246,032	

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.

Signature of officer: _____ Date: 2011-02-14
 Deborah Moore, chief financial officer
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: Joyce M Underwood CPA Date: _____ Check if self-employed:
 Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: BDO USA LLP, 7101 Wisconsin Ave Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 208144827
 EIN: _____ Phone no: (301) 654-4900

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

The RIAA works to protect the intellectual property and First Amendment rights of artists and music labels, conduct consumer, industry and technical research, and monitor and review state and federal laws, regulations and policies. The RIAA (R) also certifies Gold(R), Platinum(R), Multi-Platinum(TM) and Diamond sales awards as well as Los Premios De Oro y Platino(TM), an award celebrating Latin music sales

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$)
Anti-piracy operations conduct investigations and enforcement related to the illegal production and distribution of sound recordings

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Government and Industry Relations Government and industry relations engage in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy for the recording industry

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
Business and legal affairs Business and legal affairs protects the rights of record companies and copynght owners, provides counsel to members of the RIAA and leads all industry statutory license negotiations

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) **See also Additional Data for Description**
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No				
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		No				
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?		No				
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	Yes					
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>						
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	Yes					
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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>		No				
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		No				
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		No				
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, 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>		No				
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		No				
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i>	Yes					
	• 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>						
	• 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>						
	• 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>						
	• 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>						
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>						
	• 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>						
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>		No				
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Yes	No						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No				
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No				
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		No				
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		No				
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		No				
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		No				
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		No				
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No				
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No				

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

<p>21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 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></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p></p>
<p>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 questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i></p>	<p>24a</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?</p>	<p>24b</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?</p>	<p>24c</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?</p>	<p>24d</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) 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></p>	<p>25a</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>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></p>	<p>25b</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28a</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28b</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28c</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>30</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i></p>	<p>31</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>32</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>33</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i></p>	<p>34</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p></p>
<p>35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i></p>	<p>35</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>36</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>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></p>	<p>37</p>	<p></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O</p>	<p>38</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p></p>

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 259		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 107		
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 this return (see instructions)	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
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?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

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

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 (26); 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (25); 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? (Yes); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? (Yes); 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? (Yes); 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

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

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (DC); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply: [] Own website, [] Another's website, [x] Upon request; 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table; 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: Deborah Moore CFO RIAA, 1025 F ST NW 10th Floor, WASHINGTON, DC 20004, (202) 775-0101.

1b Total	8,560,700	0	341,106
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶**30

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

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Holme Roberts & Owen LLP PO Box 1618 Denver, CO 80201	Legal Services	4,343,793
Jenner & Block LLC One IBM Plaza Chicago, IL 60611	Legal Services	2,454,039
Debevoise and Plimpton LLP 555 13th Street NW Suite 1100E Washington, DC 20004	Legal Services	1,109,076
Oppenheim Group 7304 River Falls Drive Potomac, MD 20854	Legal Services	427,977
Investigative Consultants 14979 Prairie Avenue Lawndale, CA 90260	Investigative Services	402,803

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶**15

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a					
	b	Membership dues 1b					
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶					
Program Service Revenue	2a	Membership dues	512,000	33,656,010	33,656,010		
	b	ISRC Revenue	512,000	416,825	416,825		
	c	Certification Program	512,000	395,375	395,375		
	d	AntiPiracy Restitution	512,000	335,013	335,013		
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue		6,100	6,100		
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		34,809,323			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		19,918		19,918	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶		15,976	15,976		
	6a		(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
		b	Gross Rents	65,509			
		c	Less rental expenses				
	d	Rental income or (loss)	65,509				
	e	Net rental income or (loss) ▶		65,509		65,509	
	7a		(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
		b	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	9,511,185			
c		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	9,493,162				
d	Gain or (loss)	18,023					
e	Net gain or (loss) ▶		18,023		18,023		
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a						
b	Less cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		34,928,749	34,825,299	0	103,450	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	5,386,521			
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	6,969,905			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	312,514			
9	Other employee benefits	774,300			
10	Payroll taxes	601,005			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	6,644,805			
c	Accounting	154,734			
d	Lobbying	2,526,791			
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	37,335			
g	Other	2,853,519			
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	390,961			
14	Information technology	710,917			
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	2,193,101			
17	Travel	928,455			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	44,450			
20	Interest	86,103			
21	Payments to affiliates	2,324,963			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	418,232			
23	Insurance	290,245			
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	Research Intitatives	565,846			
b	Industry Related Resear	350,000			
c	Investigative Activitie	242,282			
d	Certification Program	154,025			
e	Charitable Contribution	98,500			
f	All other expenses	184,768			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	35,244,277			
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	6,820	1	5,505
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,831,439	2	12,732,798
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	3,310,310	4	1,501,667
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	52,273	8	6,452
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	168,869	9	150,841
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	4,046,943		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	2,031,571		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	2,383,580	10c	2,015,372
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	8,589,934	11	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	539,640	14	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	17,882,865	15	913,338	
		16	17,325,973	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,283,639	17	4,344,896
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	162,500	19	4,230,802
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	1,316,327	23	1,253,137
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	3,841,755	25	2,251,106
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	12,604,221	26	12,079,941
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	5,278,644	27	5,246,032
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	5,278,644	33	5,246,032	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	17,882,865	34	17,325,973	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

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Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, 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," to 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," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35a (regarding proxy tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INC) and Employer identification number (13-1669037)

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
2 Political expenditures \$ 75,139
3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
4a Was a correction made?
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?
5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received. Row 1: RIAA California Political Action Committee, 1025 F Street 10th Floor Washington, DC 20004, 41-2050336, 35,000, 0

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
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	33,656,010
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	5,847,080
b Carryover from last year	2b	6,004,937
c Total	2c	11,852,017
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	7,120,939
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	4,731,078
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part I-A, Line 1	Organizations Direct and Indirect Political Campaign Activities	Corporate political contributions to support state candidates that may accept such contributions. Contributions include support for candidates in elections for state governors, attorneys general and legislative offices.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INC

Employer identification number 13-1669037

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may 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?

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

Table for conservation easements. Row 2: Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, 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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items: a Revenues included in 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 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 XIV

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" to 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 XIV and complete the following table

Table with 2 columns: Description (1c-1f) and Amount

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current Year, (b) Prior Year, (c) Two Years Back, (d) Three Years Back, (e) Four Years Back. Rows 1a-1g.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %, b Permanent endowment %, c Term endowment %

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

Table with 3 columns: Description (3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b) and Yes/No

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

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: Description of investment, (a) Cost or other basis (Investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows 1a-1e and Total.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	34,928,749
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	35,244,277
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-315,528
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	282,916
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	282,916
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-32,612

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	34,921,973
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	34,921,973
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	6,776
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	6,776
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	34,928,749

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	34,954,585
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 XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	34,954,585
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	6,776
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	282,916
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	289,692
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	35,244,277

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	RIAA adopted the provisions of ASC 740, Income Taxes, on April 1, 2009 Under ASC 740, an organization must recognize the tax benefit associated with tax positions taken for tax return purposes when it is more-likely-than-not that the position will be sustained The implementation of ASC 740 had no impact on RIAA's financial statements RIAA does not believe there are any material uncertain tax positions and accordingly it will not recognize any liability for unrecognized tax benefits RIAA has filed for and received income tax exemptions in the jurisdictions where it is required to do so Additionally, RIAA has filed Internal Revenue Service Form 990 tax return as required and all other applicable returns in those jurisdictions where it is required RIAA believes that it is no longer subject to U S federal, state and local, or non-U S income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2007 However, RIAA is still open to examination by taxing authorities from fiscal year 2007 forward No interest or penalties were accrued as of April 1, 2009 as a result of the adoption of ASC 740 For the year ended March 31, 2010, there was no interest or penalties recorded or included in the consolidated statements of activities
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		unrealized gain on split dollar policy 282916
Part XIII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		Unrealized Gain on Split Dollar Policy 282916

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<p>1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</p>		
<p>1b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</p>	Yes	
<p>2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p>	Yes	
<p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</p>		
<p>4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</p> <p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p>		No
<p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>	Yes	
<p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>		No
<p>Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.</p>		
<p>5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p> <p>a The organization?</p>		
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p> <p>a The organization?</p>		
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>		
<p>9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>		

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

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

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(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 reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
Mitch Bainwol	(i)	1,095,000	385,000	14,469	115,435	5,000	1,614,904	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cary Sherman	(i)	743,000	200,000	2,221,591	15,435	5,000	3,185,026	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deborah Moore	(i)	241,731	45,000	1,656	15,435	10,000	313,822	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitch Glazier	(i)	470,731	75,000	5,035	15,435	7,500	573,701	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Marks	(i)	472,231	75,000	1,800	15,435	6,000	570,466	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brad Buckles	(i)	384,045	45,000	1,800	15,435	10,745	457,025	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Pariser	(i)	289,031	0	0	0	5,200	294,231	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neil Turkewitz	(i)	586,062	70,000	8,107	15,435	5,000	684,604	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michele Ballantyne	(i)	336,858	25,000	1,600	15,435	10,000	388,893	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Lamy	(i)	230,462	45,000	1,594	14,519	0	291,575	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Hughes	(i)	261,846	12,500	1,116	15,435	10,000	300,897	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoria Sheckler	(i)	200,845	12,500	90	12,687	540	226,662	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Part I, Line 1a	The CEO and President receive gross-up payments for some benefits that are taxable and reimbursable to them including club dues
	Part I, Line 4a	Part I, Line 4b and
Supplemental Information	Part III	Schedule J-2, second line A 457(f) distribution in the amount of \$2,161,184 was made to Cary Sherman

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2		The General Counsel and CEO have a business relationship They serve on a board together
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		The RIAA is a 501(c)(6) membership organization for the major music companies that distribute legitimate recorded music produced and sold in the United States
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		Per our current bylaws, members are entitled to a certain number of directorships on our board of directors, based on their member classification
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		The Form 990 is prepared by the RIAA Finance Department The return is then reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Executive Officer and President of the RIAA along with our tax firm The 990 is then sent to the executive committee of the board of directors and the audit committee The executive committee has seven days to review and provide comments or questions After all questions or comments are addressed, the return is reviewed again by the Chief Financial Officer prior to filing the return electronically with the Internal Revenue Service
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		All board members, officers and key employees are required to complete a conflict of interest form annually The form requires the individuals to acknowledge their reading and understanding of the policy, confirmation that the individual complied with the policy during the preceding year and up to the date of completing the form, disclose any real or potential conflicts of interest, and an undertaking to promptly advise the Deputy General Counsel upon becoming aware of any conflict Disclosures are reviewed by the Deputy General Counsel who monitors compliance with the policy and ensures appropriate follow-up as needed
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		The RIAA has a targeted competitive position in the marketplace that considers relevant for-profit and not-for-profit data to attract and retain the highest qualified talent to fulfill the mission of the organization Establishing the appropriate compensation for positions considers external market pricing where possible, internal criteria, and an individual's actual performance and contribution Internal criteria is based on a standard approach that measures the internal value of positions, including complexity and scope of responsibility, skill set and competencies, education and experience and the reporting relationship of the position An individual's actual performance and contribution is measured through RIAA's performance management approach and then rewarded through RIAA's annual base pay merit and incentive plan RIAA has established compensation guidelines that are approved by the Compensation Committee and managed by the CEO It is within the CEO's purview to approve all staff salaries and incentives For the CEO and President, the Board of Directors Compensation Committee annually reviews the reasonableness of the total compensation and approves all merit increases and incentives
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		The RIAA complies with the public inspection requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 6104 by making its Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a), determination letter from the IRS, and the Forms 990 for its three most recently completed tax periods However, as section 6104 does not require organizations exempt under section 501(c)(6) to disclose its governing documents, conflict of interest policies, or financial statements, the RIAA has chosen not to make such information available for public inspection
form 990, Part IV, line 12 and Part XI, Line 2b	financial statements	RIAA's financial statements are audited and presented on a consolidated basis, including its affiliate, the Recording Industry Association of America PAC

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 2c	Oversight of audit	There have been no changes during the year in the process for oversight of the audit of the financial statements

Part I, line 5 Explanation of number of employees Total number refers to the number of employees who were issued a W-2 from the RIAA during the 2009 calendar year This number will differ from the approved headcount by the Board of Directors

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Schedule O (Form 990) 2009

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**
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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 of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
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Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity
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Recording Industry Association of America PAC (CA) 1025 F ST NW 10th Floor Washington, DC 20036 41-2050336	political action committee	CA	527		N/A
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political action committee

CA

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N/A

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership
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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)

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

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 **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

- f** Sale of assets to other organization(s)
- g** Purchase of assets from other organization(s)
- h** Exchange of assets
- i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)
- k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)
- m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets
- n** Sharing of paid employees

- o** Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses
- p** Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

- q** Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)
- r** Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

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

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

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproportionate allocations?		(g) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(h) General or managing partner?	
			Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

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

(Code) (Expenses \$	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
International Operations		

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
Mitch Bainwol CEO , Director	50 00	X	X					1,494,469	0	120,435
Victoria Bassetti director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Colin Finkelstein director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Bill Hearn director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Deirdre McDonald director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Kevin Kelleher director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Rob Stringer director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Julie Swidler director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Luke Wood director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jeff Harleston director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Zach Horowitz director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Mel Lewinter director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Craig Kallman director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Tom Whalley director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Michael Fleisher director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Bob Cavallo director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Glen Barros director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Mike Curb director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Michael Koch director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Tom Silverman director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Steve Bartels director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Alan Meltzer director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Rob Stevenson director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Ronn Werre Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Terry Hemmings Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
Paul Robinson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Joe Galante Director (not at Yr end)	1 00	X						0	0	0
Kevin Liles Director (not at Yr end)	1 00	X						0	0	0
Cary Sherman Pres (See Sch J, III)	50 00			X				3,164,591	0	20,435
Deborah Moore CFO	50 00			X				288,387	0	25,435
Mitch Glazier EVP, Govt & Indust Rel	40 00				X			550,766	0	22,935
Steve Marks EVP & General Counsel	40 00				X			549,031	0	21,435
Brad Buckles EVP Anti-Piracy	40 00				X			430,845	0	26,180
Jennifer Pariser SVP, Litigation	40 00				X			289,031	0	5,200
Neil Turkewitz EVP, International	40 00					X		664,169	0	20,435
Michele Ballantyne SVP, Fed Govt Relation	40 00					X		363,458	0	25,435
Jonathan Lamy SVP, Communications	40 00					X		277,056	0	14,519
David Hughes SVP, Technology	40 00					X		275,462	0	25,435
Victoria Sheckler Deputy General Counsel	40 00					X		213,435	0	13,227

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Research Intitatives	565,846			
Industry Related Resear	350,000			
Investigative Activitie	242,282			
Certification Program	154,025			
Charitable Contribution	98,500			