# The AMERICAN FINANCE ASSOCIATION Publishers of The Journal of FINANCE

## **Financial Statements**

And

**Independent Auditor's Report** 

As of June 30, 2021 and for the year then ended with summarized comparative information for June 30, 2020

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors American Finance Association Salt Lake City, Utah

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Finance Association (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Finance Association as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited American Finance Association's 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 8, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Bountiful Peak Advisors

Bountiful, Utah November 27, 2021

## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2021

## With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2020

ACCEPTEC		06/30/2021		06/30/2020
ASSETS				
Current assets	\$	955 022	ø	1 072 574
Cash and cash equivalents	2	855,033	\$	1,072,574
Current portion of accounts receivable,		4.007		70.220
including promises to give Investments		4,007		70,329
investments		25,039,772	-	19,695,598
Total current assets		25,898,812		20,838,501
Cash, restricted		15,000		33,481
Accounts receivable, including promises to give		181,518		274,807
Allowance for doubtful promises to give		(25,000)		(25,000)
Property and equipment		64,300		-
Less: accumulated amortization		(3,215)		<u>-</u>
Net property and equipment	_	61,085		<u>-</u>
Investments, restricted	_	1,241,563		1,018,153
Total assets	\$	27,372,978	\$	22,139,942
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Current liabilities				
	\$	448	\$	201 102
Accounts payable	Þ	22,208	Ф	281,182
Accrued payroll Deferred revenue		•		19,139
Other accrued liabilities		175,000		225,000
Accrued referee credits		49,350		30,048
Accrued referee credits	_	790,960	_	685,585
Total current liabilities	_	1,037,966		1,240,954
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Net assets		24 021 021		10.507.540
Without donor restrictions		24,921,931		19,597,548
With donor restrictions	_	1,413,081	_	1,301,440
Total net assets		26,335,012	_	20,898,988
Total Habilian and not assets	ø	27 272 070	ø	22 120 042
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	27,372,978	<u> </u>	22,139,942

## Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2021 With Comparative Totals For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

June 30, 2021 Without Donor With Donor 06/30/2021 06/30/2020 Restrictions Restrictions Total Total REVENUES AND SUPPORT Revenues **Publishing contracts** \$ 1,121,072 \$ 1,121,072 1,246,522 Archived publications 85,916 85,916 3,129 Article submission fees 246,170 246,170 223,805 Other 2,318 96 96 Interest 9,012 Net investment income 5,458,273 5,309,488 148,785 885,618 Total revenues 6,762,742 148,785 6,911,527 2,370,404 Support Grants 90,000 90,000 90,000 Fischer Black Fund contributions 2,856 15,538 2,856 Net assets released from restrictions 130,000 (130,000)Total support 130,000 (37,144)92,856 105,538 Total revenues and support 6,892,742 111,641 7,004,383 2,475,942 **EXPENSES** Program services 1,400,863 1,400,863 1,725,469 Management and general 166,201 166,201 192,297 Fundraising 1,295 1,295 1,203 Total expenses 1,568,359 1,568,359 1,918,969 Change in net assets 5,324,383 111,641 5,436,024 556,973 Net assets, beginning of year 1,301,440 20,898,988 19,597,548 20,342,015

24,921,931

1,413,081

26,335,012

20,898,988

Net assets, end of year

#### Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2021

With Comparative Totals For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

June 30, 2021

	Program Services Supporting Activities																	
	Journal of		Annual	Wo	omen's		Other		Ma	Management and General Fundraising Total		•	5/30/2021					
	Finance		Meeting	Ini	tiative	P	rograms	 Total	an			Total	Total					
Salaries and wages	\$ 25,38	6 \$	32,512	\$	12,277	\$	6,000	\$ 76,175	\$	91,344	\$	1,200	\$	92,544	\$	168,719	\$	158,636
Payroll taxes	1,94	2	2,487		939		459	5,827		6,988		92		7,080		12,907		12,136
Contract labor	1,042,98	8	9,780		52,322		-	1,105,090		10,884		-		10,884		1,115,974		1,069,969
Grants to others		-	129,999		-		-	129,999		-		-		-		129,999		261,635
Information technology	15,90	4	7,145		24,616		7,903	55,568		5,072		3		5,075		60,643		20,376
Professional services		-	-		-		9,000	9,000		35,693		-		35,693		44,693		88,262
Bank and merchant fees	12,41	5	-		10		-	12,425		998		-		998		13,423		16,766
Office	70	6	724		-		-	1,430		8,488		-		8,488		9,918		10,233
Insurance		-	-		-		-	-		6,066		-		6,066		6,066		5,795
Amortization	1,60	6	322		322		804	3,054		161		-		161		3,215		-
Miscellaneous	1,37	5	-				-	1,375		507		-		507		1,882		2,354
Marketing		-	-		800		-	800		-		-		-		800		1,453
License and dues		-	120		-		-	120		-		-		-		120		-
Catering		-			-		-	-		-		-		-		-		245,291
Bad debt		-	-		-		-	-		-		-		-		-		25,000
Training	-							 <u> </u>		<u>-</u>								1,063
Total expenses	\$ 1,102,32	2 \$	183,089	\$	91,286	\$	24,166	\$ 1,400,863	\$	166,201	\$	1,295	\$	167,496	\$	1,568,359	\$	1,918,969

## Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2021 With Comparative Totals For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

		06/30/2021		06/30/2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Change in net assets	\$	5,436,024	\$	556,973
Items not requiring cash		2 21 5		
Amortization		3,215		-
Bad debt		-		25,000
Noncash net investment income		(5,069,530)		(275,418)
Changes in		(2 (11		0.170
Accounts receivable, including promises to give		63,611		8,179
Accounts payable		(280,734)		40,323
Accrued payroll		3,070		3,197
Deferred revenue		(50,000)		225,000
Other accrued liabilities		19,301		2,035
Accrued referee credits		105,375	_	100,480
Net cash provided by operating activities		230,332		685,769
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of property and equipment		(64,300)		_
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,500,000		5,627,465
Purchase of investments		(1,998,054)		(6,427,029)
Taronase of myestifetic	_	(1,550,051)	_	(0,127,025)
Net cash used in investing activities		(562,354)		(799,564)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Collection of contributions restricted for Fisher Black Fund		96,000		107,075
Concetion of contributions restricted for Fisher Black Fund		90,000	_	107,073
Net cash provided by financing activities	_	96,000		107,075
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(236,022)		(6,720)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash beginning of year	_	1,106,055		1,112,775
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash end of year	\$	870,033	\$	1,106,055
Cash and cash equivalents		855,033		1,072,574
Cash and cash equivalents, restricted	_	15,000	_	33,481
Total cash and cash equivalents shown in the statement of cash flow	\$	870,033	\$	1,106,055
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION				
Cash paid for interest	\$		\$	

Cash paid for income taxes

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021

#### 1. ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

American Finance Association (the "Organization") was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Illinois in 1952. The Organization is a non-profit public charity dedicated to improving public understanding of financial problems and promoting finance scholarship. It is the premier academic organization devoted to the study and promotion of knowledge about financial economics. The Organization achieves its mission through the following major programs:

#### The Journal of Finance

Through a partnership with Wiley Publishing, the Organization publishes *The Journal of Finance*, a periodical containing leading research across all the major fields of finance. The journal is the most widely cited academic journal on finance. It is published six times per year and each issue reaches over 8,000 academics, financial professionals, libraries, governments, and financial institutions around the world.

#### **Annual Meeting**

The Organization sponsors an annual meeting each January at which papers are presented, covering the gamut of financial topics. The Organization's current president also speaks on a chosen subject.

#### Women's Initiative

AFFECT (the Academic Female Finance Committee) of the Organization was formed to promote the advancement of women academics in the field of finance. Within the academic field of finance, AFFECT strives to:

- Promote gender equality
- Facilitate networking among women
- Conduct research on the standing of women and factors related to differences in career paths of men and women
- Provide mentoring of women

#### Other Programs

Other programs of the Organization include an Ethics Committee, which has promoted the establishment of an American Finance Association Ombudsperson to help address any violation of the Organization's Code of Professional Conduct of Ethics. The Ombudsperson also provides informal, confidential assistance to members who need advice about work-related ethical issues such as discrimination or harassment.

The Organization's major sources of revenue include publishing contracts, net investment income, article submission fees, and grants.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared using the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less, and which are neither held for nor restricted by donors for long-term purposes, to be cash and cash equivalents. Restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts that have been donor-restricted for the Fischer Black Fund and distinguished paper awards.

#### Concentrations of Credit Risks

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents, and investments. The Organization maintains its cash, cash equivalents, and investments in various financial institution accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. At June 30, 2021, cash in bank deposit accounts exceeded federally insured limits by \$798,139. These assets have been placed with high credit quality financial institutions and the Organization has not experienced, nor does it anticipate, any losses with respect to such accounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, revenue from the Organization's publishing contract represented approximately 16% of the Organization's total revenue and support.

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are carried at their estimated collectible amounts. The Organization's accounts receivable are generally short-term in nature; thus accounts receivable do not bear interest.

Accounts receivable are periodically evaluated for collectibility based on past credit history with customers and their current financial condition. An allowance for doubtful accounts related to accounts receivable has not been established at June 30, 2021 because management believes that all accounts receivable will be fully collectible.

#### Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give expected to be collected in future years are initially recorded at fair value using present value techniques incorporating risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset. In subsequent years, amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue in the statement of activities. The Organization determines the allowance for uncollectible promises to give based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. An allowance for doubtful promises has been established at June 30, 2021 and is presented in the statement of financial position.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost at the date purchased or, if donated, at fair value at the date donated. Amortization expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets or lease terms, which is five years. Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$3,215. Management reviews the carrying value of property and equipment for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There were no impairments during the year ending June 30, 2021.

#### <u>Investments</u>

Investments are initially recorded at cost, if purchased, or a fair value if donated. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Net investment return is reported in the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, and investment management and custodial fees. Restricted investments consist of amounts that have been donor-restricted for the Fischer Black Fund.

#### Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset. U.S. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes investments based on those assumptions, with highest priority given to quoted prices in active markets and lowest priority to an entity's assumptions. The Organization groups assets at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities
	in active markets as of the measurement date.
Level 2	Other observable inputs including quoted prices for similar assets in active or non-active markets, or other observable inputs for the
	asset.
Level 3	Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data, such as pricing models, discounted cash flow models,
	and similar techniques.

#### Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the portion of the transaction price related to contracts with customers that has been allocated to performance obligations that have not yet been performed.

#### Classes of Net Assets

Net assets, revenues and gains are classified based on the presence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

*Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions.

**Net Assets With Donor Restrictions** – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### Revenue Recognition

**Contributions-** Contributions are recognized as support when cash, securities or other assets, or an unconditional promise to give is received. Conditional promises to give (those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return) are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. Contributions are considered to be without donor restrictions unless restricted by the donor.

*In-Kind Contributions*- Contributed goods, use of facilities, and services that either create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation are recorded at fair value at the date of donation.

**Program Service Revenue-** Revenue is measured on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer, and excludes any sales incentives and amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Organization recognizes revenue when it satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control over a product or service to a customer. Taxes, if any, assessed by a governmental authority that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction, that are collected by the Organization from a customer, are excluded from revenue. Program service revenue consists of publishing contracts and article submission fees. Article submission fees are collected when submitted by the authors and related performance obligations are met at a point in time. Publishing contract fees are collected according to a contracted schedule and related performance obligations are met equally over the contract period. For purposes of financial reporting, the Organization considers itself an agent in its publishing contracts, rather than a principal, because it does not obtain control of the goods or have the ability to direct that goods or services be provided to specific customers. Therefore, profit sharing under publishing contracts is accounted for by the Organization on a net basis.

#### **Advertising**

Advertising costs are expensed when the advertising first takes place. Advertising costs primarily include email and social media. Advertising expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$800, and is included in marketing expense in the statement of functional expenses.

#### Income Taxes

The Organization has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3), qualifying for the charitable contribution deduction under section 509(a)(2) and has been determined not to be a private foundation under Section 509(a). The Organization is annually required to file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) and is subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to their exempt purposes. Management has determined that the Organization is not subject to unrelated business income tax. Management believes that the Organization has appropriate support for any tax positions taken in its annual filing and does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. The Organization's Forms 990 are no longer subject to tax examination for years before 2017.

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of providing programs and supporting services activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries, payroll taxes, and contract labor, which are allocated on the basis of estimated time and effort.

#### Estimates in the Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Reclassifications

Certain items from June 30, 2020 have been reclassified to conform to the June 30, 2021 presentation.

## 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of June 30, 2021 consisted of the following:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	855,033
Current portion of accounts receivable,		
including promises to give		4,007
Investments	_	<u>25,039,772</u>
Current financial assets, at year-end		25,898,812
Less those unavailable for general expenditure within one year, due to		
donor-imposed time or purpose restrictions	_	_
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure		• • • • • • • •
within one year	\$	<u>25,898,812</u>

As part of its liquidity management plan, the Organization structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. In addition, the Organization invests cash in excess of daily requirements in savings and investments.

## 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, INCLUDING PROMISES TO GIVE

Accounts receivable, including promises to give, consisted of the following at June 30, 2021:

Promises to give Amounts expected to be collected in Less than one year One to five years	\$	101,205 94,444
Less unamortized discount		(14,131)
Total promises to give		181,518
Accounts receivable Amounts expected to be collected in Less than one year		4,007
Total accounts receivable, including promises to give		185,525
Less allowance for doubtful promises		(25,000)
Total accounts receivable, including promises to give		160,525
Less current portion		(4,007)
Accounts receivable, including promises to give, net of allowance for doubtful promises	<u>\$</u>	156,518

## 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of a membership database with a cost basis of \$64,300 and accumulated amortization of \$3,215 at June 30, 2021. Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$3,215.

#### 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets at fair value at June 30, 2021.

#### Assets at Fair Value at June 30, 2021

		Level 1		Level 2	_	Level 3		Total
Mutual funds Equities	\$	25,606,423 674.912	\$	-	\$		- \$	25,606,423
Treasury notes & bonds	•	0/4,912	_		-			674,912
Total investments, at fair value		\$ 26,281,335	\$		\$		<u>-</u> 9	\$ 26,281,335

Significant changes in investments during the year ended June 30, 2021 consisted of the following:

	Investments,				
	Investments	Restricted	<u>Total</u>		
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 19,695,598	\$ 1,018,153	\$ 20,713,751		
Transfers	34,685	74,625	109,310		
Net investment income					
Interest and dividends	330,878	24,383	355,261		
Realized gains	33,145	338	33,483		
Unrealized gains	4,945,466	124,064	5,069,530		
Balance at June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 25,039,772</u>	<u>\$ 1,241,563</u>	<u>\$ 26,281,335</u>		

#### 7. ACCRUED REFEREE CREDITS

Articles submitted to *The Journal of Finance* are reviewed by scholars assigned by the Editor. The Organization awards credits to each reviewer, which may be used to offset the reviewer's own future submission fees or which may be distributed as a cash payment at the election of the reviewer. At June 30, 2021, accrued referee credits totaled \$790,960

#### 8. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following at June 30, 2021:

Subject to expenditure for specified purpose	
Fischer Black Fund	\$ 1,241,563
Distinguished paper awards	15,000
Promises to give, the proceeds from which have been	
restricted by the donors for the Fischer Black Fund	 156,518
Total net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 1,413,081

The Fischer Black Fund was established to provide for The Fischer Black Prize, a biennial award to honor individual financial research. Awardees are recognized for a body of work that best exemplifies the Fischer Black hallmark of developing theoretical research concepts that have a direct and significant impact on finance practice. Expenses directly related to the administration of the Fischer Black Prize may also be borne by the Fischer Black Fund. Distinguished paper awards are granted annually for the top papers published in *The Journal of Finance*.

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose of by the occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by the donors as follows for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Subject to expenditure for specified purpose Fischer Black Fund Distinguished paper awards	\$ 50,000 80,000
	\$ 130,000

## 9. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The Organization's revenue from contracts with customers include publishing contract revenue, archived publications revenue and article submission fees. The following table provides information about contract balances at June 30, 2021.

Accounts receivable Publishing contracts	<u>\$</u>	4,007
Total contract assets	<u>\$</u>	4,007
Deferred revenue Publishing contracts	<u>\$</u>	175,000
Total contract liabilities	<u>\$</u>	175,000

Deferred revenue related to publishing contracts is expected to be recognized at \$50,000 during each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024 and at \$25,000 during fiscal year 2025.

Significant changes in deferred revenue during the year ended June 30, 2021 were as follows:

Deferred revenue at June 30, 2020	\$ 225,000
Decreases in deferred revenue due to amortization of	
publishing contract revenue during the year ended	
June 30, 2021	 (50,000)
Deferred revenue at June 30, 2021	\$ 175,000

#### 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Organization entered into a contract with Wiley Publishing, which outlines certain duties and responsibilities of both parties related to producing *The Journal of Finance*. In addition to other responsibilities, Wiley Publishing is responsible for all printing, publishing and distribution activities for the journal. The Organization is responsible for soliciting, selecting, and editing articles for the journal. In exchange, both parties participate in a profit-sharing agreement.

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The Organization also entered into contracts with its editor, co-editor, and assistant editors for *The Journal of Finance* for course reduction and editorial services. These contracts require combined payments of approximately \$524,280 per year through June 30, 2022.

The Organization may be involved in certain claims arising from the ordinary course of operations and has purchased insurance policies to cover these risks.

As a result of the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, economic uncertainties have had and are likely to continue to have a negative impact on the Organization. Certain activities the Organization typically uses to accomplish its mission have been restructured or disrupted. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Organization's future operational and financial performance is uncertain and will depend upon the pandemic's duration and severity and its impact on the Organization's donors, employees, and vendors. The accompanying financial statements include no adjustment relating to the effects of this pandemic.

#### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 27, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. From their review, management has determined that there were no significant recognizable or unrecognizable subsequent events that were not properly disclosed.

#### 12. COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The accompanying financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class or functional expense category. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 from which the summarized information was derived.