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Form **990**

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)

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization		D Employer identification number
	THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE		53-0204608
	Doing Business As		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number
1761 N STREET N.W.			202-785-1141
City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code		G Gross receipts \$ 6,155,428.	
WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2882		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
F Name and address of principal officer: AMB. WENDY J. CHAMBERLIN		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
SAME AS C ABOVE		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
J Website: WWW.MEI.EDU			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1948 M State of legal domicile: DC	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN AMERICA AND STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	25
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	24
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	58
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	133
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	8,450.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	3,962,697.	2,620,164.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,036,588.	1,030,835.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	214,440.	400,259.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	31,626.	48,898.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	5,245,351.	4,100,156.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	1,570,570.	1,736,364.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 150,561.	0.	0.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,181,056.	1,227,158.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,751,626.	2,963,522.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	2,493,725.	1,136,634.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,719,814.	7,998,650.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	185,200.	204,414.
		6,534,614.	7,794,236.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	AMB. WENDY J. CHAMBERLIN, PRESIDENT				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	DAVID JONES				P01361002
	Firm's name ▶ RIBIS, JONES & MARESCA, P.A.	Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1853933			
Firm's address ▶ 10500 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY, SUITE 770		Phone no. 410-884-0220			
COLUMBIA, MD 21044					

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN AMERICA AND STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION.

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 [X] No

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 638,451. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) SULTAN QABOOS CULTURAL CENTER: THE SULTAN QABOOS CULTURAL CENTER ("SQCC") OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF OMAN-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IN OMAN. TO FULFILL ITS MISSION OF STRENGTHENING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF OMAN AND THE UNITED STATES, SQCC PROMOTES AND SPONSORS LECTURES, MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, SYMPOSIUMS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 444,174. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 401,409.) LANGUAGE PROGRAMS: MEI HAS BEEN OFFERING COURSES IN MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES SINCE 1953. TODAY MEI'S LANGUAGE PROGRAM OFFERS MULTIPLE LEVELS OF ARABIC, DARI, HEBREW, PASHTO, PERSIAN, AND TURKISH, PROVIDING SKILLS-ORIENTED, AFFORDABLE, AND CHALLENGING LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR WASHINGTON-AREA PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FOREIGN EMBASSIES, INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING ORGANIZATIONS, AND CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AREA GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 360,827. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 187,713.) MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL AND PUBLICATIONS: THE PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO PRODUCE THE MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL AS WELL AS DOZENS OF ONLINE PUBLICATIONS BY A VARIETY OF AUTHORS IN THE ACADEMIC AND PRACTITIONER COMMUNITY.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 1,088,543. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 433,263.)

4e Total program service expenses 2,531,995.

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O response

Main table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No responses. Includes rows for Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, Form 990-T, Form 8886-T, Form 8282, Form 1098-C, Form 4947(a)(1), and Form 720.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (25), 1b (24), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

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, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 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 Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE - 202-785-1141 1761 N STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) GENERAL ANTHONY C. ZINNI CHAIRMAN	3.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(2) WENDY J. CHAMBERLIN PRESIDENT & CEO	40.00	X		X			169,663.	0.	11,011.	
(3) HARRY L. ALVERSON, III DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) KARIM ABUHAMAD DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) JOSEPH L. BRAND, ESQ. DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) RICHARD A. CLARKE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) JEFFREY AVINA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) ESTHER COOPERSMITH DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) THOMAS CAMPBELL DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) RICHARD MURPHY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) JAMES K. HOLMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) LOUIS HUGHES DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) DANIEL KURTZER DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) KAY LARCOM DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) BRAD BOURLAND DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) PHILIP C. WILCOX DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) NIJAD FARES DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) JACK MOORE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) ABBAS F. ZUAITER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) ROBERT JORDAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) MICHAEL PETRUZZELLO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) H. P. GOLDFIELD DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) DAVID HOGAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) GEORGE R. SALEM, ESQ. DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) HON. MARCELLE WAHBA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total								169,663.	0.	11,011.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								169,663.	0.	11,011.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL WATERPROOFING & MASON 1812 SCAFFOLD WAY, ODENTON, MD 21113	CONSTRUCTION	141,375.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 827,713.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 1,792,451.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	10,070.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	2,620,164.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a LANGUAGE PROGRAM	Business Code 611600	401,409.	401,409.	
b ANNUAL CONFERENCE		900099	387,030.	387,030.		
c MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL AND PUBLICATI		541800	196,163.	187,713.	8,450.	
d MEMBERSHIP DUES		900099	44,245.	44,245.		
e OTHER PROGRAMS		900099	1,988.	1,988.		
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			1,030,835.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		168,848.		168,848.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	29,420.			
		(ii) Personal	0.			
		b Less: rental expenses	0.			
		c Rental income or (loss)	29,420.			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		29,420.		29,420.	
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	2,286,683.			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	2,055,272.			
		c Gain or (loss)	231,411.			
	d Net gain or (loss)		231,411.		231,411.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b Less: direct expenses				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a REFUNDS, REBATES, MISC. SALES		900099	13,098.		13,098.	
	b EMPLOYEE PARKING	900099	6,380.		6,380.	
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			19,478.		
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			4,100,156.	1,022,385.	8,450.	
					449,157.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	180,674.	159,600.	10,593.	10,481.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,336,746.	1,179,877.	80,515.	76,354.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	37,484.	33,523.	1,273.	2,688.
9 Other employee benefits	77,324.	69,153.	2,626.	5,545.
10 Payroll taxes	104,136.	92,391.	4,674.	7,071.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	13,000.		13,000.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	29,371.		29,371.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	33,722.	11,039.	19,003.	3,680.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,113.	823.	140.	150.
13 Office expenses	264,196.	212,547.	47,637.	4,012.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	89,521.	79,659.	6,361.	3,501.
17 Travel	145,323.	119,267.	1,592.	24,464.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	333,279.	295,266.	36,457.	1,556.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	59,299.	47,691.	11,308.	300.
23 Insurance	28,143.	21,283.	4,256.	2,604.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CULTURAL CENTER OPERATIO	110,792.	102,272.	8,520.	
b PRINTING AND PUBLICATIO	71,591.	67,791.	3,640.	160.
c RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION	36,289.	36,289.		
d DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	11,519.	3,524.		7,995.
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,963,522.	2,531,995.	280,966.	150,561.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	26,288.	1	82,105.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	923,975.	2	677,477.	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,191,624.	3	926,236.	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	76,406.	4	48,804.	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	36,551.	9	339.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,539,789.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,634,049.	803,517.	10c 905,740.	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	3,661,253.	11	4,323,962.	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	200.	15	1,033,987.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	6,719,814.	16	7,998,650.		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	64,894.	17	103,487.	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue	120,306.	19	100,927.	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Loans and other payables to 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		23		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	185,200.	26	204,414.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,674,655.	27	3,908,862.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	444,829.	28	387,003.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	2,415,130.	29	3,498,371.	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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	6,534,614.	33	7,794,236.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,719,814.	34	7,998,650.		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,100,156.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,963,522.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,136,634.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,534,614.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	122,988.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	7,794,236.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1566271.	1866617.	1843955.	3962697.	2620164.	11859704.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	609,023.	626,997.	768,071.	1036588.	1022385.	4063064.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	2175294.	2493614.	2612026.	4999285.	3642549.	15922768.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b						0.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						15922768.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	2175294.	2493614.	2612026.	4999285.	3642549.	15922768.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	117,695.	110,429.	127,474.	238,960.	429,679.	1024237.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	117,695.	110,429.	127,474.	238,960.	429,679.	1024237.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	11,533.	46,370.	11,950.	1,457.		71,310.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)					19,478.	19,478.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	2304522.	2650413.	2751450.	5239702.	4091706.	17037793.

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	93.46 %
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	94.24 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	6.01 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	5.16 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

SCHEDULE A, PART III, LINE 12, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

REFUNDS & REBATES

2012 AMOUNT: \$ 13,098.

EMPLOYEE PARKING

2012 AMOUNT: \$ 6,380.

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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2012

Name of the organization

THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

53-0204608

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>12,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>2</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>20,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>3</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>60,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>4</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>30,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>5</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>25,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>6</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>15,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 25,360.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8		\$ 40,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
9		\$ 15,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
10		\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
11		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
12		\$ 13,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
14		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
15		\$ 527,816.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
16		\$ 22,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
17		\$ 120,261.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
18		\$ 15,930.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>37,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
20	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>25,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
21	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>1,051,037.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
22	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
23	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>40,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
24	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>25,812.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
25		\$ 25,299.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
26		\$ 12,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
27		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
28		\$ 14,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
29		\$ 13,156.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
30		\$ 11,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
31	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 10,070.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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_____	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
31	242 SHARES OF BP @ \$14.61 PER SHARE _____ _____ _____	\$ 10,070.	11/21/12
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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 (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) 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 (ASC 958) 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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 XIII and complete the following table:

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

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	2,415,130.				
b Contributions	1,083,241.	2,415,130.			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	3,498,371.	2,415,130.			

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %

b Permanent endowment 100.00 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment _____ %

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

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		334,115.		334,115.
b Buildings		775,772.	669,493.	106,279.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		432,831.	410,365.	22,466.
e Other		997,071.	554,191.	442,880.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				905,740.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST	1,033,787.
(2) SECURITY DEPOSIT	200.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	1,033,987.

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	3,867,495.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	<232,661.>
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	<232,661.>
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,100,156.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	4,100,156.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	2,963,522.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,963,522.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,963,522.

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

PART III, LINE 1A: THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS A COLLECTION OF BOOKS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH.

PART V, LINE 4: MEI MAKES DISTRIBUTIONS FROM INCOME EARNED ON THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR THE ANNUAL AWARD "ISSAM M. FARES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE" AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER EXPENSES AT THE MEI ANNUAL CONFERENCE BANQUET AND AWARD CEREMONY, AND FOR SUPPORT FOR THE MEI LIBRARY.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
MIDDLE EAST	0	0	FUNDRAISING		106,778.
3 a Sub-total	0	0			106,778.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			106,778.

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report. (see Instructions for Form 5713)* Yes No

Schedule F (Form 990) 2012

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
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. <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
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?	2	X
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
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: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	X
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	X
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	X
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
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: a The organization?	5a	X
b Any related organization?	5b	X
If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
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: a The organization?	6a	X
b Any related organization?	6b	X
If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
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	7	X
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 Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	X
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule J (Form 990) 2012

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

For each individual whose compensation must be reported 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) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) WENDY J. CHAMBERLIN PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	169,663.	0.	0.	10,575.	436.	180,674.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

STATES BY THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: MEI'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS TYPICALLY A TWO-DAY EVENT
THAT PROVIDES VARIOUS SEMINARS, SPEAKER PANELS, AND NETWORKING
OPPORTUNITIES TO ITS ATTENDEES.

EXPENSES \$ 224,488. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 431,275.

CENTER FOR TURKISH STUDIES: THE CENTER FOR TURKISH STUDIES AIMS TO
BROADEN THE KNOWLEDGE OF TURKEY IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH
CONFERENCES, PROGRAMS THAT ATTRACT MEDIA COVERAGE, AND EVENTS FEATURING
SCHOLARS, DIGNITARIES, AND OFFICIALS FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM
OF TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES.

EXPENSES \$ 163,150. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

PUBLIC POLICY, OUTREACH, AND COMMUNICATIONS: OVER THE YEARS, MEI EVENTS
HAVE BEEN COVERED BY TOP NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OUTLETS INCLUDING
C-SPAN, AL JAZEERA, CNN, ALHURRA, NPR, AND VOICE OF AMERICA. THE
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO PURSUED AN AGGRESSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA
AND OUTREACH STRATEGY AIMED AT BUILDING A VIRTUAL AUDIENCE.

EXPENSES \$ 93,500. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

LIBRARY: MEI MAINTAINS A LIBRARY CONTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION
OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS ON MIDDLE EAST TOPICS. THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TO
THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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EXPENSES \$ 86,766. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

OTHER PROGRAMS: DURING THE YEAR, MEI'S PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT HAS MET STEADY DEMAND FOR CLEAR, UNBIASED INFORMATION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST WITH INNOVATIVE, RELEVANT PROGRAMMING AND PUBLICATIONS AIMED AT PROVIDING IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF EVENTS IN THE REGION FOR THE INTERESTED PUBLIC, POLICYMAKERS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. MEI'S IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL AUDIENCE HAS CONTINUED TO GROW AS THE ORGANIZATION EXPANDS AND DIVERSIFIES THE SCOPE OF ITS PROGRAMMING AND THE MEANS BY WHICH IT DELIVERS INFORMATION.

EXPENSES \$ 520,639. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 1,988.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4: ON OCTOBER 15, 2012, SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE MADE TO ORGANIZATION'S BY-LAWS, WHICH ARE DOCUMENTED AS FOLLOW:

1) ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE GOVERNORS MAY BE REMOVED WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE AT ANY TIME BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS PRESENT AT ANY MEETING.

2) THE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNORS ENTITLED TO VOTE THAT ARE PRESENT AT A MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT SHALL BE THE ACT OF THE BOARD, UNLESS THE ACT OF A GREATER NUMBER OF GOVERNORS IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

3) THE CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED, OR UNTIL HIS OR HER EARLIER RESIGNATION, DEATH, OR REMOVAL.

Name of the organization THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE	Employer identification number 53-0204608
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4) THE INSTITUTE SHALL NOT MAKE ANY LOANS TO GOVERNORS OR OFFICERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE FORM 990 AND 990T FOR MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE IS REVIEWED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT AND THE CFO/TREASURER BEFORE IT IS SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AND SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM ANNUALLY TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTIVITIES OR INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICT. A MEMBER OF THE OPERATIONS TEAM MONITORS COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S TOP MANAGEMENT, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES INCLUDES DELIBERATION AND DECISION MAKING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD ARE DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD MINUTES. THE PRESIDENT'S LAST COMPENSATION REVIEW TOOK PLACE IN 2007, WHILE COMPENSATION FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES WAS LAST REVIEWED IN DECEMBER OF 2011.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND MOST RECENT TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS UPON REQUEST BY GENERAL PUBLIC, DONORS, GRANTORS, AND ANY INTERESTED PARTY. IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON GUIDESTAR.ORG.

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

2012

Open to Public Inspection for 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2012 or other tax year beginning , and ending

Form sections A through F: A Check box if address changed; B Exempt under section 501(c)(3); C Book value of all assets at end of year; F Group exemption number and organization type.

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity. ADVERTISING IN THE MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? Yes No

J The books are in care of THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE Telephone number 202-785-1141

Table with 4 columns: Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income, (A) Income, (B) Expenses, (C) Net. Rows 1a-13 showing advertising income details.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (see instructions for limitations on deductions) (except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income)

Table with 4 columns: Line number, Description, Sub-column, Total. Rows 14-34 showing various deductions and final taxable income.

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations taxable as corporations (see instructions for tax computation).
36 Trusts taxable at trust rates (see instructions for tax computation).
37 Proxy tax (see instructions)
38 Alternative minimum tax
39 Total. Add lines 37 and 38 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies

Part IV Tax and Payments

40a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)
40b Other credits (see instructions)
40c General business credit. Attach Form 3800
40d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)
40e Total credits. Add lines 40a through 40d
41 Subtract line 40e from line 39
42 Other taxes. Check if from: Form 4255 Form 8611 Form 8697 Form 8866 Other (attach statement)
43 Total tax. Add lines 41 and 42
44a Payments: A 2011 overpayment credited to 2012
44b 2012 estimated tax payments
44c Tax deposited with Form 8868
44d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)
44e Backup withholding (see instructions)
44f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941)
44g Other credits and payments: Form 2439 Form 4136 Other
45 Total payments. Add lines 44a through 44g
46 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached
47 Tax due. If line 45 is less than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount owed
48 Overpayment. If line 45 is larger than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount overpaid
49 Enter the amount of line 48 you want: Credited to 2013 estimated tax Refunded

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

1 At any time during the 2012 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country?
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust?
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation N/A

1 Inventory at beginning of year
2 Purchases
3 Cost of labor
4a Additional section 263A costs (att. statement)
4b Other costs (attach statement)
5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b
6 Inventory at end of year
7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2
8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
Signature of officer: DAVID JONES
Date:
Title: PRESIDENT
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? [X] Yes [] No

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: DAVID JONES
Preparer's signature:
Date:
Check if self-employed:
PTIN: P01361002
Firm's name: RIBIS, JONES & MARESCA, P.A.
Firm's EIN: 52-1853933
Firm's address: 10500 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY, SUITE COLUMBIA, MD 21044
Phone no.: 410-884-0220

Schedule C - Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)(see instructions)

1. Description of property
(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)
2. Rent received or accrued
(a) From personal property... (b) From real and personal property...
3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income...
(c) Total income... (b) Total deductions...

Schedule E - Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1. Description of debt-financed property
2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property
3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property
(a) Straight line depreciation (b) Other deductions
4. Amount of average acquisition debt... 5. Average adjusted basis... 6. Column 4 divided by column 5
7. Gross income reportable... 8. Allocable deductions...
Totals
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8

Schedule F - Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1. Name of controlled organization
2. Employer identification number
Exempt Controlled Organizations
3. Net unrelated income (loss) 4. Total of specified payments made 5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income 6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations
7. Taxable Income 8. Net unrelated income (loss) 9. Total of specified payments made 10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income 11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
Totals

Schedule G - Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization
(see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach statement)	4. Set-asides (attach statement)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (col. 3 plus col. 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
Totals	0.			0.

Schedule I - Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income
(see instructions)

1. Description of exploited activity	2. Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3. Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6. Expenses attributable to column 5	7. Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals	0.	0.				0.

Schedule J - Advertising Income (see instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis

1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals (carry to Part II, line (5))	0.	0.				0.

Part II Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) MIDDLE EAST						
(2) JOURNAL	8,450.	5,489.	2,961.	248,213.	355,338.	2,961.
(3)						
(4)						
Totals from Part I	0.	0.				0.
Totals, Part II (lines 1-5)	8,450.	5,489.				2,961.

Schedule K - Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percent of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14			0.

Depreciation and Amortization 990
 (Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	2,000,000.
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2011 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2013. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	59,299.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2012	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

	(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a	3-year property						
b	5-year property						
c	7-year property						
d	10-year property						
e	15-year property						
f	20-year property						
g	25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h	Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
		/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i	Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
		/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a	Class life					S/L	
b	12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c	40-year	/		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr.	22	59,299.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost

25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use 25

26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use: Table with 9 columns for percentage and cost basis.

27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use: Table with 9 columns for percentage and S/L status.

28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1 28

29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1 29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

Table for Section B with 6 main columns: (a) Vehicle, (b) Vehicle, (c) Vehicle, (d) Vehicle, (e) Vehicle, (f) Vehicle. Includes rows 30-36 for mileage and availability.

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

Table for Section C with 2 columns: Yes, No. Includes rows 37-41 for policy statements and requirements.

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

Table for Part VI with 6 columns: (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year

42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2012 tax year: Table with 6 columns for cost description and amortization.

43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2012 tax year 43

44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report 44

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

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- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file) - You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE	Employer identification number (EIN) or 53-0204608
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1761 N STREET N.W.	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2882	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 01

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

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- The books are in the care of ▶ **1761 N STREET, NW - WASHINGTON, DC 20036**
 Telephone No. ▶ **202-785-1141** FAX No. ▶ _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **AUGUST 15, 2013**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year **2012** or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

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