# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2022 and 2021



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors New Orleans Film Society New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Orleans Film Society (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Orleans Film Society as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of New Orleans Film Society and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about New Orleans Film Society's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of New Orleans Film Society's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about New Orleans Film Society's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control—related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Summary of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Heads is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated January 3, 2023 on our consideration of New Orleans Film Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering New Orleans Film Society's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Metairie, Louisiana January 3, 2023

Wegmann Bazet, aPC

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# June 30, 2022 and 2021

	ASSETS	2022	2021
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 1,253,418	\$ 1,133,397
Accounts receivable		365,251	1,375
Grants receivable		-	9,500
Other receivables		-	80,774
Prepaid expenses  Total current assets		11,122 1,629,791	1,225,046
Total cultent assets		1,029,791	1,223,040
Deposits			2,060
Total assets		\$ 1,629,791	\$ 1,227,106
	LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$ 55,595	\$ 21,615
Accrued payroll and related liabilities		1,873	-
Other current liabilities		7,609	3,982
Refundable advances		10,000	87,062
Contract liabilities		235,970	139,914
Current portion of long-term debt  Total current liabilities		311,047	10,340 262,913
Total current madmittes		311,047	202,913
Long-term debt, less current portion			82,665
Total liabilities		311,047	345,578
	NET ASSETS		
Net assets			
Without donor restrictions			
Undesignated		847,557	538,347
Board designated		305,999	305,969
With donor restrictions		165,188	37,212
Total net assets		1,318,744	881,528
Total liabilities and net assets		\$ 1,629,791	\$ 1,227,106

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Without Donor	With Donor	
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Revenues, support, and grants			
Donations	\$ 486,479	\$ 27,500	\$ 513,979
Sponsorships	133,600	-	133,600
Ticket sales	107,542	-	107,542
Submission fees	126,712	-	126,712
Fundraising	223,351	-	223,351
Grants	196,090	774,722	970,812
Membership	153,114	-	153,114
Advertising	16,000	-	16,000
Other income	64,728	-	64,728
Net assets released from restrictions	674,246	(674,246)	
Total revenues, support, and grants	2,181,862	127,976	2,309,838
Expenses			
Program services			
New Orleans Film Festival	968,586	-	968,586
French Film Festival	122,805	-	122,805
Year round programing	30,234	-	30,234
Emerging Voices	89,551	-	89,551
Membership	49,614	-	49,614
South Summit	76,250	-	76,250
Southern Producers Lab	97,716	-	97,716
Gala	222,727	-	222,727
Supporting services			
General and administrative	165,819	-	165,819
Fundraising	49,320		49,320
Total expenses	1,872,622		1,872,622
Change in net assets	309,240	127,976	437,216
Net assets			
Beginning of year	844,316	37,212	881,528
End of year	\$ 1,153,556	\$ 165,188	\$ 1,318,744

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Without		
	Donor	With Donor	
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Revenues, support, and grants			
Donations	\$ 529,602	\$ -	\$ 529,602
Sponsorships	184,250	-	184,250
Ticket sales	97,684	_	97,684
Submission fees	180,976	_	180,976
Grants	192,287	273,279	465,566
Membership	138,117	- -	138,117
Advertising	9,000	_	9,000
Other income	96,098	_	96,098
Net assets released from restrictions	395,628	(395,628)	
Total revenues, support, and grants	1,823,642	(122,349)	1,701,293
Expenses			
Program services			
New Orleans Film Festival	973,719	-	973,719
French Film Festival	83,137	_	83,137
Year round programing	54,282	_	54,282
Emerging Voices	95,800	_	95,800
Membership	44,884	_	44,884
South Summit	42,297	_	42,297
Southern Producers Lab	103,897	_	103,897
Supporting services			
General and administrative	80,371	-	80,371
Fundraising	81,060		81,060
Total expenses	1,559,447		1,559,447
Change in net assets	264,195	(122,349)	141,846
Net assets			
Beginning of year	580,121	159,561	739,682
End of year	\$ 844,316	\$ 37,212	\$ 881,528

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

								Programm	ing Se	rvices								Supportin	g Serv	rices												
	Ne	w Orleans	Fre	ench Film	Yea	ar round	Er	nerging							Sc	outhern			Ge	neral and		Total										
	Fili	m Festival	]	Festival	Prog	ramming		Voices		Gala	Me	Membership		Membership		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		Producers Lab		Producers Lab		ndraising	adm	inistrative	e	expenses
Advertising/marketing	\$	17,222	\$	1,760	\$	-	\$	284	\$	564	\$	591	\$	2,119	\$	284	\$	586	\$	342	\$	23,752										
Artistic awards		42,550		-		675		44,150		-		-		13,750		55,050		-		-		156,175										
Bad debt expense		-		-		-		-		6,000		1,500		-		-		-		-		7,500										
Bank service charge		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		5		5										
Board development		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		8,000		513		8,513										
Contract labor fees		239,536		12,426		4,025		4,370		14,707		4,352		6,838		4,465		13,358		12,613		316,690										
Dues and subscriptions		17,879		2,803		86		157		8,173		7,216		222		99		242		669		37,546										
Equipment and software		16,290		3,262		493		930		1,722		567		1,200		-		550		2,607		27,621										
Equipment rental		6,705		-		-		-		-		-		-		919		-		-		7,624										
In-kind donation		302,277		13,853		500		-		54,088		-		-		-		-		49,036		419,754										
Insurance		699		104		44		83		93		51		65		100		46		553		1,838										
Other expense		4,773		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		389		5,162										
Workforce costs		36,008		8,885		3,588		5,166		7,357		5,276		7,330		5,091		3,068		10,161		91,930										
Postage and delivery		2,135		360		-		-		180		-		-		-		933		58		3,666										
Printing and reproduction		7,478		3,553		-		402		3,268		-		465		-		2,792		118		18,076										
Rent expense -film		850		8,278		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		9,128										
Rent expense - office		9,276		1,375		586		1,105		1,231		674		859		1,331		606		3,100		20,143										
Rent expense - venue		35,350		8,000		-		239		-		-		500		-		-		-		44,089										
Repairs and maintenance		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		328		328										
Salary and wages		199,182		54,132		19,628		29,585		40,496		28,842		41,861		28,651		18,162		35,379		495,918										
Special events		3,244		1,788		200		574		84,099		-		430		-		-		8		90,343										
Sponsorship		1,500		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		1,500										
Supplies		7,765		1,300		203		384		-		234		299		463		211		1,078		11,937										
Telephone and internet		3,226		478		206		384		425		234		299		463		211		933		6,859										
Training and development		1,220		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		338		45,662		47,220										
Travel and entertainment		13,421		448				1,738		324		77		13		800		217		2,267		19,305										
Total expenses	\$	968,586	\$	122,805	\$	30,234	\$	89,551	\$	222,727	\$	49,614	\$	76,250	\$	97,716	\$	49,320	\$	165,819	\$	1,872,622										

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Programming Services								Supporting Services																									
		v Orleans		nch Film		ar round		nerging			Southern					eral and		Total																
	Filn	n Festival	F	estival	Prog	ramming		Voices	Me	Membership		Membership		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		South Summit		Producers Lab		ndraising	administrative		expenses	
Advertising/marketing	\$	10,893	\$	1,163	\$	274	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,432	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,916	\$	16,678														
Artistic expenses		28,253		-		525		64,263		-		10,450		58,413		-		-		161,904														
Bad debt expense		-		-		-		-		1,900		-		-		-		-		1,900														
Bank service charge		-		-		-		-		-				-		-		(151)		(151)														
Board development		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		179		16,700		16,879														
Contract labor fees		143,792		15,556		7,964		2,596		3,274		5,549		3,807		7,169		6,152		195,859														
Dues and subscriptions		14,676		1,999		1,845		-		6,971		-		-		708		3,996		30,195														
Equipment and software		44,870		2,567		3,078		-		-		331		-		80		5,624		56,550														
In-kind donation		419,038		17,856		16,774		675		-		-		225		-		2,150		456,718														
Insurance		25,650		2,205		1,221		2,056		2,283		1,647		3,015		5,044		12,621		55,742														
Other expense		305		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		(256)		49														
Postage and delivery		1,516		553		-		-		58		-		-		1,298		(8)		3,417														
Printing and reproduction		5,488		1,247		-		-		-		898		-		2,474		-		10,107														
Rent expense -film		2,050		6,114		143		-		-		-		-		-		-		8,307														
Rent expense - office		4,545		488		270		455		506		364		668		1,117		297		8,710														
Rent expense - venue		4,959		4,800		5,821		-		-		-		-		-		-		15,580														
Salary and wages		253,519		27,233		15,076		25,394		28,198		20,337		37,239		62,292		16,610		485,898														
Special events		(2,000)		849		498		-		1,293		-		-		(305)		-		335														
Sponsorship		7,300		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		7,300														
Supplies		4,764		101		366		-		-		-		-		-		1,222		6,453														
Telephone and internet		3,610		388		215		361		401		289		530		887		236		6,917														
Training and development		1,030		-		195		-		-		-		-		94		12,722		14,041														
Travel and entertainment		(539)		18		17										23		540		59														
Total expenses	\$	973,719	\$	83,137	\$	54,282	\$	95,800	\$	44,884	\$	42,297	\$	103,897	\$	81,060	\$	80,371	\$	1,559,447														

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 437,216	\$ 141,846
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program loan	(93,005)	(68,962)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(363,876)	21,061
Grants receivable	9,500	169,250
Other receivables	80,774	(79,900)
Prepaid expenses	(11,122)	-
Deposits	2,060	-
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	37,607	(2,869)
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	1,873	(667)
Refundable advances	(77,062)	42,062
Contract liabilities	96,056	(15,020)
Net cash provided by operating activities	 120,021	206,801
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings under Paycheck Protection Program	_	93,005
Net cash provided by financing activities	 _	 93,005
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Net increase in cash	120,021	299,806
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	 1,133,397	833,591
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,253,418	\$ 1,133,397

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

# 1) <u>Nature of activities</u>

The New Orleans Film Society (the "Organization") is a non-profit organization established in 1989 that discovers, cultivates, and amplifies diverse voices of filmmakers who tell the stories of our time. The Organization produces the Academy-accredited New Orleans Film Festival annually and invest year-round in building a vibrant film culture in the South to share transformative cinematic experiences with audiences, and connect dynamic filmmakers to career-advancing resources.

# 2) <u>Summary of significant accounting policies</u>

The significant accounting policies followed by the Organization are summarized as follows:

# a) Financial statement presentation

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") promulgates accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reporting standards for Not-for-Profit entities. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

## b) <u>Contributions</u>

Contributions received are recorded as with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions. Support that is not restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions. All other donor restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### c) Cash and cash equivalents

All cash-related items having a maturity of three months or less from the original maturity date are classified as cash and cash equivalents.

#### d) Accounts receivable

Accounts are considered overdue if uncollected within ninety days of the original invoice. The Organization has not established an allowance for doubtful accounts. However, if a customer is unable to pay their account, the Organization may write off the outstanding balance to bad debt expense. The Organization has written off \$7,500 and \$1,900 of accounts receivable as bad debt for the year ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Management has evaluated the accounts and believes the remaining accounts receivable are all collectible.

#### e) Taxes

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Organization has filed for and received income tax exemptions in the various jurisdictions where it is required to do so. The Organization files Form 990 tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and in various states.

The Organization adopted the provisions of Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 740, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. Management of the Organization believes it has no material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it has not recognized any liability for unrecognized tax benefits. With few exceptions, the Organization is not subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities beyond three years from the filing of those returns.

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

## 2) Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# f) Fundraising

All expenses associated with the fundraising events are expensed as incurred.

## g) Functional expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited. Where practicable, expenses are directly classified to specific program or supporting service categories. Costs that are not specifically identifiable within functional categories are classified using allocation methods. Allocated costs and methods include occupancy, software, hardware, subscriptions, supplies, insurance, salaries, payroll taxes, and employee benefits allocated based on time studies.

#### h) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates

#### i) Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash deposits. The Organization may at times have cash on deposit at financial institutions that is in excess of federally insured limits. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to certain limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Organization has no policy requiring collateral or other security to support its deposits.

#### j) Promises to give

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. Conditional promises are recorded when all conditions have been met. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Cash or other assets received prior to the condition being met are recorded as refundable advances.

#### k) Donated services

Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Organization.

The Organization received volunteer help and other donated services to assist with the film festivals. The estimated value of the contributed services for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$419,753 and \$456,718 respectively.

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

## 2) Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# 1) Donated property and equipment

Noncash donations are recorded as contributions at their fair values at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. There was no donated property and equipment for 2022 or 2021.

#### m) New accounting pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases*. This accounting standard requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities related to lease arrangements longer than 12 months on the statement of financial position as well as additional disclosures. The updated guidance was effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2021. The Organization is currently assessing the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

In September 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*. This accounting standard improves transparency in the reporting of contributed nonfinancial assets, also known as gifts-in-kind, for not-for-profit organizations through enhancements to presentation and disclosure. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2021. Management is currently assessing the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

#### n) Geographic concentration

The Organization's operations are concentrated within the southern United States, specifically in the Great New Orleans area. As a result, the Organization is subject to geographic concentration risk. Economic and environmental phenomena in the area could have a material impact on the Organization's operating results. Management regularly monitors this risk and has implemented strategies to diversify its operations and mitigate potential negative impacts.

#### o) Revenue and cost recognition

The Organization recognizes donations when cash, securities or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give – that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return – are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met.

Contributions received with both donor-imposed conditions and restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as support without donor restrictions and increase net assets without donor restrictions.

Sponsorships can be comprised of an exchange element based on the value provided, and a contribution element for the difference between the total amount paid and the exchange element. The exchange portions of the sponsorships are recognized when the related performance obligations are met, and the contribution portion is recognized immediately.

The Organization generates revenue through the sale of tickets to its customers, film submission fees and membership fees. Revenue from these sources is recognized over time, as the performances obligations are met.

A portion of the Organization's revenue is derived from cost-reimbursable federal, state, and local contracts and grants, which are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized as revenue when the Organization has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions.

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

## 2) <u>Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)</u>

# p) <u>Description of net assets classification</u>

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958, Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities, requires the net assets and changes in net assets be reported for two classifications – with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor-imposed restrictions or requirements that limit the use of the donation. A donor restriction ends when a time restriction is met or a purpose restriction is accomplished. As restrictions are met, assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. Funds received with the stipulation that the funds be returned if specified future events fail to occur are accounted for as refundable advances until the conditions have been substantially met.

## 3) Net assets with donor restrictions

Net assets released from restrictions for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Purpose restrictions satisfied:		
South Arts Presentation Grant	\$ 4,532	\$ -
South Arts Resilience Fund Award	-	59,273
City of New Orleans	35,000	-
Arts Council of New Orleans	12,062	-
Louisiana Division of the Arts	5,000	14,000
Small Business Administrative	93,005	-
John Carlo Monti Award	1,000	-
Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.	2,000	-
Perspective Fund	35,712	14,294
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities	10,000	-
The Hellis Foundation	21,000	15,000
Ford Foundation	125,000	100,000
Shuttered Venue Operating Grant	241,935	-
National Endowment for the Arts	84,000	30,000
New Orleans Jazz & Heritage	4,000	3,500
Time restriction satisfied: Festival	_	159,561
Total net assets released from restrictions	\$ 674,246	\$ 395,628

Net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Subject to expenditure in subsequent periods:		
Greater New Orleans Foundation	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Private donation	1,000	10,000
Perspective fund	-	27,212
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities	10,000	-
Ford Foundation	125,000	-
John Carlo Monti Award	4,500	-
Arts Council of New Orleans	 14,688	 
Total net assets with donor purpose restrictions	\$ 165,188	\$ 37,212

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

## 4) <u>Board designated unrestricted net assets</u>

As of June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Board of Directors of New Orleans Film Society designated \$305,999 and \$305,969, respectively, as a general operating reserve.

# 5) Operating lease

On December 1, 2022, the Organization re-entered into an operating lease for office space. The lease expires November 30, 2023. Future minimum lease payment under the lease are as follows:

Year ending	<u>Amount</u>
June 30, 2023	\$ 21,762
June 30, 2024	9,830

Total rent expense under the lease for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$20,143 and \$8,710, respectively.

## 6) Contract assets and liabilities

The Organization generates revenue through the sale of tickets to its customers, film submission fees and membership fees and other events. The Organization recognizes revenue over time as the performance obligations are met. The portion of receipts for the performance obligation not met creates a contract liability, the portion of revenue for which the performance obligation was met, but not yet collected creates a contract asset. The following table depicts activities from contract assets and contract liabilities for 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>
Contract assets	\$	27,255	\$	28,842
Contract liabilities		(263,225)		(168,756)
Net contract liabilities	\$	(235,970)	\$	(139,914)

## 7) <u>Paycheck Protection Program</u>

In April 2020, the Organization received a \$68,962 loan by a Small Business Administration (SBA) approved partner. The loan was uncollateralized and was fully guaranteed by the Federal government. The Organization was eligible for loan forgiveness of up to 100% of the loan, upon meeting certain requirements. On March 24, 2021, the Small Business Administration forgave the loan principal and the related interest in the amount of \$68,962 and \$642, respectively.

On March 25, 2021, the Organization received a second loan under the Paycheck Protection Program "PPP" administered by a Small Business Administration (SBA) approved partner in the amount of \$93,005. The loan is uncollateralized and is fully guaranteed by the Federal government. The Organization was eligible for loan forgiveness of up to 100% of the loan, upon meeting certain requirements. On October 7, 2021, the Small Business Administration forgave the loan principal and the related interest in the amount of \$93,005 and \$496, respectively.

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

# 8) <u>Liquidity and availability</u>

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,253,418
Accounts receivable	365,251
Total	\$ 1,618,669

# 9) <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u>

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted and could further impact the Organization's operations and the operations of the Organization's suppliers and vendors as a result of quarantines, facility closures, and travel and logistics restrictions. The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the Organization's business, results of operations and financial condition will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including, but not limited to the duration, spread, severity, and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Organization's customers, suppliers, and vendors and the remedial actions and stimulus measures adopted by local and federal governments, and to what extent normal economic and operating conditions can resume.

Even after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, the Organization may continue to experience adverse impacts to its business as a result of any economic recession or depression that has occurred or may occur in the future. Therefore, the Organization cannot reasonably estimate the impact at this time.

#### 10) Employee retention tax credit

The CARES Act provides an employee retention credit which is a refundable tax credit against certain employment taxes of up to \$5,000 per employee for eligible employers. The tax credit is equal to 50% of qualified wages paid to employees during a quarter, capped at \$10,000 of qualified wages per employee through December 31, 2020. Additional relief provisions were passed by the U.S. government, which extended and slightly expanded the qualified wage caps on these credits through September 30, 2021. Based on these additional provisions, the tax credit was increased to 70% of qualified wages paid to employees during a quarter from January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, and the limit on qualified wages per employee was increased to \$10,000 of qualified wages per quarter.

The Organization qualified for the tax credit under the CARES Act during fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and recorded \$80,774 related to the CARES employee retention credit, which has been presented as other receivables on the statements of financial position and other income on the statements of activities.

The Organization qualified for the tax credit under the CARES Act during fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and recorded \$57,813 related to the CARES employee retention credit, which has been presented as other income on the statements of activities.

#### 11) Subsequent events

Management evaluated subsequent events through the date of the auditors' report, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY SUMMARY OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEADS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

# SUMMARY OF COMPENSATION

Sarah Escalante Executive Director

• None of the agency head's compensation was derived from state and/or local assistance.



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors New Orleans Film Society New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the New Orleans Film Society (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2023.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the New Orleans Film Society's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the New Orleans Film Society's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of New Orleans Film Society's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the New Orleans Film Society's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

# **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Metairie, Louisiana January 3, 2023

Wegmann Bazet, aPC

# NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY Schedule of Findings and Responses For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

# Part I – Summary of Auditors' Results

# **Financial Statements**

1.	Type of auditors' report:	Unmodified
2.	Internal control over financial reporting:	
	a. Material weakness identified?	No
	b. Significant deficiencies identified?	No
3.	Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No

# Federal Awards

Not applicable

Part II – Financial statement Findings

None

#### **NEW ORLEANS FILM SOCIETY**

# **Schedule of Prior Year Findings**

## For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

#### Part I – Summary of Auditors' Results

## **Financial Statements**

4. Type of auditors' report: Unmodified

5. Internal control over financial reporting:

a. Material weakness identified?

Yes

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b. Significant deficiencies identified? Yes

6. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?

#### Federal Awards

Not applicable

Part II – Financial statement Findings

2021-01 <u>Grants Revenue, Submissions Fees Revenue, Deferred Revenue, Receivables</u>

and Refundable Advances

Finding: The Organization was improperly applying certain accounting requirements

imposed by Accounting Standard Update No. 2018-08 - Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made (ASU 2018-08)

and Revenue Recognition (Codified under Topic 605) in fiscal year 2020.

Status: Resolved 7/1/2021

2021-02 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Finding: Segregation of duties is inadequate to provide effective internal control.

Status: Resolved 4/1/2022

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## <u>INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT</u> ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of New Orleans Film Society and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal year period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. New Orleans Film Society (Entity) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Entity has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
  - e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
  - f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

- g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- 1) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions. The entity is a non-profit and accordingly, item i) above is not applicable. The Entity does not hold debt, and accordingly, item j) above is not applicable. Also, item l) Sexual Harassment is not applicable to this entity.

#### **Board or Finance Committee**

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
  - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions. The Entity is not a governmental entity, nor does it report on the governmental accounting model, accordingly, item b) and c) above is not applicable.

#### **Bank Reconciliations**

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures detailed above and noted no exceptions on items a) nor c). With respect to item b), the result of procedures performed indicate that during the period selected for testing there were incompatible duties performed by management without a paper trail evidencing reviews and approvals.

**Recommendation:** - Management should establish a system of internal controls that ensures that no one individual is able to authorize, approve, receive goods or services, reconciles the accounts, deposits the funds, has records the transactions.

#### Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

4. Obtain a listing of <u>deposit sites</u> for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Procedure Results - We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exceptions.

- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
    - **Procedure results** We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exceptions.
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedure noted above and noted employees performed incompatible duties.

c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedure noted above and noted employees performed incompatible duties.

d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedure noted above and noted employees performed incompatible duties.

**Recommendation** - Management should establish a system of internal controls that ensures that no one individual is able to authorize, approve, receive goods or services, reconciles the accounts, deposits the funds, has records the transactions and when compensation controls are can be used, management should ensure that their a proper paper trail.

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

**Procedure Results** – Per results of procedures performed, the Entity does not carry a bond or insurance policy.

**Recommendation** – The Entity should carry a bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash and/or the bank accounts.

- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

**Procedure results** – We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exception.

b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

**Procedure results** – We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exception.

c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

**Procedure results** – We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exception.

d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

**Procedure results** – We performed the procedure noted above and noted that the Entity's bank is located within less than 2 miles from the Entity's collection location. Based on the sample selected, we noted checks were deposited between 3 and 6 days after collection.

e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

**Procedure results** – We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exception

# Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedure noted above and noted no exceptions.

- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

**Procedure Results** – With regards to item a) through c) we performed the procedures noted above, the result of procedures performed indicate that during the period selected for testing there were incompatible duties performed by employees. With regards to item d) the Entity doesn't issue manual checks therefore this is not applicable.

**Recommendation** - Management should establish a system of internal controls that ensures that no one individual is able to authorize, approve, receive goods or services, reconciles the accounts, deposits the funds, has records the transactions and when compensation controls are can be used, management should ensure that their a proper paper trail.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that

the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions.

b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions, except that the result of procedures performed indicate that during the period selected for testing there were incompatible duties performed by employees.

**Recommendation** - Management should establish a system of internal controls that ensures that no one individual is able to authorize, approve, receive goods or services, reconciles the accounts, deposits the funds, has records the transactions and when compensation controls are can be used, management should ensure that their a proper paper trail.

#### Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedure above and noted no exception.

- 12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
- a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedure noted above and noted that each individual transaction was reviewed and approved electronically. However, in some instances the reviewer/approver was also the authorized card holder.

**Recommendation** – The reviewer and approver, should not be the same person as the authorized card holder.

b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions.

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (a) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (b) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (c) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted there were no exceptions.

#### Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- 14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
  - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
  - d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures above and noted no exceptions.

#### **Contracts**

- 15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
  - a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

- c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

**Procedure Results** - The Entity is a non-profit, accordingly item a) is not applicable. The Entity had no amendments to contracts during the testing period, accordingly, item c) is not applicable. With regard to items b) and c), we performed the procedures and noted no exception.

#### Payroll and Personnel

16. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions.

- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
  - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
  - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

**Procedure Results** – We performed the procedures above and noted no exceptions.

18. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

**Procedure Results** – We performed the procedure listed above and noted no exceptions.

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures noted above and noted no exceptions.

#### **Ethics**

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

**Procedure Results** - This section is not applicable to the Entity. The Louisiana Code of Ethics is generally not applicable to nonprofit entities but may be applicable in certain situations, such as councils on aging. If ethics is applicable to a nonprofit, the nonprofit should have written policies and procedures relating to ethics.

#### **Debt Service**

21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

**Procedure Results** - There were no debt instruments issued during the fiscal period. Accordingly, this section is not applicable.

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

**Procedure Results** - The Entity does not carry debt. Accordingly, this section is not applicable.

#### Fraud Notice

23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the

misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

**Procedure Results** - The Entity did not have misappropriations of public funds or assets during the fiscal period. Accordingly, this section is not applicable. Per conversation with Monika Leska and work performed during the audit, the entity had zero misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period.

24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

**Procedure Results** - The Entity did not experience any of the instances listed above. Accordingly, this section is not applicable.

# Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25. Perform the following procedures:
  - a) Obtain and inspect the Entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
  - b) Obtain and inspect the Entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
  - c) Obtain a listing of the Entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

**Procedure Results** - We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

# Sexual Harassment

26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

**Procedure Results** - This section is not applicable to the Entity.

27. Observe the Entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the Entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

**Procedure Results** - This section is not applicable to the Entity.

- 28. Obtain the Entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

**Procedure Results** - This section is not applicable to this Entity.

We were engaged by the Entity to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures; other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Entity and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

Metairie, Louisiana January 3, 2023

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