

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2008, and ending ,

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.

The Long Now Foundation
 Fort Mason Center, Landmark Bldg A
 San Francisco, CA 94123

D Employer Identification Number: 68-0384748
E Telephone number: (415) 561-6582
G Gross receipts \$: 3,055,020.

F Name and address of principal officer: Alexander Rose
 Fort Mason Center, Bldg A San Francisco, CA 94123

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

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ www.longnow.org

K Type of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶
L Year of Formation: 1996 **M** State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities. The Long Now Foundation endeavors to foster long term thinking.

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

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	12
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	11
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	10
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.

	Prior Year	Current Year	
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	451,533.	727,544.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	726,974.	615,098.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	166,609.	-450,297.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3,536.	25,453.
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,305,326.	917,798.
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	322,296.	437,142.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	28,758.	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-14, 11f-24f)	905,752.	829,668.
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,228,048.	1,266,810.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	77,278.	-349,012.

	Beginning of Year	End of Year	
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	6,250,864.	5,189,504.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	83,583.	7,759.
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,167,281.	5,181,745.

Part II Signature Block

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

Signature of officer: Alexander Rose Date: 11/23/09
 Type or print name and title: ALEXANDER ROSE, EXEC. DIRECTOR

Preparer's signature: Carol Duffield Date: 11/23/09
 Firm's name (or yours if self employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Fontanello, Duffield & Otake, LLP
44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2019
San Francisco, CA 94104
 Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): N/A
 EIN: N/A
 Phone no: (415) 983-0200

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 701,537. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 540,995.)

The 10,000 Year Clock Project was conceived by Danny Hillis as a monument to long-term thinking. The design development on the clock began in 01997 and has generated an early prototype, an orrery-like planetary display, and several mechanical and design patents. As the first step toward building the clock, the Foundation has purchased desert mountain land adjoining Great Basin National Park in eastern Nevada.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 57,893. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

The Rosetta Project was conceived of as the first entry into the Long Now Foundation's 10,000 Year Library, and involves one of the largest collections of information on the world's languages ever assembled. The project maintains a publicly-accessible digital repository of information on the world's nearly 7,000 languages. The project also produces the Rosetta Disk- a physical backup of the archive, microetched onto a 3-inch diameter nickel disk that can last for thousands of years.

4c (Code.) (Expenses \$ 119,884. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 74,103.)

Seminars About Long-term Thinking: The purpose of the series is to build a coherent, compelling body of ideas about long-term thinking, to help nudge civilization toward Long Now's goal of making long-term thinking automatic and common instead of difficult and rare.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) See Schedule O

(Expenses \$ 80,812. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 960,126. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

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)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J		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, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to question 25		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee.		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <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, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
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

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable. 21		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. 10		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
3b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If 'Yes,' to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
7b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	For all contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from other members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

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Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each 'Yes' response to lines 2-7b below, and for a 'No' response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following.		
8a	a The governing body?	X	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
9b	b If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 See Schedule O		X
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13	X	
12b	b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done See Schedule O	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision.		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	X	
15b	b Other officers of key employees of the organization? See Schedule O Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	X	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	b If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Schedule O
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.
Logan & Associates 423 Miller Avenue Mill Valley CA 94941 415-380-4130

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- 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) or 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W 2/1099 MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W 2/1099 MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Paul Saffo Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Douglas Carlston Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Peter Schwartz Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Brian Eno Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Michael Keller Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Esther Dyson Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
David Rumsey Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Chris Anderson Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Kim Polese Director	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Stewart Brand Co-Chair/Pres	10	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
W. Daniel Hillis Co-Chair	10	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
Kevin Kelly Sec'tary/Tres	2	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
Alexander Rose Exec Director	40	X		X			121,500.	0.	14,740.	

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
1 b Total						121,500.	0.	14,740.	

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in 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 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.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of Services	(C) Compensation
Chris Rand Fort Mason, Bldg A, San Francisco, CA 94123	Clock Machinist	154,222.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **1**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b 211,698.				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e 10,775.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 505,071.				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f	\$ 80,583.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		727,544.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2a Seminars/Performance Evts		74,103.	74,103.		
	b Program Svcs Revenue		540,995.	540,995.		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		615,098.				
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		197,033.		197,033.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	1,442,825.			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	2,090,155.			
		c Gain or (loss)	-647,330.			
	d Net gain or (loss)		-647,330.		-647,330.	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less. direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less. direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	62,171.				
	b Less cost of goods sold	b 47,067.				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		15,104.	15,104.		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a P/Y Expenses		97.	97.			
b						
c Reimbursement Misc Exp		9,646.	9,646.			
d All other revenue		606.			606.	
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		10,349.				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		917,798.	639,945.	0.	-449,691.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	136,240.	136,240.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	254,242.	102,481.	131,599.	20,162.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	5,090.	1,794.	2,884.	412.
9 Other employee benefits	10,907.	1,789.	7,881.	1,237.
10 Payroll taxes	30,663.	18,279.	10,739.	1,645.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	52,510.	52,410.	100.	
c Accounting	3,430.		3,430.	
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	421,215.	401,295.	19,920.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	6,079.	1,934.	4,145.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	98,182.	58,527.	34,387.	5,268.
17 Travel	22,159.	20,687.	1,472.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	7,628.	4,318.	3,310.	
20 Interest	25.		25.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	7,589.		7,589.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a <u>Materials & Supplies</u>	117,434.	99,904.	17,530.	
b <u>Public Relations</u>	32,677.	28,573.	4,104.	
c <u>Computer Services</u>	17,848.	7,868.	9,980.	
d <u>Bank Charges</u>	11,392.	4,305.	7,087.	
e <u>Participant Support Costs</u>	10,000.	10,000.		
f All other expenses	21,500.	9,722.	11,744.	34.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,266,810.	960,126.	277,926.	28,758.
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,315,253.	2	1,531,564.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	73,863.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost basis	10a 295,800.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b	295,800.	10c 295,800.
	11 Investments — publicly-traded securities	4,599,824.	11	3,245,682.
	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	39,987.	15	42,595.
16 Total assets Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	6,250,864.	16	5,189,504.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,252.	17	7,759.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	80,331.	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	83,583.	26	7,759.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	5,427,545.	27	4,812,727.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	739,736.	28	369,018.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.	6,167,281.	33	5,181,745.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,250,864.	34	5,189,504.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
c If 'Yes' to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		
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?		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501 (c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No 1545 0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization The Long Now Foundation	Employer identification number 68-0384748
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

- 1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state.
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III – Functionally integrated d Type III– Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
11 g (i)		
11 g (ii)		
11 g (iii)		

- (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
- (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of Support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	1,306,541.	5,321,899.	1,204,465.	451,553.	787,554.	9,072,012.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1-3	1,306,541.	5,321,899.	1,204,465.	451,553.	787,554.	9,072,012.
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)						5,115,566.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,956,446.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,306,541.	5,321,899.	1,204,465.	451,553.	787,554.	9,072,012.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	622.	60,710.	156,200.	166,609.	197,033.	581,174.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						9,653,186.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	1,465,208.
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 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	41.0 %
15 Public support percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	36.0 %
16a 33-1/3 support test — 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3 support test — 2007. 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 — 2008. 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 — 2007. 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)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
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 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33-1/3 support tests — 2008. 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 — 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 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 explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Dashed lines for supplemental information input.

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

The Long Now Foundation

Employer identification number

68-0384748

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 may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other 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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the 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	2d

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easement it holds? Yes No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items.

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

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

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

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table.

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

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

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if 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					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

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

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

	Yes	No
3a(i) unrelated organizations		
3a(ii) related organizations		
3b		

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land		295,800.		295,800.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶ 295,800.

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Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12. N/A

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total (Column (b) should equal Form 990 Part X, col. (B) line 12) ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13) N/A

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, Col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15) N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total (Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B), line 15)) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total (Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25)) ▶	

In Part XIV, 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

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements		N/A
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4-8	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		N/A
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12.	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1.	
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		N/A
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
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	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

Part XIV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Non-Cash Contributions

► To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes'
on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

OMB No 1545 0047

2008

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

The Long Now Foundation

Employer identification number

68-0384748

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	5	80,583.	
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (-----)				
26 Other ► (-----)				
27 Other ► (-----)				
28 Other ► (-----)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

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30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If 'Yes,' describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If 'Yes,' describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X
33		

BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule M (Form 990) 2008

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Area with horizontal dashed lines for supplemental information.

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▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide
additional information for responses to specific questions for the
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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The Long Now Foundation

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Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission

The Long Now Foundation was established to develop the Clock and Library projects,
as well as to become the seed a very long term cultural institution. The Long Now
Foundation hopes to provide counterpoint to today's "fast/cheaper" mind set and
promote "slower/better" thinking. We hope to creatively foster responsibility in
the framework of the next 10,000 years.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - Other Program Services Description

The Long Now Foundation engages in projects and programs whose aim is to creatively
foster responsibility in the framework of the next 10,000 years.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 10 - Form 990 Review Process

No review was or will be conducted.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts

It is the policy of the board that the existence of any interests that give rise to
conflict be disclosed on a timely basis and always before any transaction is
consummated. It shall be the continuing responsibility of board, officers, and
management employees to scrutinize their transactions and outside business interests
and relationships for potential conflicts and to immediately make such disclosures.

Board member disclosures should be made to a board officer and staff disclosures
should be made to the chief executive. The board shall determine whether a conflict
exists and is material, and in the presence of an existing material conflict,
whether the contemplated transaction may be authorized as just, fair, and reasonable
to Long Now. The decision of the board on these matters will rest in their sole
discretion, and their concern must be the welfare of Long Now and the advancement of
its purpose.

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Review & Approval Process for Officers & Key Employees

The Executive Director is the only key employee. Board officers do not receive financial compensation. The Board reviews and approves the salary of the Executive Director annually.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available

The Long Now Foundation's 990s are available through Guidestar (www.guidestar.org). All other governing documents are available by request as per applicable laws.

The Long Now Foundation

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Attachment 1
Form 3115, Part II, Line 13
Description of Trade or Business

The Long Now Foundation is a public charity whose primary mission is to foster long term thinking primarily through its 10,000 year clock and language projects.

Attachment 2
Form 3115, Part IV, Line 25
Methodology Used to Determine the Section 481(a) Adjustment

The main difference in changing from a cash method to accrual method is the treatment of grants/contributions receivable. On the accrual method, the Foundation will recognize the entire grant/contribution as revenue in the year pledged. Prior to 2008, the Foundation only recognized the revenue when received. During 2007 and 2008, the Foundation did not receive any multi-year grants or contributions that were promised, but not received. The Foundation has decided to change its method of accounting to be in conformity with GAAP which is required for its financial statements.

The change in the treatment of grants/pledges receivable has no tax consequences as the Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity.

Schedule D, Part XI, Line 8
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances

FMV Adjustment of Investments

Total \$ -636,524.
\$ -636,524.

Application for Change in Accounting Method

Name of filer (name of parent corporation if a consolidated group) (see instructions)		Identification number (see instructions)	
The Long Now Foundation		68-0384748	
Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see the instructions		Principal business activity code number (see instructions)	
Fort Mason Center, Landmark Bldg A		813000	
City or town, state, and ZIP Code		Tax year of change begins (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/01/2009	
San Francisco, CA 94123		Tax year of change ends (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Name of applicant(s) (if different than filer) and identification number(s) (see instructions)		Name of contact person (see instructions)	
		Alexander Rose	
		Contact person's telephone number	
		415-561-6582	

If the applicant is a member of a consolidated group, check this box

If Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, is attached, check this box

<p>Check the box to indicate the applicant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Controlled foreign corporation (Section 957)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10/50 corporation (Section 904(d)(2)(E))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Qualified personal service corporation (Section 448(d)(2))</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt organization Enter Code section ▶ 501 (c) (3)</p>	<p>Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of accounting method change being requested. (see instructions)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Depreciation or Amortization</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial Products and/or Financial Activities of Financial Institutions</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶ <u>Cash to Accrual</u></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative (Section 1381)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> S corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance company (Section 816(a))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance company (Section 831)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶ _____</p>	

Caution: The applicant must provide the requested information to be eligible for approval of the requested accounting method change. The applicant may be required to provide information specific to the accounting method change such as an attached statement. The applicant must provide all information relevant to the requested accounting method change, even if not specifically requested by the Form 3115

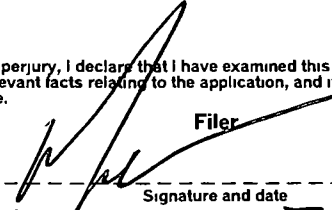
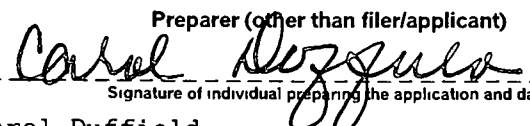
Part I Information For Automatic Change Request	Yes	No
1 Enter the requested designated accounting method change number from the List of Automatic Accounting Method Changes (see instructions) Enter only one method change number, except as provided for in the instructions. If the requested change is not included in that list, check 'Other,' and provide a description. ▶ (a) Change No. <u>30</u> (b) Other <input type="checkbox"/> Description ▶ _____		
2 Is the accounting method change being requested one for which the scope limitations of section 4 02 of Rev Proc 2002-9 (or its successor) do not apply? If 'Yes,' go to Part II.		X
3 Is the tax year of change the final tax year of a trade or business for which the taxpayer would be required to take the entire amount of the section 481(a) adjustment into account in computing taxable income? If 'Yes,' the applicant is not eligible to make the change under automatic change request procedures.		X

Note: Complete Part II below and then Part IV, and also Schedules A through E of this form (if applicable).

Part II Information for All Requests	Yes	No
4a Does the applicant (or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member during the applicable tax year(s)) have any Federal income tax return(s) under examination (see instructions)? If you answered 'No', go to line 5		X
b Is the method of accounting the applicant is requesting to change an issue (with respect to either the applicant or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member during the applicable tax year(s)) either (i) under consideration or (ii) placed in suspense (see instructions)?		

Signature (see instructions)

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

 Filer Signature and date <u>Alexander Rose</u> Name and title (print or type) <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</u>	 Preparer (other than filer/applicant) Signature of individual preparing the application and date <u>Carol Duffield</u> Name of individual preparing the application (print or type) <u>Fontanello, Duffield & Otake, LLP</u> <u>44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2019</u> <u>San Francisco, CA 94104</u> Name of firm preparing the application
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Part II Information For All Requests (continued)

	Yes	No
<p>4c Is the method of accounting the applicant is requesting to change an issue pending (with respect to either the applicant or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member during the applicable tax year(s)) for any tax year under examination (see instructions)?</p> <p>d Is the request to change the method of accounting being filed under the procedures requiring that the operating division director consent to the filing of the request (see instructions)? If 'Yes,' attach the consent statement from the director.</p> <p>e Is the request to change the method of accounting being filed under the 90-day or 120-day window period? If 'Yes,' check the box for the applicable window period and attach the required statement (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> 90 day <input type="checkbox"/> 120 day</p> <p>f If you answered 'Yes' to line 4a, enter the name and telephone number of the examining agent and the tax year(s) under examination Name ▶ _____ Telephone number ▶ _____ Tax year(s) ▶ _____</p> <p>g Has a copy of this Form 3115 been provided to the examining agent identified on line 4f?</p>		
<p>5a Does the applicant (or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member during the applicable tax year(s)) have any Federal income tax return(s) before Appeals and/or a Federal court? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the (check the box) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals officer and/or <input type="checkbox"/> counsel for the government, and the tax year(s) before Appeals and/or a Federal court. Name ▶ _____ Telephone number ▶ _____ Tax year(s) ▶ _____</p> <p>b Has a copy of this Form 3115 been provided to the Appeals officer and/or counsel for the government identified on line 5a?</p>		X
<p>c Is the method of accounting the applicant is requesting to change an issue under consideration by Appeals and/or a Federal court (for either the applicant or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member for the tax year(s) the applicant was a member)? If 'Yes', attach an explanation.</p>		
<p>6 If the applicant answered 'Yes' to line 4a and/or 5a with respect to any present or former consolidated group, provide each parent corporation's (a) name, (b) identification number, (c) address, and (d) tax year(s) during which the applicant was a member that is under examination, before an Appeals office, and/or before a Federal court</p>		
<p>7 If the applicant is an entity (including a limited liability company) treated as a partnership or S corporation for Federal income tax purposes, is it requesting a change from a method of accounting that is an issue under consideration in an examination, before Appeals, or before a Federal court, with respect to a Federal income tax return of a partner, member, or shareholder of that entity? If 'Yes,' the applicant is not eligible to make the change.</p>		X
<p>8 Is the applicant making a change to which audit protection does not apply (see instructions)?</p>		X
<p>9a Has the applicant, its predecessor, or a related party requested or made (under either an automatic change procedure or a procedure requiring advance consent) a change in accounting method within the past 5 years (including the year of the requested change)?</p> <p>b If 'Yes,' attach a description of each change and the year of change for each separate trade or business and whether consent was obtained.</p> <p>c If any application was withdrawn, not perfected, or denied, or if a Consent Agreement was sent to the taxpayer but was not signed and returned to the IRS, or if the change was not made or not made in the requested year of change, include an explanation</p>		X
<p>10a Does the applicant, its predecessor, or a related party currently have pending any request (including any concurrently filed request) for a private letter ruling, change in accounting method, or technical advice? b If 'Yes,' for each request attach a statement providing the name(s) of the taxpayer, identification number(s), the type of request (private letter ruling, change in accounting method, or technical advice), and the specific issue(s) in the request(s)</p>		X
<p>11 Is the applicant requesting to change its overall method of accounting? If 'Yes,' check the appropriate boxes below to indicate the applicant's present and proposed methods of accounting. Also, complete Schedule A on page 4 of the form Present method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid (attach description) Proposed method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid (attach description)</p>	X	
<p>12 If the applicant is not changing its overall method of accounting, attach a detailed and complete description for each of the following a The item(s) being changed b The applicant's present method for the item(s) being changed. c The applicant's proposed method for the item(s) being changed. d The applicant's present overall method of accounting (cash, accrual, or hybrid).</p>		

Part II Information For All Requests (continued)				Yes	No
13	Attach a detailed and complete description of the applicant's trade(s) or business(es), and the principal business activity code for each. If the applicant has more than one trade or business as defined in Regulations section 1.446-1(d), describe whether each trade or business is accounted for separately, the goods and services provided by each trade or business and any other types of activities engaged in that generate gross income, the overall method of accounting for each trade or business, and which trade or business is requesting to change its accounting method as part of this application or a separate application. See Attachment 1				
14	Will the proposed method of accounting be used for the applicant's books and records and financial statements? For insurance companies, see the instructions If 'No,' attach an explanation			X	
15a	Has the applicant engaged, or will it engage, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies (e.g., a reorganization, merger, or liquidation) during the proposed tax year of change determined without regard to any potential closing of the year under section 381(b)(1)?				X
b	If 'Yes,' for the items of income and expense that are the subject of this application, attach a statement identifying the methods of accounting used by the parties to the section 381(a) transaction immediately before the date of distribution or transfer and the method(s) that would be required by section 381(c)(4) or (c)(5) absent consent to the change(s) requested in this application.				
16	Does the applicant request a conference of right with the IRS National Office if the IRS proposes an adverse response?			X	
17	If the applicant is changing to or from the cash method or changing its method of accounting under sections 263A, 448, 460, or 471, enter the gross receipts of the 3 tax years preceding the year of change				
	1st preceding year ended mo 12 yr 2007	2nd preceding year ended mo 12 yr 2006	3rd preceding year ended mo 12 yr 2005		
	\$ 1,305,326.	\$ 1,416,821.	\$ 5,398,450.		

Part III Information For Advance Consent Request				Yes	No
18	Is the applicant's requested change described in any revenue procedure, revenue ruling, notice, regulation, or other published guidance as an automatic change request? If 'Yes,' attach an explanation describing why the applicant is submitting its request under advance consent request procedures				
19	Attach a full explanation of the legal basis supporting the proposed method for the item being changed. Include a detailed and complete description of the facts that explains how the law specifically applies to the applicant's situation and that demonstrates that the applicant is authorized to use the proposed method. Include all authority (statutes, regulations, published rulings, court cases, etc.) supporting the proposed method. The applicant should include a discussion of any authorities that may be contrary to its use of the proposed method				
20	Attach a copy of all documents related to the proposed change (see instructions)				
21	Attach a statement of the applicant's reasons for the proposed change				
22	If the applicant is a member of a consolidated group for the year of change, do all other members of the consolidated group use the proposed method of accounting for the item being changed? If 'No,' attach an explanation				
23 a	Enter the amount of user fee attached to this application (see instructions). ▶ \$ _____				
b	If the applicant qualifies for a reduced user fee, attach the necessary information or certification required by Rev Proc 2003-1 (or its successor) (see instructions).				

Part IV Section 481(a) Adjustment				Yes	No
24	Do the procedures for the accounting method change being requested require the use of the cut-off method? If 'Yes,' do not complete lines 25, 26, and 27 below.				X
25	Enter the section 481(a) adjustment. Indicate whether the adjustment is an increase (+) or a decrease (-) in income ▶ \$ _____ 0. Attach a summary of the computation and an explanation of the methodology used to determine the section 481(a) adjustment. If it is based on more than one component, show the computation for each component. If more than one applicant is applying for the method change on the same application, attach a list of the name, identification number, principal business activity code (see instructions), and the amount of the section 481(a) adjustment attributable to each applicant. See Attachment 2				
26	If the section 481(a) adjustment is an increase to income of less than \$25,000, does the applicant elect to take the entire amount of the adjustment into account in the year of change?				X
27	Is any part of the section 481(a) adjustment attributable to transactions between members of an affiliated group, a consolidated group, a controlled group, or other related parties? If 'Yes', attach an explanation.				X

Schedule A – Change in Overall Method of Accounting (If Schedule A applies, Part I below must be completed)

Part I Change in Overall Method (see instructions)

1 Enter the following amounts as of the close of the tax year preceding the year of change. If none, state 'None.' Also, attach a statement providing a breakdown of the amounts entered on lines 1a through 1g.

- a Income accrued but not received
- b Income received or reported before it was earned. Attach a description of the income and the legal basis for the proposed method
- c Expenses accrued but not paid
- d Prepaid expenses previously deducted
- e Supplies on hand previously deducted and/or not previously reported
- f Inventory on hand previously deducted and/or not previously reported. Complete Schedule D, Part II
- g Other amounts (specify) _____
- h **Net section 481(a) adjustment** (Combine lines 1a – 1g.)

Amount	
\$	None
	None
	None
	None
	None
	None
\$	0.

- 2 Is the applicant also requesting the recurring item exception under section 461(h)(3)? Yes No
- 3 Attach copies of the profit and loss statement (Schedule F (Form 1040) for farmers) and the balance sheet, if applicable, as of the close of the tax year preceding the year of change. On a separate sheet, state the accounting method used when preparing the balance sheet. If books of account are not kept, attach a copy of the business schedules submitted with the Federal income tax return or other return (e.g., tax-exempt organization returns) for that period. If the amounts in Part I, lines 1a through 1g, do not agree with those shown on both the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet, explain the differences on a separate sheet.

Part II Change to the Cash Method For Advance Consent Request (see instructions)

Applicants requesting a change to the cash method must attach the following information

- 1 A description of inventory items (items whose production, purchase, or sale is an income-producing factor) and materials and supplies used in carrying out the business.
- 2 An explanation as to whether the applicant is required to use the accrual method under any section of the Code or regulations.

Schedule B – Change in Reporting Advance Payments (see instructions)

- 1 If the applicant is requesting to defer advance payment for services under Rev Proc 71-21, 1971-2 CB 549, attach the following information.
 - a Sample copies of all service agreements used by the applicant that are subject to the requested change in accounting method. Indicate the particular parts of the service agreement that require the taxpayer to perform services.
 - b If any parts or materials are provided, explain whether the obligation to provide parts or materials is incidental (of minor or secondary importance) to an agreement providing for the performance of personal services.
 - c If the change relates to contingent service contracts, explain how the contracts relate to merchandise that is sold, leased, installed, or constructed by the applicant and whether the applicant offers to sell, lease, install, or construct without the service agreement
 - d A description of the method the applicant will use to determine the amount of income earned each year on service contracts and why that method clearly reflects income earned and related expenses in each year.
 - e An explanation of how the method the applicant will use to determine the amount of gross receipts each year will be no less than the amount included in gross receipts for purposes of its books and records. See section 3.11 of Rev Proc 71-21.
- 2 If the applicant is requesting a deferral of advance payments for goods under Regulations section 1.451-5, attach the following information.
 - a Sample copies of all agreements for goods or items requiring advance payments used by the applicant that are subject to the requested change in accounting method. Indicate the particular parts of the agreement that require the applicant to provide goods or items.
 - b A statement providing that the entire advance payment is for goods or items. If not entirely for goods or items, a statement that an amount equal to 95% of the total contract price is properly allocable to the obligation to provide activities described in Regulations section 1.451-5(a)(1)(i) or (ii) (including services as an integral part of those activities).
 - c An explanation of how the method the applicant will use to determine the amount of gross receipts each year will be no less than the amount included in gross receipts for purposes of its books and records. See Regulations section 1.451-5(b)(1).

Schedule C – Changes Within the LIFO Inventory Method (see instructions)**Part I General LIFO Information**

Complete this section if the requested change involves changes within the LIFO inventory method. Also, attach a copy of all **Forms 970, Application To Use LIFO Inventory Method**, filed to adopt or expand the use of the LIFO method

- 1 Attach a description of the applicant's present and proposed LIFO methods and submethods for each of the following items.
 - a Valuing inventory (e.g., unit method or dollar-value method).
 - b Pooling (e.g., by line or type or class of goods, natural business unit, multiple pools, raw material content, simplified dollar-value method, inventory price index computation (IPIC) pools, etc).
 - c Pricing dollar-value pools (e.g., double-extension, index, link-chain, link-chain index, IPIC method, etc).
 - d Determining the current year cost of goods in the ending inventory (e.g., most recent purchases, earliest acquisitions during the year, average cost of purchases during the year, etc).
- 2 If any present method or submethod used by the applicant is not the same as indicated on Form(s) 970 filed to adopt or expand the use of the method, attach an explanation.
- 3 If the proposed change is not requested for all the LIFO inventory, specify the inventory to which the change is and is not applicable.
- 4 If the proposed change is not requested for all of the LIFO pools, specify the LIFO pool(s) to which the change is applicable
- 5 Attach a statement addressing whether the applicant values any of its LIFO inventory on a method other than cost. For example, if the applicant values some of its LIFO inventory at retail and the remainder at cost, the applicant should identify which inventory items are valued under each method.
- 6 If changing to the IPIC method, attach a completed Form 970 and a statement indicating the indexes, tables, and categories the applicant proposes to use

Part II Change in Pooling Inventories

- 1 If the applicant is proposing to change its pooling method or the number of pools, attach a description of the contents of, and state the base year for, each dollar-value pool the applicant presently uses and proposes to use.
- 2 If the applicant is proposing to use natural business unit (NBU) pools or requesting to change the number of NBU pools, attach the following information (to the extent not already provided) in sufficient detail to show that each proposed NBU was determined under Regulations section 1.472-8(b)(1) and (2).
 - a A description of the types of products produced by the applicant. If possible, attach a brochure
 - b A description of the types of processes and raw materials used to produce the products in each proposed pool
 - c If all of the products to be included in the proposed NBU pool(s) are not produced at one facility, the applicant should explain the reasons for the separate facilities, indicate the location of each facility, and provide a description of the products each facility produces.
 - d A description of the natural business divisions adopted by the taxpayer. State whether separate cost centers are maintained and if separate profit and loss statements are prepared.
 - e A statement addressing whether the applicant has inventories of items purchased and held for resale that are not further processed by the applicant, including whether such items, if any, will be included in any proposed NBU pool
 - f A statement addressing whether all items including raw materials, goods-in-process, and finished goods entering into the entire inventory investment for each proposed NBU pool are presently valued under the LIFO method. Describe any items that are not presently valued under the LIFO method that are to be included in each proposed pool
 - g A statement addressing whether, within the proposed NBU pool(s), there are items both sold to unrelated parties and transferred to a different unit of the applicant to be used as a component part of another product prior to final processing.
- 3 If the applicant is engaged in manufacturing and is proposing to use the multiple pooling method or raw material content pools, attach information to show that each proposed pool will consist of a group of items that are substantially similar. See Regulations section 1.472-8(b)(3)
- 4 If the applicant is engaged in the wholesaling or retailing of goods and is requesting to change the number of pools used, attach information to show that each of the proposed pools is based on customary business classifications of the applicant's trade or business. See Regulations section 1.472-8(c).

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Schedule D – Change in the Treatment of Long-Term Contracts Under Section 460, Inventories, or Other Section 263A Assets (see instructions)

Part I Change in Reporting Income From Long-Term Contracts (Also complete Part III on pages 7 and 8)

1 To the extent not already provided, attach a description of the applicant's present and proposed methods for reporting income and expenses from long-term contracts. If the applicant is a construction contractor, include a detailed description of its construction activities.

2a Are the applicant's contracts long-term contracts as defined in section 460(f)(1) (see instructions)? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' do all the contracts qualify for the exception under section 460(e) (see instructions)? Yes No
If line 2b is 'No,' attach an explanation

c If line 2b is 'Yes,' is the applicant requesting to use the percentage-of-completion method using cost-to-cost under Regulations section 1.460-4(b)? Yes No

d If line 2c is 'No,' is the applicant requesting to use the exempt-contract percentage-of-completion method under Regulations section 1.460-4(c)(2)? Yes No
If line 2d is 'Yes,' explain what cost comparison the applicant will use to determine a contract's completion factor
If line 2d is 'No,' explain what method the applicant is using and the authority for its use

3a Does the applicant have long-term manufacturing contracts as defined in section 460(f)(2)? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the applicant's present and proposed method(s) of accounting for long-term manufacturing contracts

c Describe the applicant's manufacturing activities, including any required installation of manufactured goods.

4 To determine a contract's completion factor using the percentage-of-completion method

a Will the applicant use the cost-to-cost method in Regulations section 1.460-4(b)? Yes No

b If line 4a is 'No,' is the applicant electing the simplified cost-to-cost method (see section 460(b)(3) and Regulations section 1.460-5(c))? Yes No

5 Attach a statement indicating whether any of the applicant's contracts are either cost-plus long-term contracts or Federal long-term contracts

Part II Change in Valuing Inventories Including Cost Allocation Changes (Also complete Part III on pages 7 and 8)

1 Attach a description of the inventory goods being changed.

2 Attach a description of the inventory goods (if any) NOT being changed.

3 If the applicant is subject to section 263A, is its present inventory valuation method in compliance with section 263A (see instructions)? Yes No

4a Check the appropriate boxes below.

- Identification methods.
 Specific identification
 FIFO
 LIFO
 Other (attach explanation)

- Valuation methods.
 Cost
 Cost or market, whichever is lower
 Retail cost
 Retail, lower of cost or market
 Other (attach explanation)

b Enter the value at the end of the tax year preceding the year of change

5 If the applicant is changing from the LIFO inventory method to a non-LIFO method, attach the following information. (see instructions).

a Copies of Form(s) 970 filed to adopt or expand the use of the method.

b **Only for applicants requesting advance consent.** A statement describing whether the applicant is changing to the method required by Regulations section 1.472-6(a) or (b), or whether the applicant is proposing a different method

c **Only for applicants requesting an automatic change.** Attach the statement required by section 10.01(4) of the Appendix of Rev Proc 2002-9 (or its successor).

Inventory Being Changed		Inventory Not Being Changed
Present method	Proposed method	Present method

Part III Method of Cost Allocation (Complete this part if the requested change involves either property subject to section 263A or long-term contracts as described in section 460 (see the instructions))

Section A – Allocation and Capitalization Methods

Attach a description (including sample computations) of the present and proposed method(s) the applicant uses to capitalize direct and indirect costs properly allocable to real or tangible personal property produced and property acquired for resale, or to allocate and, where appropriate, capitalize direct and indirect costs properly allocable to long-term contracts. Include a description of the method(s) used for allocating indirect costs to intermediate cost objectives such as departments or activities prior to the allocation of such costs to long-term contracts, real or tangible personal property produced, and property acquired for resale. The description must include the following.

- 1 The method of allocating direct and indirect costs (i.e., specific identification, burden rate, standard cost, or other reasonable allocation method)
- 2 The method of allocating mixed service costs (i.e., direct reallocation, step-allocation, simplified service cost using the labor-based allocation ratio, simplified service cost using the production cost allocation ratio, or other reasonable allocation method).
- 3 The method of capitalizing additional section 263A costs (i.e., simplified production with or without the historic absorption ratio election, simplified resale with or without the historic absorption ratio election including permissible variations, the U.S. ratio, or other reasonable allocation method)

Section B – Direct and Indirect Costs Required To Be Allocated (Check the appropriate boxes in Section B showing the costs that are or will be fully included, to the extent required, in the cost of real or tangible personal property produced or property acquired for resale under section 263A or allocated to long-term contracts under section 460. Mark 'N/A' in a box if those costs are not incurred by the applicant. If a box is not checked, it is assumed that those costs are not fully included to the extent required. Attach an explanation for boxes that are not checked)

	Present method	Proposed method
1 Direct material		
2 Direct labor		
3 Indirect labor		
4 Officers' compensation (not including selling activities)		
5 Pension and other related costs		
6 Employee benefits		
7 Indirect materials and supplies		
8 Purchasing costs		
9 Handling, processing, assembly, and repackaging costs		
10 Offsite storage and warehousing costs		
11 Depreciation, amortization, and cost recovery allowance for equipment and facilities placed in service and not temporarily idle		
12 Depletion		
13 Rent		
14 Taxes other than state, local, and foreign income taxes		
15 Insurance		
16 Utilities		
17 Maintenance and repairs that relate to a production, resale, or long-term contract activity		
18 Engineering and design costs (not including section 174 research and experimental expenses)		
19 Rework labor, scrap, and spoilage		
20 Tools and equipment		
21 Quality control and inspection		
22 Bidding expenses incurred in the solicitation of contracts awarded to the applicant		
23 Licensing and franchise costs		
24 Capitalizable service costs (including mixed service costs)		
25 Administrative costs (not including any costs of selling or any return on capital)		
26 Research and experimental expenses attributable to long-term contracts		
27 Interest		
28 Other costs (Attach a list of these costs)		

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Part III Method of Cost Allocation (see instructions) (continued)

Section C – Other Costs Not Required To Be Allocated (Complete Section C only if the applicant is requesting to change its method for these costs.)

	Present method	Proposed method
1 Marketing, selling, advertising, and distribution expenses		
2 Research and experimental expenses not included on line 26 above		
3 Bidding expenses not included on line 22 above		
4 General and administrative costs not included in Section B above		
5 Income taxes		
6 Cost of strikes		
7 Warranty and product liability costs		
8 Section 179 costs		
9 On-site storage		
10 Depreciation, amortization, and cost recovery allowance not included on line 11 above		
11 Other costs (Attach a list of these costs.)		

Schedule E – Change in Depreciation or Amortization (see instructions)

Applicants requesting approval to change their method of accounting for depreciation or amortization complete this section. Applicants must provide this information for each item or class of property for which a change is requested

Note: See the *List of Automatic Accounting Method Changes* in the instructions for information regarding automatic changes under sections 56, 167, 168, 197, 1400l, 1400L, or former section 168. Do not file Form 3115 with respect to certain late elections and election revocations (see instructions)

- 1 Is depreciation for the property determined under Regulations section 1.167(a)-11 (CLADR)? Yes No
If 'Yes,' the only changes permitted are under Regulations section 1.167(a)-11(c)(1)(iii).
- 2 Is any of the depreciation or amortization required to be capitalized under any Code section (e.g., section 263A)? Yes No
If 'Yes,' enter the applicable section _____
- 3 Has a depreciation or amortization election been made for the property (e.g., the election under section 168(f)(1))? Yes No
If 'Yes,' state the election made _____
- 4a To the extent not already provided, attach a statement describing the property being changed. Include in the description the type of property, the year the property was placed in service, and the property's use in the applicant's trade or business or income-producing activity.
- b If the property is residential rental property, did the applicant live in the property before renting it? Yes No
- c Is the property public utility property? Yes No
- 5 To the extent not already provided in the applicant's description of its present method, explain how the property is treated under the applicant's present method (e.g., depreciable property, inventory property, supplies under Regulations section 1.162-3, nondepreciable section 263(a) property, property deductible as a current expense, etc).
- 6 If the property is not currently treated as depreciable or amortizable property, provide the facts supporting the proposed change to depreciate or amortize the property.
- 7 If the property is currently treated and/or will be treated as depreciable or amortizable property, provide the following information under both the present (if applicable) and proposed methods:
 - a The Code section under which the property is or will be depreciated or amortized (e.g., section 168(g)).
 - b The applicable asset class from Rev Proc 87-56, 1987-2 CB 674, for each asset depreciated under section 168 (MACRS) or under section 1400L, the applicable asset class from Rev Proc 83-35, 1983-1 CB 745, for each asset depreciated under former section 168 (ACRS), an explanation why no asset class is identified for each asset for which an asset class has not been identified by the applicant.
 - c The facts to support the asset class for the proposed method.
 - d The depreciation or amortization method of the property, including the applicable Code section (e.g., 200% declining balance method under section 168(b)(1)).
 - e The useful life, recovery period, or amortization period of the property.
 - f The applicable convention of the property.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- 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

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.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization The Long Now Foundation	Employer identification number 68-0384748
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P O box, see instructions Fort Mason Center, Landmark Bldg A	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions San Francisco, CA 94123	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870

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Telephone No. ▶ (415) 561-6582 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 will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 8/15, 2009, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶ calendar year 2008 or
- ▶ tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.

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

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

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If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box.

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. You must file original and one copy.

Type or print <small>File by the extended due date for filing the return See instructions</small>	Name of Exempt Organization The Long Now Foundation	Employer identification number 68-0384748
	Number, street, and room or suite number If a P O box, see instructions Fort Mason Center, Landmark Bldg A	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions San Francisco, CA 94123	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

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|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 | |

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in care of Alexander Rose
Telephone No. (415) 561-6582 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

- I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 11/15, 2009.
- For calendar year 2008, or other tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.
- If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason. Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- State in detail why you need the extension The Organization requires additional time to gather the information necessary to file a complete and accurate return.

8a 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 .	8a \$
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 and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	8b \$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instrs	8c \$

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature Carol Blufford Title CPA Date 8/14/09

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