

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC. Doing Business As		D Employer identification number 52-2009938
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 71 FRANKLIN STREET		E Telephone number (410) 263-2121
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401		G Gross receipts \$ 551,727.
		F Name and address of principal officer:		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ▶ WWW.TOUCHSTONES.ORG		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1996		M State of legal domicile: MD

Part I Summary

1		Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO BUILD BASIC LEARNING SKILLS THROUGH UNIQUE DISCUSSION GROUPS WHICH ENABLE PEOPLE OF ALL CULTURES, RACES AND IDEOLOGIES TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AND TO UNCOVER COMMON GOALS AND VISIONS.		
2		Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
Activities & Governance	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	9
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	9
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	60
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	71,680.	235,475.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	293,360.	117,571.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,192.	179.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	57,076.	60,889.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	423,308.	414,114.
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	308,672.	288,553.
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
b		Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 ▶ 21,469.		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	172,449.	163,925.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	481,121.	452,478.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-57,813.	-38,364.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	182,181.	163,161.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		19,344.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	182,181.	143,817.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here ▶ Howard Zeiderman Signature of officer Date 4/15/10

▶ HOWARD ZEIDERMAN Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>4-14-10</u>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) 226-58-0834
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	DAVIS, JOSEY, KEATING & RANES, LLC 2661 RIVA ROAD, SUITE 1040 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401		EIN ▶ 52-1429423 Phone no. ▶ 410 974-6161

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

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.*

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO BUILD BASIC LEARNING SKILLS THROUGH UNIQUE DISCUSSION GROUPS WHICH ENABLE PEOPLE OF ALL CULTURES, RACES AND IDEOLOGIES TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AND TO UNCOVER COMMON GOALS AND VISIONS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No 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 [X] 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 \$ 130,990. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) EXECUTIVES AND ADULTS-EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES LARGE AND SMALL GAIN A BETTER SENSE OF TEAMWORK THROUGH TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSIONS. THEY IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO COLLABORATE ON PROJECTS AND BUILD THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 166,053. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) SCHOOLS-STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 TO 12 LEARN TO QUESTION, LISTEN AND COOPERATE. THESE SKILLS TRANSFER TO OTHER COURSEWORK AND APPLY TO LIFE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS YET ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, TOUCHSTONES HELPS STUDENTS OF ALL ACADEMIC ABILITIES BECOME TRUE COLLABORATORS IN THEIR OWN LEARNING.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 30,403. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) CORRECTIONS-INMATES REFLECT ON THEIR VALUES AND CHOICES AND TAKE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS. BY BUILDING RESPECT AND COOPERATION BEHIND BARS, TOUCHSTONES HELPS PARTICIPANTS IMPROVE THEIR LIVES WITHIN PRISON AND PREPARES THEM FOR LIFE AFTER PRISON.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) ATTACHMENT 2 (Expenses \$ 32,904. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 360,350.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1-20 contain various questions about organizational activities and reporting requirements. Row 12A includes a sub-table with Yes/No columns.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>		X
24 a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25 a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, 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
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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.		
	1a		7
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
	1b		0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
	1c		
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		
	2a		9
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
	3a		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
	3b		
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
	4a		
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
	4b		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
	5a		
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
	5b		
c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
	6a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
	7f		
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
	7g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
	9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body (10), 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (9), 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: a The governing body? (X), b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X), 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (X).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X), 10b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?, 11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (X), 11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990., 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X), 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X), 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done (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? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (X), b Other officers or key employees of the organization (X). If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.), 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 If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MD,
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 [X] Upon request
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT 71 FRANKLIN STREET ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

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

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(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			
HOWARD ZEIDERMAN PRESIDENT	50.00	X		X			66,815.		0.	
ALICE ERICSSON CHAIRMAN	1.00	X					0.		0.	
GREGG STEINBERG TREASURER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
DENNIS GRAY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
KAROLE TURNER-CAMPBELL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
DAVID TOWNSEND BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
RALPH STENGREN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
ALPA PATEL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
MICHELLE SANDERSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
ART STRASSLE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.		0.	
STEFANIE TAKACS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	50.00			X			50,769.		0.	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a			
	b	Membership dues	1b			
	c	Fundraising events	1c			
	d	Related organizations	1d			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	235,475.		
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		235,475.		
Program Service Revenue	2a	SEMINARS AND EDUCATION	Business Code	117,571.	117,571.	
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		117,571.		
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts). ATTACHMENT 3		179.	
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0.		
5		Royalties		0.		
6a		Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal			
b		Less: rental expenses				
c		Rental income or (loss)				
d		Net rental income or (loss)		0.		
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other			
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
c		Gain or (loss)				
d		Net gain or (loss)		0.		
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		0.		
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		0.			
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	197,627.			
b	Less: cost of goods sold	b	137,613.			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory. ATCH. 4		60,014.			
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code			
11a	ROYALTIES		875.	875.		
b						
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		875.			
12	Total Revenue. See instructions		414,114.	118,446.	179.	

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 . . .	0.			
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	0.			
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0.			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0.			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	117,584.	100,447.	11,567.	5,570.
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.			
7 Other salaries and wages	128,622.	109,876.	12,652.	6,094.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . .	4,625.	3,951.	455.	219.
9 Other employee benefits	16,690.	14,257.	1,642.	791.
10 Payroll taxes	21,032.	17,967.	2,069.	996.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0.			
b Legal	0.			
c Accounting	29,418.	13,800.	14,666.	952.
d Lobbying	0.			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0.			
f Investment management fees	0.			
g Other	0.			
12 Advertising and promotion	0.			
13 Office expenses	13,731.	12,481.	293.	957.
14 Information technology	0.			
15 Royalties	0.			
16 Occupancy	29,166.	22,856.	4,859.	1,451.
17 Travel	0.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0.			
20 Interest	1,741.		1,741.	
21 Payments to affiliates	0.			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	577.		577.	
23 Insurance	8,362.	5,892.	2,052.	418.
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 TELEPHONE	5,342.	3,661.	1,427.	254.
b BAD DEBT	2,346.	630.	1,716.	
c BANK CHARGES	2,216.	8.	2,208.	
d CONSULTANTS	32,398.	31,618.	780.	
e BOARD	3,883.		3,883.	
f All other expenses	34,745.	22,906.	8,072.	3,767.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	452,478.	360,350.	70,659.	21,469.
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	115,159.	1	36,880.	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	23,680.	2	89,999.	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net	7,999.	4	16,600.	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use	29,943.	8	18,530.	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	2,883.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,731.	10c	1,152.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		11		
	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		15		
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	182,181.	16	163,161.		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	19,344.	
	18	Grants payable		18		
	19	Deferred revenue		19		
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		26	19,344.	
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	182,181.	27	65,878.	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	77,939.	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	182,181.	33	143,817.	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	182,181.	34	163,161.	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a	X	
2b		X
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form 990 (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

Name of the organization: **TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.**
Employer identification number: **52-2009938**

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: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 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 a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 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).
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to 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 it 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
(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? 11g(i)		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? 11g(ii)		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? 11g(iii)		

(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									

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f); 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.); 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions); 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.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Description. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2008; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2009; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2008; 18 Private foundation.

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 year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	426,525.	395,176.	288,227.	72,992.	235,654.	1,418,574.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	197,414.	319,668.	340,552.	492,554.	315,199.	1,665,387.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	623,939.	714,844.	628,779.	565,546.	550,853.	3,083,961.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	309,302.	254,738.	151,057.			715,097.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.	309,302.	254,738.	151,057.			715,097.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						2,368,864.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	623,939.	714,844.	628,779.	565,546.	550,853.	3,083,961.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	6,242.	3,148.	3,196.	1,192.	179.	13,957.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	6,242.	3,148.	3,196.	1,192.	179.	13,957.
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.)	2,180.	146.	12,897.	120.	875.	16,218.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	632,361.	718,138.	644,872.	566,858.	551,907.	3,114,136.
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. <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	76.07%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	62.61%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	.45%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.51%

- 19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2009.** 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 - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the 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

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

2009

Name of the organization

TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.

Employer identification number

52-2009938

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

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

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

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

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

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

Name of organization **TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.**

Employer identification number
52-2009938

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	APPLEBY FOUNDATION 1515 RINGLING BOULEVARD SARASOTA, FL 34263	\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
2	INSTITUTE FOR INTERCULTURAL STUDIES, INC 6 WEST 48TH STREET, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
3	INSTITUTE FOR INTERCULTURAL STUDIES, INC 6 WEST 48TH STREET, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
4	DIOCESE OF MARYLAND 4 EAST UNIVERSITY PKWY BALTIMORE, MD 21218	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
5	IPA CHARITIES 1250 BARCLAY BLVD BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
6	ROSSMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION 674 DRIFTWOOD NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.

Employer identification number

52-2009938

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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... Yes No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... 2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure, 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 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.

Table with 2 columns: \$, \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: 1c Beginning balance, 1d Additions during the year, 1e Distributions during the year, 1f 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.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current Year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows: 1a-1g Balance and expense categories

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:

- (i) unrelated organizations
(ii) related organizations

Yes/No table for 3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b

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.

Table with 5 columns: Description of investment, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows: 1a-1e Land, Buildings, Leasehold improvements, Equipment, Other

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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

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Name of the organization

TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.

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52-2009938

ATTACHMENT 1

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

FORM 990 PART VI SECTION B POLICIES LINE 12 C

ANNUALLY EACH BOARD MEMBER IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THAT THERE ARE NO
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

PROCESS FOR REVIEWING COMPENSATION

FORM 990 PART VI SECTION B POLICIES LINE 15

ANNUALLY A REVIEW OF TOP EXECUTIVES IS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD BASED ON:

-LOCAL MARKET ANALYSIS OF COMPENSATION OF SIMILAR POSITIONS

-YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN RELATED PROFESSIONAL WORK

-DOCUMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE IN CRITICAL AREAS OF MANAGEMENT OR
RESPONSIBILITY

-EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

DISCLOSURE

FORM 990 PART VI SECTION C DISCLOSURE LINE 19

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT ON INTEREST
POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

FORM 990 PART VI SECTION A GOVERNING BODY AND MANAGEMENT LINE 2

HOWARD ZEIDERMAN, PRESIDENT OF TOUCHSTONES, AND STEFANIE TAKACS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOUCHSTONES, WERE MARRIED IN OCTOBER 2009. ALL
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WERE ADVISED OF THE CHANGE IN STATUS.

Name of the organization TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.	Employer identification number 52-2009938
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ATTACHMENT 2

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

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GRANTS</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
SENIORS		23,539.	
COLLEGES		9,365.	
	TOTALS	<u>32,904.</u>	

ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990, PART VIII - INVESTMENT INCOME

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	(A) <u>TOTAL</u> <u>REVENUE</u>	(B) <u>RELATED OR</u> <u>EXEMPT REVENUE</u>	(C) <u>UNRELATED</u> <u>BUSINESS REV.</u>	(D) <u>EXCLUDED</u> <u>REVENUE</u>
INTEREST INCOME	179.			179.
	TOTALS	<u>179.</u>		<u>179.</u>

FORM 990, PART VII - GROSS SALES AND COST OF GOODS SOLD

ATTACHMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	GROSS SALES	BEGINNING INVENTORY	PURCHASES	SALARIES AND WAGES	OTHER COSTS	MINUS:		COST OF GOODS SOLD
						ENDING INVENTORY		
SALES OF SEMINAR BOOKS	197,627.	44,129.	112,014.			18,530.		137,613.
TOTALS	<u>197,627.</u>	<u>44,129.</u>	<u>112,014.</u>			<u>18,530.</u>		<u>137,613.</u>

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Attachment
Sequence No. **67**

Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT, INC.

52-2009938

Business or activity to which this form relates

GENERAL DEPRECIATION

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

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

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

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	577

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

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

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

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

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

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instructions	22	577
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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

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

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

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first) (b) Date placed in service (c) Business/investment use percentage (d) Cost or other basis (e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only) (f) Recovery period (g) Method/Convention (h) Depreciation deduction (i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) 25
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use: % % %
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use: % % % S/L - S/L - S/L -
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1 28
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1 29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

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

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles) (a) Vehicle 1 (b) Vehicle 2 (c) Vehicle 3 (d) Vehicle 4 (e) Vehicle 5 (f) Vehicle 6
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?

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

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

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? Yes No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners. Yes No
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.) Yes No
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs (b) Date amortization begins (c) Amortizable amount (d) Code section (e) Amortization period or percentage (f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year (see instructions):
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year 43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report 44

