

Form **990**

(Rev. January 2020)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 03/05, 2019, and ending 12/31, 20 19

B Check if applicable:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Address change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name change
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Initial return
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final return/terminated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended return
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application pending

C Name of organization: MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE
Doing business as: _____

D Employer identification number: 84-2642688

E Telephone number: (818) 288-5317

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 4322 HARDING PIKE
Room/suite: 417

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: NASHVILLE, TN 37205-2664

F Name and address of principal officer: KRIS AHREND
4322 HARDING PIKE, STE 417, NASHVILLE, TN 37205-2664

G Gross receipts \$: 10,701,023.

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW.THEMLC.COM **H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

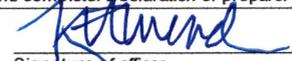
K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ **L** Year of formation: 2019 **M** State of legal domicile: DE

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: ISSUE AND ADMINISTER MECHANICAL LICENSES AND PROCESS ROYALTIES FOR SONGWRITERS AND MUSIC PUBLISHERS, MAINTAIN MUSICAL WORKS COPYRIGHT OWNERSHIP DATABASE AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.	
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 13.
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 13.
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5 0.
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 0.
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 0. Current Year 0.
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0. 10,700,000.
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0. 1,023.
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0. 0.
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0. 10,701,023.
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0. 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)	0. 0.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0. 0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0.	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	0. 6,178,287.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	0. 6,178,287.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	0. 4,522,736.
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 0. End of Year 5,941,990.
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0. 1,419,254.
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20.	0. 4,522,736.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here ▶  Signature of officer Date: 11/16/2020
KRIS AHREND CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: RICHARD L RUVELSON	Preparer's signature: RICHARD L RUVELSON	Date: 11/16/2020	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN: P00234075
Firm's name: WITHUMSMITH+BROWN, PC	Firm's EIN: 22-2027092	Phone no. 301-272-6000		
Firm's address: 4600 EAST WEST HWY 900 BETHESDA, MD 20814-3423				

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III X

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

MLC WILL ISSUE AND ADMINISTER MECHANICAL LICENSES AND PROCESS ROYALTIES FOR SONGWRITERS AND MUSIC PUBLISHERS, MAINTAIN MUSICAL WORKS COPYRIGHT OWNERSHIP DATABASE AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR LICENSE AND ROYALTY ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS; WORK ON REGULATORY MEASURES TO SUPPORT LICENSE AND ROYALTY ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS; INDUSTRY SUPPORT AND COORDINATION.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?		X
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		X
b Did the organization report an amount for investments-other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments-program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.</i>		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?.		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions).		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and schedules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V []

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, W-2G forms, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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 on Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (13), 1b (13), 2 (X), 3 (X), 4 (X), 5 (X), 6 (X), 7a (X), 7b (X), 8a (X), 8b (X), 9 (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 (X), 10b, 11a (X), 11b, 12a (X), 12b (X), 12c (X), 13 (X), 14 (X), 15a (X), 15b (X), 16a (X), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ALISA COLEMAN DIRECTOR/CHAIR OF THE BOARD	10.00 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) KEVIN KADISH DIRECTOR/VICE CHAIR	2.00 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) OAK FELDER DIRECTOR/SECRETARY	2.00 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) PAUL KAHN DIRECTOR/TREASURER	2.00 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) BOB BRUDERMAN DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) DAVID KOKAKIS DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) EVELYN PAGLINAWAN DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) JEFF BRABEC DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) KARA DIOGUARDI DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) MIKE MOLINAR DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) PETER BRODSKY DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) SCOTT CUTLER DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) TIM COHAN DIRECTOR	2.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(14)										

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
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					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f.	1g	\$				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶			0.			
Program Service Revenue	2a	ASSESSMENTS	Business Code	900099	10,700,000.	10,700,000.		
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶			10,700,000.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts). ▶			1,023.		1,023.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . ▶			0.			
	5	Royalties ▶			0.			
	6a	Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶				0.		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . .	7b					
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c					
	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	8a		0.				
				0.				
				0.				
b	Less: direct expenses	8b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events. ▶				0.			
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a		0.				
				0.				
				0.				
b	Less: direct expenses	9b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities. ▶				0.			
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a		0.				
				0.				
				0.				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory. ▶				0.			
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a		Business Code					
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶				0.		
12	Total revenue. See instructions ▶			10,701,023.	10,700,000.		1,023.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0.			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0.			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. 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	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.			
7 Other salaries and wages	0.			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0.			
9 Other employee benefits	0.			
10 Payroll taxes	0.			
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	0.			
b Legal	2,926,137.			
c Accounting	4,075.			
d Lobbying	0.			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0.			
f Investment management fees	0.			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) ATCH 2	2,779,094.			
12 Advertising and promotion	0.			
13 Office expenses	2,366.			
14 Information technology	385,131.			
15 Royalties	0.			
16 Occupancy	0.			
17 Travel	1,553.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0.			
20 Interest	49,905.			
21 Payments to affiliates	0.			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0.			
23 Insurance	28,976.			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	1,050.			
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	6,178,287.			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	0.			

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	0. 1	5,474,747.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0. 2	30,542.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0. 3	0.
	4 Accounts receivable, net.	0. 4	0.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0. 5	0.
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0. 6	0.
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0. 7	0.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0. 8	0.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0. 9	21,329.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D 10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation 10b	0. 10c	0.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	0. 11	0.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0. 12	0.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11.	0. 13	0.
	14 Intangible assets	0. 14	415,372.
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0. 15	0.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	0. 16	5,941,990.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0. 17	1,419,254.
	18 Grants payable	0. 18	0.
	19 Deferred revenue	0. 19	0.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0. 20	0.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.	0. 21	0.
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0. 22	0.
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0. 23	0.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0. 24	0.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0. 25	0.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0. 26	1,419,254.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.		
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.		
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0. 29	0.
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0. 30	0.
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0. 31	4,522,736.
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	0. 32	4,522,736.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0. 33	5,941,990.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	10,701,023.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,178,287.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,522,736.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	0.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0.
7	Investment expenses	7	0.
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	4,522,736.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII.

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2c	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 on Schedule O.		
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
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form **990** (2019)

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6 - CLASSES OF MEMBERS

THERE SHALL BE THREE CLASSES OF MEMBERS:

1. CLASS A MEMBERS - SONGWRITER DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD.
2. CLASS B MEMBERS - ANY PUBLISHER WITH A LICENSOR MARKET SHARE OF AT LEAST FIVE ONE-THOUSANDTHS OF ONE PERCENT.
3. CLASS C MEMBERS - EACH OF THE FIVE PUBLISHERS WITH THE FIVE RESPECTIVE GREATEST LICENSOR MARKET SHARES AMONG ALL PUBLISHERS.

PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A - SELECTION OF DIRECTORS

THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS HAS THE POWER TO APPOINT VOTING DIRECTORS.

PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 8B - OTHER COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY

NO OTHER COMMITTEES EXIST WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B - REVIEW PROCESS OF FORM 990

A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS SUPPLIED BY THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ("CPA FIRM"), ENGAGED TO PREPARE THE RETURN, AND FORWARDED TO THE CEO, CFO, AND LEGAL TEAM FOR THEIR JOINT REVIEW. UPON REVIEW, ANY PROPOSED CHANGES ARE RELAYED BACK TO THE CPA FIRM AND UPON APPROVAL OF THE FINAL VERSION FROM THE CEO, CFO, AND LEGAL TEAM, THE RETURN IS FILED BY THE CPA FIRM ON BEHALF OF MLC.

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PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ("POLICY") APPLIES TO ALL DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES (EACH A "RESPONSIBLE PERSON") OF MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE (THE "COLLECTIVE"). THIS POLICY ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATELY MANAGING ACTUAL, POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE COLLECTIVE'S GOALS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD SHALL, IF APPROPRIATE, APPOINT A DISINTERESTED PERSON OR COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE MARKET AND ALTERNATIVES TO THE TRANSACTION, AND PRESENT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS, WHO SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A MORE ADVANTAGEOUS ALTERNATIVE TRANSACTION THAT WOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CAN BE ARRANGED WITH REASONABLE EFFORT.

THE COLLECTIVE IS COMMITTED TO CONDUCTING ITS OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ETHICS AND INTEGRITY. THIS POLICY PROTECTS THE INTERESTS OF THE COLLECTIVE WHEN IT IS CONTEMPLATING ENTERING INTO A TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT THAT MIGHT BENEFIT OR APPEAR TO BENEFIT THE PRIVATE INTEREST OF ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSON, OR INDIRECTLY BENEFIT A RELATED PARTY.

EACH DIRECTOR AND OFFICER SHALL ANNUALLY SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON:

- (A) HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE POLICY;
- (B) HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY,
- (C) HAS AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY, AND
- (D) EITHER HAS NO ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO DISCLOSE OR DISCLOSES ALL RELEVANT FACTS PURSUANT TO THE POLICY TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE

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IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS.

ALL RELEVANT FACTS PURSUANT TO THE POLICY TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE

IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS.

PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19 - AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

ATTACHMENT 1

990, PART VII- COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID IND. CONTRACTORS

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
PRYOR CASHMAN, LLP 7 TIMES SQUARE NEW YORK, NY 10036	LEGAL	2,594,858.
PROPHET BRAND STRATEGIES PO BOX 675279 DETROIT, MI 48267	CONSULTING	1,484,092.
SCHROMPSON CONSULTING LTD 11 RED HOUSE LANE WALTON-ON-THAMES SURREY UNITED KINGDOM KT12 IEF	CONSULTING	513,320.
SPENCER STUART SSI INC. PO BOX 98991 CHICAGO, IL 60693	RECRUITING	291,298.

ATTACHMENT 2

FORM 990, PART IX - OTHER FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>(A) TOTAL FEES</u>	<u>(B) PROGRAM SERVICE EXP.</u>	<u>(C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL</u>	<u>(D) FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</u>
CONSULTING	2,483,464.			
RECRUITING	295,630.			

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ATTACHMENT 2 (CONT'D)

FORM 990, PART IX - OTHER FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	(A) <u>TOTAL FEES</u>	(B) <u>PROGRAM SERVICE EXP.</u>	(C) <u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL</u>	(D) <u>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</u>
TOTALS	<u>2,779,094.</u>			