

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

OMB No 1545-1150
2016
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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2016, and ending 06-30-2017

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
 THE CIRCUIT

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Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 221 E 4TH STREET Suite 100

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

D Employer identification number
 31-1511754

E Telephone number
 (513) 587-3270

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ WWW.THECIRCUIT.NET

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 130,918

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	11	Benefits paid to or for members	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)
3	Membership dues and assessments	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		
6	Gaming and fundraising events	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)				
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)				
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				
7b	Less cost of goods sold				
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8				

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 46 No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only
All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 47 No
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a No
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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 2017-12-15
BRIAN BERNING PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: Brian P Berning
Preparer's signature
Date
Check if self-employed
PTIN: P00434235
Firm's name: BDO USA LLP
Firm's EIN
Firm's address: 221 E 4TH STREET SUITE 2600 CINCINNATI, OH 45202
Phone no: (513) 592-2400

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 31-1511754

Name: THE CIRCUIT

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
<p>28 THE CIRCUIT IS A TRADE ASSOCIATION HELPING TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY RELATED COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS (Grants \$)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	138,832

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
BRIAN BERNING PRESIDENT	0 1	0	0	0
AJAY SHARMA TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
ALAN HARTMAN TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
ANDY PARK TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
BRANDON SHONDEL TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
BRICE LUCAS TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
CATALIN MACARIE TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
CHRIS PAINTER TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
DAMON RAGUSA TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
DAN OKEEFFE TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
DAVE STOUFFER TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
DENNIS REINERSMAN TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
GAURAV MANTRO TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
GLENN WARDEN TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
GREG WHEELER TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0

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HERSCH PATEL TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
JASON SKIDMORE TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
JOHN HUTCHINSON TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
KATIE AUSTING TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
KENDRA RAMIREZ TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
MARK RICHEY TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
PAUL CASHEN TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
RAHUL BAWA TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
RICK CUMMINS TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
ROBERT FRANKS TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
SCOTT JACOBS TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
SUNNIE SOUTHERN TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
TIM CHOLVAT TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
TIM RETTIG TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0
TODD LEVY TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0

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TRACY RUBERG TRUSTEE	8 0	50,069	0	0
VANCE VANDRAKE TRUSTEE	0 1	0	0	0

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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Name of the organization
THE CIRCUIT

Employer identification number

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990EZ PART I LINE 16	Description PROGRAM EXPENSES Amount 41639

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990EZ PART I LINE 16	Description BANK SERVICE CHARGES Amount 2739

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990EZ PART I LINE 16	Description PAYROLL SERVICE FEES Amount 1068

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990EZ PART I LINE 16	Description EDUCATION AND TRAINING COORDINATION Amount 501

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990EZ PART II LINE 26	Description CREDIT CARDS BOY Amount 143 EOY Amount 1176

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990EZ PART II LINE 26	Description PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE EOY Amount 52