

Form **990EZ**
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.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2019, and ending 06-30-2020

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

C Name of organization
THE CIRCUIT

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 30295

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
CINCINNATI, OH 45230

D Employer identification number
31-1511754

E Telephone number
(859) 240-3710

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 ▶ \$ 120,693

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	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	22,675
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	24,224
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	73,794
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b	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)	6b	
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	120,693	

Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	77,634
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	6,391
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,272
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	45,941
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	133,238	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-12,545
	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)	19	67,161
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	54,616

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	96,792	22 128,259
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	10,475	24 31,455
25 Total assets	107,267	25 159,714
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	40,106	26 105,098
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	67,161	27 54,616

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
 THE CIRCUIT IS THE NON-PROFIT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION FOR THE GREATER CINCINNATI REGION. WE ASPIRE TO BE THE CONNECTING POINT FOR ALL THINGS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE GREATER CINCINNATI COMMUNITY, PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH INDUSTRY EDUCATION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND COLLABORATE.

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.)

28 See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29	29a
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
30	30a
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)	31a
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	32
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	

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
ALAN HARTMAN	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
BRANDON SHONDEL	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
CHRIS HICKOK	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
DAN O'KEEFFE	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
DENNIS REINERMAN	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
ED CARROLL	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
EDDIE HAMANN	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
GLENN WARDEN	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
JASON SKIDMORE	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
JESSICA ALLEN	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
KELLY BERKEMEIER	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				
MICHAEL RICHARDSON	0.80	0	0	0
TRUSTEE				

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. [X]

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions.
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions.
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed.
42a The organization's books are in care of MARY PAULIN Telephone no. (513) 484-6719
Located at PO BOX 30295 CINCINNATI, OH ZIP + 4 45230

42b 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)?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

	Yes	No
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

	Yes	No
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	
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	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(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."

(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.

***** Signature of officer	2021-03-22 Date
BRIAN BERNING PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ANNAMARIE REILLY CPA	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00431897
	Firm's name ▶ MCM CPAS & ADVISORS LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1235638	
	Firm's address ▶ 201 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2100 CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Phone no. (513) 579-1717	

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.)	
28 THE CIRCUIT IS A TRADE ASSOCIATION HELPING TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY RELATED COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS. (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	0

TY 2019 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: THE CIRCUIT

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Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

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.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization
THE CIRCUIT

Employer identification number

31-1511754

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION: SUPPLIES. AMOUNT: 101. DESCRIPTION: TRAVEL. AMOUNT: 2,850. DESCRIPTION: PROGRAM EXPENSES. AMOUNT: 37,331. DESCRIPTION: BANK SERVICE CHARGES. AMOUNT: 4,358. DESCRIPTION: PAYROLL SERVICE FEES. AMOUNT: 1,301. TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16: 45,941.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS	DESCRIPTION: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 10,475. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 25,225. DESCRIPTION: PREPAID EXPENSES. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 0. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 6,230.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 281. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 191. DESCRIPTION: SUPPORT AND REVENUE FOR FUTURE PERIODS. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 39,457. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 104,535. DESCRIPTION: CREDIT CARDS. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 171. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 239. DESCRIPTION: PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 115. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 64. DESCRIPTION: ACCRUED LIABILITIES. BEG. OF YEAR AMOUNT: 82. END OF YEAR AMOUNT: 69.