

Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2018

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

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning		, 2018, and ending		, 20	
B Check if applicable:		C Name of organization		D Employer identification number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.		75-2536031	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)		E Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		PO BOX 1904		(903) 868-1022	
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		F Group Exemption Number ▶	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		SHERMAN, TX 75091			
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending					
G Accounting Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶				H Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).	
I Website: ▶ WWW.CATWRITERS.COM					
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527					
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> 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)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 28,803.					

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	15,950. ✓	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	5,633. ✓	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	7,220. ✓	
	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		
Expenses	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	28,803.	
	Net Assets	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
		11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	20,239.
12		Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12		
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13		
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14		
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15		
16		Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Line 16. Stmt	16	16,633.	
17		Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	36,872.	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-8,069.	
	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	51,257.	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	4,124.	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	47,312.	

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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	51,257.	22 47,312.
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25 Total assets	51,257.	25 47,312.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	51,257.	27 47,312.

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? See Part III Stmt

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 NONE		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

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
DEBORAH BARNES PRESIDENT	66.00	0.	0.	0.
PAULA GREGG VICE PRESIDENT	2.00	0.	0.	0.
WENDY CHRISTENSEN SECRETARY	10.00	0.	0.	0.
DAWN WHITE TREASURER	4.00	0.	0.	0.
SHARON MELYNK DIRECTOR	4.00	0.	0.	0.
JULIE MCALEE DIRECTOR	1.00	0.	0.	0.
JANISS GARZA DIRECTOR	1.00	0.	0.	0.
ALANA GRELYAK DIRECTOR	1.00	0.	0.	0.
MARY Kladnik IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	2.00	0.	0.	0.
AMY D SHOJAI CO-FOUNDER	3.00	0.	0.	0.

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 ☐

	Yes	No
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		X
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		X
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)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c 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		X
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		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b 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		
c 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 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e 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		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>AMY SHOJAI</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(903) 868-1022</u> Located at ▶ <u>1750 WEST MOORE ST, SHERMAN TX</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>75092</u>		
b 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).		X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
d 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)?		X
b 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		X

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

	Yes	No
46		X

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

	Yes	No
47		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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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.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	06/04/2019
	DEBORAH BARNES, PRESIDENT	Date
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	MAHMOUD SHOJAI, EA	MAHMOUD SHOJAI, EA	06/05/2019		P00552082
	Firm's name ▶ Shojai & Johnson Enterprises, LLC	Firm's EIN ▶ 47-1595574			
	Firm's address ▶ 6136 FRISCO SQUARE BLVD., SUITE 400, FRISCO, TX 75034	Phone no. (903) 814-6823			

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

Additional information from your Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax****Line 16: Other Expenses****Continuation Statement**

Description	Amount
AWARDS	14,003.
CONTEST EXPENSES	522.
BANK FEES	197.
PAYPAL FEES	341.
MISC	1,570.
Total	16,633.

Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**Part III: Purpose****Continuation Statement**

Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose
TO EDUCATE WRITERS TO IMPROVE INFORMATION
ABOUT COMMUNICATION REGARDING CATS
(SEMINARS). APPROXIMATELY 200 MEMBERS.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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**Open to Public
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Name of the organization

CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

75-2536031

Pt I, Line 16:

Description: AWARDS \$14,003

Description: CONTEST EXPENSES \$522

Description: BANK FEES \$197

Description: PAYPAL FEES \$341

Description: MISC \$1,570

Pt I, Line 20:

Description: TO PAY FOR EXCESS EXPENSES \$4,124

Additional information from your 2018 Federal Exempt Tax Return**Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax****Line 2****Itemization Statement**

Description	Amount
CONTEST FEES	2,301.
CONFERENCE TICKETS	3,187.
MUSE MEDALLION STICKERS/PINS	18.
MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS	30.
MISC	97.
Total	5,633.

Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**Line 22, Column (A)****Itemization Statement**

Description	Amount
CHECKING ACCOUNT	49,864.
PAY PAL	1,393.
Total	51,257.

Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**Line 22, Column (B)****Itemization Statement**

Description	Amount
CHECKING ACCOUNT	45,941.
PAY PAL	1,371.
Total	47,312.

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for an Exempt Organization**

OMB No. 1545-1878

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2018, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2018, and ending _____, 20_____

▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879EO for the latest information.****2018**

Name of exempt organization

CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

75-2536031

Name and title of officer

DEBORAH BARNES, PRESIDENT

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line **1a**, **2a**, **3a**, **4a**, or **5a**, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b**, **2b**, **3b**, **4b**, or **5b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b _____
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b <u>28,803.</u>
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2018 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only☐ I authorize _____

ERO firm name

to enter my PIN

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as my signature

Enter five numbers, but
do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2018 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

☒ As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2018 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶



Date ▶ 06/04/2019

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

7	5	8	2	5	3	3	0	8	1	0
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Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2018 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ _____

Date ▶ 06/05/2019

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So