

Audited Financial Statements

**American Society of Overseas Research**

Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees  
of **American Society of Overseas Research**  
Alexandria, Virginia

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Society of Overseas Research (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of activities, support and revenue and functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Society of Overseas Research as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of American Society of Overseas Research and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about American Society of Overseas Research's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of American Society of Overseas Research's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about American Society of Overseas Research's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Raleigh, North Carolina  
November\_\_\_\_, 2025

Statements of Financial Position

American Society of Overseas Research

June 30, 2025 and 2024

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	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,571,722	\$ 1,765,549
Grants receivable	-	62,463
Other receivables	41,192	20,461
Prepaid expenses and other assets	17,631	22,403
Investments (including endowments)	6,676,830	6,137,896
Fixed assets, net	<u>1,052,849</u>	<u>1,025,246</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,360,224</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>9,034,018</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 45,208	\$ 37,589
Deferred revenue	301,671	273,021
Deferred support	<u>994</u>	<u>38,759</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>347,873</u></b>	<b><u>349,369</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without donor restrictions:		
Available for operations	660,705	793,989
Board-designated:		
Building Fund	499,658	491,651
Publications Opportunity Fund	186,103	167,959
Norma Kershaw Fund for Membership Outreach	<u>201,578</u>	<u>200,084</u>
Total Board-designated net assets	887,339	859,694
Fixed assets, net	<u>1,052,849</u>	<u>1,025,246</u>
Total net assets without donor restrictions	<u>2,600,893</u>	<u>2,678,929</u>
With donor restrictions:		
Other than endowments	568,594	620,908
Held under endowments	<u>5,842,864</u>	<u>5,384,812</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>6,411,458</u>	<u>6,005,720</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>9,012,351</u></b>	<b><u>8,684,649</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,360,224</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>9,034,018</u></b>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## Statement of Activities

## American Society of Overseas Research

Year Ended June 30, 2025

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	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND OTHER INCOME</b>			
Contributions	\$ 214,065	\$ 342,583	\$ 556,648
Federal grants	-	303,913	303,913
In-kind contributions	49,066	-	49,066
Book revenue	35,903	-	35,903
Journals revenue	120,195	-	120,195
Institutional memberships	51,000	-	51,000
Individual memberships	195,195	-	195,195
Annual meeting	260,539	-	260,539
Royalties and other income	33,710	-	33,710
Reimbursement income	13,442	-	13,442
Miscellaneous income	3,564	-	3,564
Net investment income	172,009	651,048	823,057
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Released from non-endowed funds	641,060	(641,060)	-
Appropriated from endowment funds	250,746	(250,746)	-
<b>Total Support, Revenues, and Other Income</b>	<b>2,040,494</b>	<b>405,738</b>	<b>2,446,232</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program services:			
Annual Meeting and Events	383,673	-	383,673
Academic Programs & Policy Support	586,890	-	586,890
Cultural Heritage Initiatives	468,722	-	468,722
Journals	96,493	-	96,493
Books	85,078	-	85,078
	1,620,856	-	1,620,856
Support services:			
Management and general	403,771	-	403,771
Fundraising	93,903	-	93,903
	497,674	-	497,674
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,118,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,118,530</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(78,036)</b>	<b>405,738</b>	<b>327,702</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>2,678,929</b>	<b>6,005,720</b>	<b>8,684,649</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,600,893</b>	<b>\$ 6,411,458</b>	<b>\$ 9,012,351</b>

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## Statement of Activities

## American Society of Overseas Research

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND OTHER INCOME</b>			
Contributions	\$ 140,525	\$ 1,499,251	\$ 1,639,776
Federal grants	-	678,142	678,142
In-kind contributions	95,326	-	95,326
Book revenue	15,064	-	15,064
Journals revenue	120,145	-	120,145
Institutional memberships	51,000	-	51,000
Individual memberships	184,058	-	184,058
Annual meeting	242,821	-	242,821
Royalties and other income	32,920	-	32,920
Reimbursement income	12,209	-	12,209
Net investment income	165,413	605,109	770,522
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Released from non-endowed funds	887,874	(887,874)	-
Appropriated from endowment funds	201,693	(201,693)	-
<b>Total Support, Revenues, and Other Income</b>	<b>2,149,048</b>	<b>1,692,935</b>	<b>3,841,983</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program services:			
Annual Meeting and Events	387,050	-	387,050
Academic Programs & Policy Support	390,567	-	390,567
Cultural Heritage Initiatives	713,129	-	713,129
Journals	91,400	-	91,400
Books	43,447	-	43,447
	1,625,593	-	1,625,593
Support services:			
Management and general	312,531	-	312,531
Fundraising	91,987	-	91,987
	404,518	-	404,518
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,030,111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,030,111</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>118,937</b>	<b>1,692,935</b>	<b>1,811,872</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>2,559,992</b>	<b>4,312,785</b>	<b>6,872,777</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,678,929</b>	<b>\$ 6,005,720</b>	<b>\$ 8,684,649</b>

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Statement of Support and Revenue and Functional Expenses

American Society of Overseas Research

Year Ended June 30, 2025

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	Annual Meeting and Events	Academic Programs & Policy Support	Cultural Heritage Initiatives	Journals	Books	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
<b>SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND OTHER INCOME:</b>								
Contributions	\$ 26,650	\$ 228,827	\$ 32,725	\$ 38,350	\$ 31,578	\$ 197,033	\$ 1,485	\$ 556,648
Federal grants	-	-	303,913	-	-	-	-	303,913
In-kind contributions	2,453	2,453	2,453	2,453	-	29,441	9,813	49,066
Book revenue	-	-	-	-	35,903	-	-	35,903
Journals revenue	-	-	-	120,195	-	-	-	120,195
Institutional memberships	-	-	-	-	-	51,000	-	51,000
Individual memberships	-	-	-	-	-	195,195	-	195,195
Annual meeting	256,289	-	-	-	-	-	4,250	260,539
Royalties and other income	-	-	-	24,519	9,191	-	-	33,710
Reimbursement income	-	-	-	-	-	13,442	-	13,442
Miscellaneous income	-	25	-	-	231	3,308	-	3,564
Net investment income	-	542,450	277	-	18,143	262,187	-	823,057
<b>Total Support, Revenues, and Other Income</b>	<b>285,392</b>	<b>773,755</b>	<b>339,368</b>	<b>185,517</b>	<b>95,046</b>	<b>751,606</b>	<b>15,548</b>	<b>2,446,232</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>								
Annual meeting expenses	107,971	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,971
Depreciation and amortization	952	952	952	952	-	11,052	3,807	18,667
Development expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,499	5,499
Fellowships and grants	15,780	223,139	-	-	-	-	-	238,919
NIES Trust projects	-	20,000	-	6,720	-	-	-	26,720
General and administrative	9,404	4,300	171	-	-	29,832	4,723	48,430
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	7,903	-	7,903
Postage and supplies	432	176	10,542	-	1,104	10,084	949	23,287
Production and editorial costs	6,829	21,468	-	80,466	76,027	176	-	184,966
In-kind legal	2,453	2,453	2,453	2,453	-	29,441	9,813	49,066
Auditing and accounting	1,886	1,886	1,886	1,886	-	22,630	7,543	37,717
Building expenses, including insurance	-	-	-	-	-	26,561	-	26,561
Salaries, contract payments and benefits	237,894	291,191	380,225	4,016	7,947	261,140	61,569	1,243,982
Other direct costs	-	-	7,134	-	-	-	-	7,134
Travel, meetings, and Chair support	72	21,325	37,685	-	-	20,945	-	80,027
Utilities and telephone	-	-	-	-	-	11,681	-	11,681
Allocation of indirect costs	-	-	27,674	-	-	(27,674)	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>383,673</b>	<b>586,890</b>	<b>468,722</b>	<b>96,493</b>	<b>85,078</b>	<b>403,771</b>	<b>93,903</b>	<b>2,118,530</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (98,281)</b>	<b>\$ 186,865</b>	<b>\$ (129,354)</b>	<b>\$ 89,024</b>	<b>\$ 9,968</b>	<b>\$ 347,835</b>	<b>\$ (78,355)</b>	<b>\$ 327,702</b>

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Statement of Support and Revenue and Functional Expenses

American Society of Overseas Research

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Annual Meeting and Events	Academic Programs & Policy Support	Cultural Heritage Initiatives	Journals	Books	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND OTHER INCOME:								
Contributions	\$ 10,115	\$ 1,424,728	\$ 18,508	\$ 12,500	\$ 33,400	\$ 138,190	\$ 2,335	\$ 1,639,776
Federal grants	-	-	678,142	-	-	-	-	678,142
In-kind contributions	4,767	4,766	4,767	4,766	-	57,195	19,065	95,326
Book revenue	-	-	-	-	15,064	-	-	15,064
Journals revenue	-	-	-	120,145	-	-	-	120,145
Institutional memberships	-	-	-	-	-	51,000	-	51,000
Individual memberships	-	-	-	-	-	184,058	-	184,058
Annual meeting	239,471	-	-	-	-	-	3,350	242,821
Royalties and other income	-	-	-	32,232	688	-	-	32,920
Reimbursement income	-	-	-	5	244	11,960	-	12,209
Net investment income	-	605,109	913	-	18,214	146,286	-	770,522
Total Support, Revenues, and Other Income	254,353	2,034,603	702,330	169,648	67,610	588,689	24,750	3,841,983
EXPENSES:								
Annual meeting expenses	104,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,022
Depreciation and amortization	792	792	792	792	-	9,504	3,168	15,840
Development expense	50	-	-	-	-	-	9,498	9,548
Fellowships and grants	21,448	155,552	-	-	-	7,580	-	184,580
NIES Trust projects	-	5,000	-	2,184	-	-	-	7,184
General and administrative	6,226	4,173	147	45	-	15,289	2,505	28,385
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	7,749	-	7,749
Postage and supplies	302	194	34,354	35	607	9,614	1,056	46,162
Production and editorial costs	7,224	18,005	-	75,884	39,064	817	-	140,994
In-kind legal	4,767	4,766	4,767	4,766	-	57,195	19,065	95,326
Auditing and accounting	1,776	1,775	1,776	1,775	-	21,305	7,102	35,509
Building expenses, including insurance	-	-	-	-	-	26,929	-	26,929
Salaries, contract payments and benefits	230,797	189,064	538,913	5,919	3,776	190,636	49,528	1,208,633
Other direct costs	-	-	16,872	-	-	-	-	16,872
Travel, meetings, and Chair support	9,646	11,246	53,853	-	-	14,695	65	89,505
Utilities and telephone	-	-	-	-	-	12,873	-	12,873
Allocation of indirect costs	-	-	61,655	-	-	(61,655)	-	-
Total Expenses	387,050	390,567	713,129	91,400	43,447	312,531	91,987	2,030,111
Change in Net Assets	\$ (132,697)	\$ 1,644,036	\$ (10,799)	\$ 78,248	\$ 24,163	\$ 276,158	\$ (67,237)	\$ 1,811,872

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Statements of Cash Flows

American Society of Overseas Research

Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

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	2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ 327,702	\$ 1,811,872
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	18,667	15,840
Net realized (gains) losses on investments	(116,468)	(182,732)
Net unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(517,496)	(411,575)
Contributions for long-term purposes:		
Building Fund (Board-designated)	(5,000)	(4,000)
Permanent endowments (Donor-restricted)	(57,750)	(919,472)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	62,463	(38,012)
Other receivables	(20,731)	(2,237)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,772	2,643
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,619	(4,111)
Deferred revenue	28,650	23,218
Deferred support	(37,765)	(102,790)
NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(305,337)</u>	<u>188,644</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sales of investments	867,647	839,559
Purchases of investments	(772,618)	(1,620,735)
Purchases of fixed assets	(46,269)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>48,760</u>	<u>(781,176)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from contributions for long-term purposes:		
Building Fund (Board-designated)	5,000	4,000
Permanent endowments (Donor-restricted)	57,750	919,472
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>62,750</u>	<u>923,472</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(193,827)	330,940
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>1,765,549</u>	<u>1,434,609</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,571,722</u>	<u>\$ 1,765,549</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Interest paid	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**American Society of Overseas Research**

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**NOTE A -- THE ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Organization: American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR/the Organization/and formerly, American Schools of Oriental Research) was established in 1900 and was incorporated as a not-for-profit public charity in 1935. ASOR is an international organization whose mission is to initiate, encourage, and support research into, and public understanding of, the history and cultures of the Near East and wider Mediterranean, from the earliest times. The principal sources of support and revenue are from contributions, grants, membership dues, scholarly journals, webinars, and annual programs.

Basis of Accounting: ASOR prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This basis of accounting involves the application of accrual accounting; consequently, revenues and gains are recognized when earned, and expenses and losses are recognized when incurred.

Net Assets: The Organization's net assets have been grouped into the following classes:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions: This net asset class is not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. ASOR's net assets without donor restrictions include \$887,339 and \$859,694 at June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively, that are subject to Board designations and are not available to cover operating expenses, including budget shortfalls, unless specifically approved by the Board.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions: This net asset class is subject to restrictions imposed by donors and grantors. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Other restrictions may be perpetual in nature; such as those that require resources to be maintained in perpetuity. When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the donor or by the passage of time, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

Recognition of Revenue/Deferred Revenue: ASOR's primary revenue sources that are accounted for as exchange transactions include membership dues, Annual Meeting registrations and reimbursements, and journals revenue.

Management believes ASOR has an implicit contract with its members to provide benefits that include, but are not limited to, access to on-line resources, member discounts, and journals. Dues and benefits vary across membership levels, but are generally believed to be commensurate in value. Dues for certain membership levels that account for approximately seven percent of individual membership dues are considered to have both an exchange element and a contribution element. Member benefits are considered to represent a single performance obligation which is satisfied ratably over the membership period; therefore, ASOR recognizes the exchange portion of membership dues ratably over the one-year membership period. The contribution portion of dues is recognized immediately (in contributions) and approximated \$15,400 and \$14,600 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Dues collected in advance are held in deferred revenue in the statement of financial position.

Registration fees for the Annual Meeting are recognized when the event is held, whether in-person or virtually. The Annual Meeting is typically held in November, with the location varying from year to year. Amounts received prior to the date of service are held in deferred revenue in the statement of financial position.

Journals revenue is recognized and received quarterly according to the terms and conditions of a publishing contract.

NOTE A -- THE ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- Continued

Deferred revenue at June 30, 2025, includes advances received for membership dues of \$146,289 and Annual Meeting of \$155,382. All amounts in deferred revenue at June 30, 2025, are expected to be earned and recognized as revenue in Fiscal 2026. Deferred revenue at June 30, 2024, includes advances received for membership dues of \$137,590 and Annual Meeting of \$135,431. All amounts in deferred revenue at June 30, 2024, were earned and recognized as revenue in Fiscal 2025.

Recognition of Support/Deferred Support: Promises to give, including grants and contributions, to ASOR are generally considered nonreciprocal transactions and are recognized as support when conditions, if any, have been met. A condition exists if the agreement with the donor includes a barrier that must be overcome and either a right of return of assets transferred or a right of release from the donor's obligation to transfer assets. Grants and contributions requiring a match are considered conditional until the match is satisfied, wholly or in part, as defined by agreement. Cost-reimbursement grants are considered conditional until qualifying expenditures are incurred. (Refer also to *Note E--Net Assets With Donor Restrictions, Other Than Endowments*). Amounts received against conditional promises to give are held as deferred support until conditions for recognition are met. Support from unconditional grants and contributions is recognized as an increase in either net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, based on the absence or presence of any donor-imposed restrictions.

Deferred support at June 30, 2025, includes advances of \$994 received under federal grants. All amounts in deferred support at June 30, 2025, are expected to be recognized as support in Fiscal 2026. Deferred support at June 30, 2024, includes advances of \$38,759 received under federal grants. All amounts in deferred support at June 30, 2024, were recognized as support in Fiscal 2025.

In-Kind Contributions: In-kind contributions of \$49,066 and \$95,326 for Fiscal 2025 and 2024, respectively, represent the fair value of services donated to ASOR by attorneys and other staff members of a prominent law firm. Donated services are recognized as contributions in accordance with FASB ASC 958-605, if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by ASOR. Donated services are generally recognized at the fair value of such, as represented by the donor. Volunteers provided services that are not recognized as in-kind contributions in the accompanying financial statements since the recognition criteria were not met.

Cash Equivalents: ASOR considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less, as well as money market funds (non-sweep), U.S. Treasury bills (2024), and brokered certificates of deposit held in a Charles Schwab operating account, to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Refer also to *Note G--Fair Value Measurements* and *Note H--Significant Concentrations*.

Grants Receivable: Grants receivable generally consists of amounts due from federal agencies. Management believes all amounts are collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts is provided at June 30, 2025 and 2024. Receivables are due within a year and are unsecured.

Other Receivables: Other receivables consist largely of amounts due from a distributor for book sales. Based on ASOR's history of minimal credit losses and current economic factors, management believes all receivables are collectible. Therefore, no allowance for credit losses is provided at June 30, 2025 and 2024. Receivables are due within a year and are unsecured.

NOTE A -- THE ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- Continued

Investments (including permanent endowments): Investments include amounts held in cash, money market funds (non-sweep), U.S. Treasury bills/notes (2024), brokered certificates of deposit, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds. Investments, other than cash holdings, are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net investment income includes interest and dividends, as well as realized and unrealized gains and losses. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net investment income restricted by a donor is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions and released to net assets without donor restrictions upon satisfaction of purpose or time restrictions or the appropriation of general-use earnings. Refer also to *Note C--Investments* and *Note F--Net Assets with Donor Restrictions, Held Under Endowments*.

Fixed Assets: Fixed assets are carried at cost (or, if donated, at fair value at the date of donation) less accumulated depreciation and amortization. All acquisitions of fixed assets in excess of \$5,000 and expenditures for repairs and maintenance that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Depreciation and amortization are calculated on a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Those items that are not a capital expenditure are expensed when incurred.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets: Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

Income Taxes: ASOR is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Organization is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. ASOR had no income subject to taxation as unrelated business income for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, and management is aware of no uncertain tax positions.

Functional Classification of Expenses: ASOR allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its various programs and support services. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program and support service are allocated directly according to their natural expense classification. Certain indirect expenses are allocated to program and support services based on estimated usage and/or estimated benefit. ASOR's programs include the following:

*Annual Meeting and Events*: The Annual Meeting brings together ASOR's vibrant academic community to present their current findings and discuss their research. The conference attracts approximately 1,000 scholars and enthusiasts of archaeology, linguistics, geography, epigraphy, anthropology, and other fields related to the study of the ancient Near East. Other events include seminars, webinars, travel to archaeological and cultural sites, and public lectures.

*Academic Programs and Policy Support*: From its earliest days, ASOR has sponsored projects central to its mission to initiate, encourage, and support research into, and public understanding of, the history and cultures of the Near East and wider Mediterranean. This work includes supporting excavations, ASOR's academic committees, advocacy and education about archaeology and cultural heritage, global awareness of these issues, scholarships and fellowships, and grants for related work.

*Cultural Heritage Initiatives*: The program is devoted to protecting, preserving and presenting to the public the historic and cultural heritage of North Africa, the Sahel, the Middle East, and the wider Mediterranean and to raise awareness of its degradation. ASOR also promotes and carries out education and stewardship programs in these regions.

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## NOTE A -- THE ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- Continued

*Journals:* ASOR's publication program has a long and venerable history, dating back to the publication of the first volume of the *Bulletin of American Society of Overseas Research (BASOR)* in 1919. Today, ASOR still publishes *BASOR*, as well as three other journals (*Near Eastern Archaeology*, *Maarav*, and the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*). In addition, ASOR publishes an e-newsletter for its members (*News@ASOR*) and an outreach e-newsletter for public members and Friends of ASOR (*The Ancient Near East Today*). Beginning in 2019, the University of Chicago Press is responsible for the publication and distribution of *BASOR*, *NEA*, *Maarav*, and *JCS*, with royalties payable to ASOR.

*Books:* ASOR publishes three book series. The first volume of the *ASOR Annual (AASOR)* appeared in 1920, making it ASOR's signature publication. The Annual is a medium for the publication of lengthy preliminary or interim archaeological reports or monograph-length studies relating to archaeology in the Near East.

The *Archaeological Reports Series (ARS)* is devoted to the publication of final excavation reports, surveys, and ethnoarchaeological fieldwork. Excavation projects need not be ASOR-affiliated to be considered. The CAARI Monographs are a subseries of the ASOR-ARS and may include conference proceedings.

ASOR's youngest series, the *JCS Supplemental Series (JCSSS)*, was instituted in 2008. *JCSSS* is now published in partnership with Lockwood Press.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments: The carrying value of cash equivalents, grants receivable, other receivables, and accounts payable is considered by management to approximate the fair value of such at June 30, 2025 and 2024, based on the short-term maturity of these financial instruments. Investments are carried at fair value based on quoted market prices. Refer also to *Note G--Fair Value Measurements*.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of support, revenues, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NOTE B -- AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY OF ASSETS

The following reflects ASOR's financial assets as of the statement of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of certain donor-imposed restrictions and Board designations:

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Financial assets at year-end (cash and cash equivalents, investments, and receivables)	\$ 8,289,744	\$ 7,986,369
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:		
Donor restrictions	(6,411,458)	(6,005,720)
Board designations	(887,339)	(859,694)
Deferred support	(994)	(38,759)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ <u>989,953</u>	\$ <u>1,082,196</u>

ASOR's investment and spending policies for endowments provide for distributions at 5% of endowment assets annually on new and existing endowments, with the exception of one older endowment that provides for distributions at 6%.

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## NOTE C -- INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following:

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Held by brokerage firm:		
Cash	\$ 11,192	\$ 53,699
Money market funds (non-sweep)	311,476	396,388
Fixed Income:		
U.S. Treasuries	-	259,325
Certificates of deposit	101,490	150,644
Exchange-traded funds:		
Equities	987,284	829,583
Bonds	835,151	654,475
Mutual funds:		
Equities	<u>4,430,237</u>	<u>3,793,782</u>
	<u>\$ 6,676,830</u>	<u>\$ 6,137,896</u>

Refer also to *Note F--Net Assets with Donor Restrictions, Held Under Endowments* and *Note H--Significant Concentrations*.

## NOTE D -- FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets consist of the following:

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Land	\$ 490,000	\$ 490,000
Building and improvement	664,013	617,745
Website development and software	-	21,969
	<u>1,154,013</u>	<u>1,129,714</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(101,164)</u>	<u>(104,468)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,052,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,246</u>

On April 24, 2019, ASOR purchased the property in Alexandria, Virginia (now named the James F. Strange Center) for approximately \$1,107,745 to serve as a permanent home for ASOR. At June 30, 2025, Board-designated net assets include \$499,658 for the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$18,667 and \$15,840 for Fiscal 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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## NOTE E -- NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS, OTHER THAN ENDOWMENTS

Net assets with donor restrictions, other than endowments, were released from donor restrictions upon the satisfaction of donor-imposed purpose restrictions as follows:

	Years Ended June 30,	
	2025	2024*
NIES Trust projects	\$ 35,967	\$ 22,931
Cultural Heritage Initiatives	75,086	27,142
Member supported fellowships and student support	76,182	59,601
Publications support	44,562	31,135
Growth and Visibility Initiative	20,694	50,442
Communications/FOA position	60,096	-
DOS grants	303,913	678,142
Strange Center renovations	3,574	-
Other	20,986	18,481
	<u>\$ 641,060</u>	<u>\$ 887,874</u>

Net assets with donor restrictions, other than endowments, are available for the following purposes:

	June 30,	
	2025	2024*
NIES Trust projects	\$ 12,740	\$ 25,278
Cultural Heritage Initiatives	2,952	48,344
Member supported fellowships and student support	24,904	24,790
Publications support	78,145	52,930
Growth and Visibility Initiative	22,948	43,541
Communications/FOA position	148,929	183,875
Strange Center renovations	196,426	200,000
Other	81,550	42,150
	<u>\$ 568,594</u>	<u>\$ 620,908</u>

\* as restated for consistency with the current year presentation.

Conditional promises to give (made to ASOR) are as follows at June 30, 2025:

U.S Department of State, Fulbright-Hays (AFCP) reimbursement grant, term ends September 30, 2026, as reinstated.	\$ 215,975
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## NOTE F -- NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS, HELD UNDER ENDOWMENTS

FASB ASC 958-205 provides guidance on the net asset classification of board-designated and donor-restricted endowment funds held by nonprofit organizations, subject to an enacted version of UPMIFA (the *Uniform Prudent Management Institutional Funds Act*). ASOR holds only donor-restricted endowment funds. Therefore, unless stated otherwise in the gift instrument, assets held under endowments are considered donor-restricted assets until appropriated for expenditure by the Organization. Endowment net assets are disaggregated further by ASOR as to which amounts are subject to appropriation by the Organization or to investment in perpetuity. ASOR considers the following to be subject to investment in perpetuity: (1) the original value of gifts donated to endowments, (2) the original value of subsequent gifts to endowments, and (3) accumulations to endowments made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instruments. Net investment income is considered available for appropriation unless otherwise directed by the gift instrument.

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## NOTE F -- NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS, HELD UNDER ENDOWMENTS -- Continued

The Organization has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of those endowment assets over the long-term. ASOR's investment portfolio relies on diversification of assets to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters. Endowment funds are held in cash, money market funds, U.S. Treasury bills/notes (2024), brokered certificates of deposit, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds, with the net earnings thereon available for ASOR's general use or as otherwise specified by the donor.

The composition of endowment net assets by fund type is as follows at June 30, 2025:

	Subject to <u>Approp'n</u>	Subject to Investment <u>in Perpetuity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
General Endowment	\$ 601,783	\$ 1,046,832	\$ 1,648,615
Harris Fund	56,036	128,271	184,307
Platt Fund	283,641	20,000	303,641
Wright/Meyers Fund	61,115	92,466	153,581
P.E. MacAllister Fund	62,766	132,820	195,586
Eric and Carol Meyers Fund	80,413	228,327	308,740
Strange/Midkiff Fund	69,262	194,780	264,042
Joe D. Seger Excavation Fund	30,156	81,895	112,051
Stevan B. Dana Scholarship Fund	94,207	319,533	413,740
Lawrence T. Geraty Fund	32,070	161,145	193,215
Herbert Mason Fellowship Fund	6,809	57,534	64,343
Stevan B. Dana #2 Fund	41,963	442,276	484,239
BIPOC Endowment Fund	24,753	278,750	303,503
Stevan B. Dana #3 Fund	87,819	445,239	533,058
Thomas/Bishop Fund	13,224	52,000	65,224
Shepard Endowment	11,990	100,000	111,990
Mary Elizabeth Strange Endowment	<u>54,726</u>	<u>448,263</u>	<u>502,989</u>
Total endowment funds, June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 1,612,733</u>	<u>\$ 4,230,131</u>	<u>\$ 5,842,864</u>
	Subject to <u>Approp'n</u>	Subject to Investment <u>in Perpetuity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2024	\$ 1,214,573	\$ 4,170,239	\$ 5,384,812
Investment return, net	648,906	2,142	651,048
Contributions	-	57,750	57,750
Reclassification of donor-restricted net assets	-	-	-
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure*	<u>(250,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(250,746)</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 1,612,733</u>	<u>\$ 4,230,131</u>	<u>\$ 5,842,864</u>

\* The spending policies adopted by ASOR for existing endowments can be applied consistently over time regardless of short-term fluctuations in the market value of the funds. Each policy sets spending rates allowing for long-term growth in the corpus of its corresponding endowment, while also providing funds for ASOR to spend in fulfilling its mission. To prevent erosion of the principal of a fund, if the Quarterly Closing Market Value is less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the fund's historic dollar value, the distribution calculated above will be reduced by fifty percent (50%). For Fiscal Year 2025, there were no quarters in which any endowments were less than 75% of the fund's historic dollar value.



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## NOTE F -- NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS, HELD UNDER ENDOWMENTS -- Continued

The composition of endowment net assets by fund type is as follows at June 30, 2024:

	Subject to <u>Approp'n</u>	Subject to Investment <u>in Perpetuity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
General Endowment	\$ 483,838	\$ 1,042,457	\$ 1,526,295
Harris Fund	48,374	126,130	174,504
Platt Fund	268,017	20,000	288,017
Wright/Meyers Fund	51,812	87,466	139,278
P.E. MacAllister Fund	49,722	132,820	182,542
Eric and Carol Meyers Fund	60,177	218,327	278,504
Strange/Midkiff Fund	52,183	194,630	246,813
Joe D. Seger Excavation Fund	21,168	71,895	93,063
Stevan B. Dana Scholarship Fund	74,684	319,533	394,217
Lawrence T. Geraty Fund	21,230	136,520	157,750
Herbert Mason Fellowship Fund	5,232	55,534	60,766
Stevan B. Dana #2 Fund	5,314	442,275	447,589
BIPOC Endowment Fund	4,253	278,750	283,003
Stevan B. Dana #3 Fund	44,454	445,239	489,693
Thomas/Bishop Fund	9,933	52,000	61,933
Shepard Endowment	1,954	100,000	101,954
Mary Elizabeth Strange Endowment	<u>12,228</u>	<u>446,663</u>	<u>458,891</u>
Total endowment funds, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>1,214,573</u>	\$ <u>4,170,239</u>	\$ <u>5,384,812</u>
	Subject to <u>Approp'n</u>	Subject to Investment <u>in Perpetuity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2023	\$ 813,312	\$ 3,248,612	\$ 4,061,924
Investment return, net	602,954	2,155	605,109
Contributions	-	919,472	919,472
Reclassification of donor-restricted net assets	-	-	-
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure*	<u>(201,693)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(201,693)</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>1,214,573</u>	\$ <u>4,170,239</u>	\$ <u>5,384,812</u>

\* The spending policies adopted by ASOR for existing endowments can be applied consistently over time regardless of short-term fluctuations in the market value of the funds. Each policy sets spending rates allowing for long-term growth in the corpus of its corresponding endowment, while also providing funds for ASOR to spend in fulfilling its mission. To prevent erosion of the principal of a fund, if the Quarterly Closing Market Value is less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the fund's historic dollar value, the distribution calculated above will be reduced by fifty percent (50%). For Fiscal Year 2024, there were no quarters in which any endowments were less than 75% of the fund's historic dollar value.

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## NOTE G -- FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASOR applies GAAP for fair value measurements of financial assets that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. GAAP defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GAAP also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

FASB ASC 820-10 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets, and Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority.

The following represents assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis by ASOR at June 30, 2025 and 2024:

		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>(Level 1)</u>	<u>(Level 2)</u>	<u>(Level 3)</u>
<u>June 30, 2025</u>				
<i>Cash equivalents:</i>				
Money market funds	\$ 458,125	\$ 458,125	\$ -	\$ -
Brokered certificates of deposit	850,913	850,913	-	-
<i>Investments, excluding</i>				
cash held by brokers	<u>6,665,638</u>	<u>6,665,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>7,974,676</u>	\$ <u>7,974,676</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
<u>June 30, 2024</u>				
<i>Cash equivalents:</i>				
Money market funds	\$ 509,829	\$ 509,829	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Treasury bills	341,161	341,161	-	-
Brokered certificates of deposit	647,903	647,903	-	-
<i>Investments, excluding</i>				
cash held by brokers	<u>6,084,197</u>	<u>6,084,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>7,583,090</u>	\$ <u>7,583,090</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

*Level 1:* Cash equivalents include money market funds (non-sweep), U.S. Treasury bills (2024), and brokered certificates of deposit, all of which are held in an operating account with Charles Schwab and are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Investments include money market funds (non-sweep), U.S. Treasury bills/notes (2024), brokered certificates of deposit, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds, all of which are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices and are held by Charles Schwab. Refer also to *Note C--Investments*.

At June 30, 2025 and 2024, ASOR had no assets or liabilities classified within Level 2 or Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

## NOTE H -- SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS

ASOR maintains one of its primary operating accounts with Charles Schwab. The account balance consists of cash, money market funds (non-sweep), and brokered certificates of deposit. *Cash and cash equivalents* at June 30, 2025 includes approximately \$1,467,785 held in the Charles Schwab operating account. Cash of \$158,747 and money market funds of \$458,125 are primarily unsecured. Money market funds are considered cash equivalents, since readily convertible to cash. Brokered certificates of deposit (CDs) of \$850,913 are FDIC-insured by the issuing banks. Approximately \$650,098 of the CDs mature prior to December 31, 2025, with interest rates ranging from 4.35% to 4.40%. The remaining CD matures in June 2026 and bears interest at 4.70%. ASOR considers CDs held in its primary operating account with Charles Schwab to be cash equivalents, since convertible to cash with only minimal risk of loss. ASOR also maintains an operating account with Truist. At June 30, 2025, there were no bank holdings that exceeded federally insured limits.

Investments at June 30, 2025 are held by Charles Schwab and are primarily unsecured. Certain coverage may be provided by the Security Investors Protection Corporation (SIPC) for missing stocks and other securities up to \$500,000, including up to \$100,000 in cash if a brokerage or bank brokerage subsidiary fails. However, SIPC does not ensure the quality of investments or protect against losses from fluctuating market values. Refer also to *Note C--Investments*.

Federal grant support of \$303,913 and \$678,142 was provided by the Department of State (DOS) for use in connection with ASOR's Cultural Heritage Initiatives program for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

## NOTE I -- 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

ASOR sponsors a 401(k) retirement plan on behalf of its employees. Non-excluded employees may make deferrals to the plan upon attaining age 21 and completing a Year of Eligibility Service. ASOR is required to make Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions equal to 6% of compensation of eligible participants based on each payroll period. Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions to the plan totaled \$45,539 and \$41,428 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The plan also provides for discretionary, nonelective employer contributions on behalf of employees who have attained age 21, completed a Year of Service, and are employed on the last day of the plan year (December 31). For each plan year, ASOR may contribute an amount to be determined from year to year, and that amount may vary for each pre-determined allocation group. ASOR made discretionary, nonelective contributions of \$7,619 and \$0 for the plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

## NOTE J -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (including subsequent events)

Commitments: In December 2022, ASOR entered into a licensing agreement for the use of certain association management software (AMS). The agreement requires fees as follows over its initial three-year term: Year 1 - \$18,000; Year 2 - \$18,540; and Year 3 - \$19,096. Beyond the initial term, the agreement is set to renew automatically for one-year periods, unless ASOR provides the vendor with notice of intent to renew for a longer term, or not to renew the agreement, at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial term (or renewal term).

At June 30, 2025, ASOR had contractual commitments with host venues for its 2025 Annual Meeting in Boston with 50% attrition, for its 2026 Annual Meeting in Chicago with 50% attrition, for its 2027 Annual Meeting in Crystal City, Virginia with 75% attrition, and for its 2028 Annual Meeting in Boston with 50% attrition. In addition to requiring minimum commitments from ASOR, the contracts also provide for certain cancellation fees. Management continues to utilize available measures to mitigate risk in this regard.

Financial Assistance: Financial assistance from various awarding agencies is subject to special audit. Such audits could result in claims against ASOR for disallowed costs or noncompliance with grantor restrictions. Management is not aware of disallowable costs or instances of noncompliance with grantor restrictions; consequently, no provision has been made for liabilities that may arise from such audits.

NOTE J -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (including subsequent events) -- Continued

Grants, bequests, and endowments require the fulfillment of certain conditions set forth in the instruments of the gifts. Failure to fulfill the conditions, or in the case of the endowments, failure to continue to fulfill them, could result in the return of funds to the donor. Management is not aware of instances of noncompliance with donor restrictions; consequently, no provision has been made for liabilities that may arise from such.

Complaints Filed: In 2023 and 2025, ASOR received two separate complaints from law firms about possible copyright infringements involving images on ASOR's website. ASOR's pro-bono law firm has informed the complainants' law firms that they are representing ASOR. Management expects the complaints to be dismissed or settled for de minimis amounts.

NOTE K -- RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The accompanying financial statements include only ASOR's accounts. The financial statements do not include ASOR's affiliates, the William Foxwell Albright Institute of Archeological Research in Jerusalem and the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. (CAARI) in Nicosia, Cyprus.

ASOR allows (American Center of Research) ACOR and CAARI to use office space in the United States that ASOR owns. ACOR and CAARI were charged approximately \$11,600 and \$12,000 for use of the building, utilities, and postage for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Members of the ASOR Board of Trustees contributed approximately \$215,000 and \$1,028,000 to ASOR for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The spouse of a Board member received salary and benefits from ASOR of approximately \$45,585 and \$75,804 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively, for Cultural Heritage Initiatives work.

NOTE L -- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November \_\_, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. No further adjustments to or disclosures in the financial statements are considered necessary.