

**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**as of December 31, 2017 and 2016**

**AND**

**REPORT THEREON**

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Report of Independent Auditors



To the Board of Directors and Members of the  
National Rifle Association of America

RSM US LLP

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Rifle Association of America (NRA), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Rifle Association of America as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are those of National Rifle Association of America only and are not those of the primary reporting entity. The consolidated financial statements of NRA and its affiliates have been issued as the general purpose financial statements of the reporting entity and should be read in conjunction with the parent-only statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

*RSM US LLP*

McLean, Virginia  
March 7, 2018

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**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
as of December 31, 2017 and 2016

**ASSETS**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,123,743	\$ 13,218,701
Investments	48,702,736	56,680,153
Pledges receivable, net	1,184,593	1,516,303
Accounts receivable, net	36,129,175	49,547,980
Due from affiliates	30,731,975	27,404,135
Inventories and supplies, net	13,639,054	17,209,123
Prepaid expenses	3,277,662	3,788,017
Notes receivable, net	3,000,000	3,000,000
Property and equipment, net	34,475,160	37,336,030
Other assets	7,861,583	7,436,145
	<u>196,125,681</u>	<u>217,136,587</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 196,125,681</u>	<u>\$ 217,136,587</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Accounts payable	\$ 29,837,446	\$ 35,188,474
Accrued liabilities	62,814,166	63,570,736
Notes payable and line of credit	47,121,100	42,838,124
Deferred revenue	31,402,766	39,424,563
	<u>171,175,478</u>	<u>181,021,897</u>
Total liabilities	<u>171,175,478</u>	<u>181,021,897</u>
<b>Net assets:</b>		
<b>Unrestricted:</b>		
Undesignated net assets	1,477,285	25,182,037
Cumulative pension liability	(33,256,864)	(40,035,180)
Total unrestricted net deficit	<u>(31,779,579)</u>	<u>(14,853,143)</u>
Temporarily restricted	11,398,818	7,743,947
Permanently restricted	45,330,964	43,223,886
	<u>24,950,203</u>	<u>36,114,690</u>
Total net assets	<u>24,950,203</u>	<u>36,114,690</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 196,125,681</u>	<u>\$ 217,136,587</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017			2016				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Revenue and other support</b>								
Members' dues	\$ 128,209,303	-	-	\$ 128,209,303	\$ 163,517,961	-	-	\$ 163,517,961
Program fees	10,081,009	-	-	10,081,009	12,256,731	-	-	12,256,731
Contributions	77,730,379	22,053,839	2,107,078	101,881,296	104,095,484	20,678,620	3,017,839	127,791,943
Advertising	28,344,743	-	-	28,344,743	27,075,345	-	-	27,075,345
Member sales	3,758,418	-	-	3,758,418	4,692,861	-	-	4,692,861
Shows and exhibits	21,204,275	-	-	21,204,275	22,955,395	-	-	22,955,395
Investment income (loss), net	4,544,301	271,365	-	4,815,666	(196,700)	117,472	-	(79,228)
Insurance administration fees	14,563,405	-	-	14,563,405	11,527,759	-	-	11,527,759
Rental income	1,255,235	-	-	1,255,235	1,433,726	-	-	1,433,726
Other	7,205,826	772,800	-	7,978,626	6,935,031	(93,048)	-	6,841,983
Assets released from restrictions	20,230,894	(20,230,894)	-	-	20,537,574	(20,537,574)	-	-
	317,127,788	2,867,100	2,107,078	322,101,966	374,831,187	165,470	3,017,839	378,014,476
<b>Expenses:</b>								
<b>Program services:</b>								
Legislative programs	38,740,357	-	-	38,740,357	83,913,732	-	-	83,913,732
Publications	36,904,077	-	-	36,904,077	37,820,356	-	-	37,820,356
Public affairs	47,754,179	-	-	47,754,179	54,839,366	-	-	54,839,366
Shows and exhibits	18,909,415	-	-	18,909,415	19,433,011	-	-	19,433,011
Competitions	4,702,453	-	-	4,702,453	5,649,690	-	-	5,649,690
Education and training	7,686,318	-	-	7,686,318	11,101,147	-	-	11,101,147
Hunter services	3,958,334	-	-	3,958,334	4,213,594	-	-	4,213,594
Field services	11,882,064	-	-	11,882,064	12,898,136	-	-	12,898,136
Law enforcement	3,805,344	-	-	3,805,344	4,089,027	-	-	4,089,027
Recreational shooting	7,200,332	-	-	7,200,332	7,928,714	-	-	7,928,714
	179,542,873	-	-	179,542,873	241,886,763	-	-	241,886,763
<b>Member services and acquisition</b>								
Administrative	76,546,402	-	-	76,546,402	88,509,528	-	-	88,509,528
Executive office	10,125,180	-	-	10,125,180	10,613,064	-	-	10,613,064
Fundraising	32,077,548	-	-	32,077,548	31,082,974	-	-	31,082,974
	44,965,825	-	-	44,965,825	47,065,538	-	-	47,065,538
<b>Total expenses</b>	343,257,828	-	-	343,257,828	419,157,867	-	-	419,157,867
Change in net assets before other changes	(26,130,040)	2,867,100	2,107,078	(21,155,862)	(44,326,700)	165,470	3,017,839	(41,143,391)
Unrealized gain on investments, net	1,472,290	787,771	-	2,260,061	3,004,602	229,076	-	3,233,678
Unrealized gain on derivative instrument	952,998	-	-	952,998	885,817	-	-	885,817
Net gain (loss) on pension obligation	6,778,316	-	-	6,778,316	(2,219,576)	-	-	(2,219,576)
Change in net assets	(16,926,436)	3,654,871	2,107,078	(11,164,487)	(42,655,857)	394,546	3,017,839	(39,243,472)
Net assets (deficit), beginning of year	(14,853,143)	7,743,947	43,223,886	36,114,690	27,892,714	7,349,401	40,206,047	76,368,162
Net assets (deficit), end of year	(31,779,579)	11,398,818	45,330,964	24,950,203	(14,853,143)	7,743,947	43,223,886	36,114,690

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (11,164,487)	\$ (39,243,472)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,718,295	4,797,889
Provision for losses on pledges receivable	7,711	135,924
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	6,324,662	4,802,427
Provision for losses on inventory	360,692	150,000
Contributions permanently restricted for long-term investment	(2,144,164)	(3,017,839)
Net unrealized and realized gain on investments	(6,313,424)	(2,202,751)
Unrealized gain on derivative instrument	(952,998)	(885,817)
Net (gain) loss on pension obligation	(6,778,316)	2,219,576
Net loss on disposal of assets	31,495	106,397
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in pledges receivable	323,999	106,455
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable, net	7,094,143	(14,860,699)
Increase in due from affiliates	(3,327,840)	(2,801,297)
Decrease (increase) in inventories and supplies, net	3,209,377	(6,480,529)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	510,355	1,419,813
Increase in other assets	(425,438)	(492,411)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(5,351,028)	13,042,320
Increase in accrued liabilities	6,974,744	1,192,370
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	(8,021,797)	12,551,240
Total adjustments	(3,759,532)	9,783,068
Net cash used in operating activities	(14,924,019)	(29,460,404)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Sales of investments	27,222,671	38,503,808
Purchases of investments	(16,431,830)	(27,622,439)
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,888,920)	(3,353,252)
Principal collections on notes receivable	-	4,582
Net cash provided by investing activities	8,901,921	7,532,699
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on note payable	(1,039,944)	(973,451)
Principal payments on lines of credit	(132,737,519)	(108,396,472)
Draw downs on lines of credit and proceeds on note payable	138,060,439	122,790,668
Proceeds from life insurance policy loans	3,500,000	-
Contributions permanently restricted for long-term investment	2,144,164	3,017,839
Net cash provided by financing activities	9,927,140	16,438,584
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,905,042	(5,489,121)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	13,218,701	18,707,822
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 17,123,743	\$ 13,218,701
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 1,680,243	\$ 1,449,598

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The National Rifle Association of America (NRA), founded in 1871, is a not-for-profit corporation supported by the membership fees of public-minded citizens and clubs. Its primary purpose is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, especially the political, civil and inalienable rights of the American people to keep and bear arms as a common law and Constitutional right of the individual citizen.

The NRA's Board of Directors formed the Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) in 1975 as an internal division of the NRA. The purpose of ILA is to prevent the passage of laws and regulations restricting firearms ownership, as well as pursuing changes to existing restrictions imposed by federal, state and local governments. ILA is supported principally by contributions from NRA members.

Basis of Presentation

The NRA publishes financial statements in the NRA's annual report that include the financial statements of certain affiliated entities, which are its primary financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. These financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are not intended to be the general purpose financial statements of the NRA and have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles that would otherwise be considered a departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America because certain affiliated organizations are not consolidated.

Affiliates of the NRA whose financial activities are not included in these financial statements of the NRA include the following: the NRA Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund (CRDF), the NRA Political Victory Fund (PVF), the NRA Special Contribution Fund (SCF) and the NRA Freedom Action Foundation (FAF).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and other support and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Classification of Net Assets

To identify the observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of the resources available to the NRA, the accounts of the NRA are maintained in three separate classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted, based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Unrestricted net assets represent resources that are not restricted, either temporarily or permanently, by donor-imposed stipulations. They are available for support of the NRA's general operations.

Temporarily restricted net assets represent contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the NRA for its programs are limited by donor-imposed stipulations. These restrictions are temporary in that they either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the NRA pursuant to those stipulations.

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Permanently restricted net assets represent endowment contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the NRA are limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the NRA pursuant to those stipulations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Highly liquid investments, consisting principally of money market funds, under the control of the NRA's investment managers, are considered investments. However, the NRA considers any other investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. The NRA generally invests these excess funds in repurchase agreements for U.S. government securities. The maturity date of these repurchase agreements is the next day of business. Due to the short-term nature of these agreements, the NRA does not take possession of the securities, which are instead held by the NRA's principal bank from which it purchases the securities. The carrying value of the investments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of the agencies. The NRA believes that it is not exposed to any significant risk on its investments in repurchase agreements. Substantially all the cash and cash equivalents were held at one financial institution in Virginia at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The NRA maintains a cash balance in excess of federally insured limits in an interest bearing account. The NRA's policy is to deposit funds only in financially sound institutions. Nevertheless, these deposits are subject to some degree of credit risk. Investments are maintained in financial institutions.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable that are not collateralized are limited due to the large number of members comprising the NRA's membership base and their dispersion across many different geographies.

The NRA invests in a professionally managed portfolio that primarily contains money market funds, equity securities, fixed income securities, and hedge fund of funds. Such investments are exposed to various risks, such as market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments, and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risk in the near term would materially affect investment balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investments

Investments consist primarily of money market funds, equity securities, fixed income securities, and alternative investments. Investments in money market funds, equity securities and fixed income securities are carried at fair value as determined by an independent market valuation service using the closing prices at the end of the period. In calculating realized gains and losses, the cost of securities sold is determined by the specific-identification method. To adjust the carrying value of the investments, the change in fair value is included in other changes in the statements of activities. Interest income and dividends are recorded on the accrual basis.

Investments in investment partnerships are valued at fair value based on the applicable net asset value per share as of the measurement date, which is a practical expedient, as determined by the NRA. In determining fair value, the NRA utilizes valuations provided by the fund manager of the underlying investment partnerships. The underlying investment partnerships value securities and other financial instruments on a fair value basis of accounting. The estimated fair values of certain investments of the underlying investment partnerships, which may include private placements and other securities for which prices are not readily available, are determined



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by the general partner of the respective other investment partnership and may not reflect amounts that could be realized upon immediate sale, nor amounts that ultimately may be realized. Accordingly, the estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for these investments. The fair value of the NRA's investments in other partnerships generally represents the amount the NRA would expect to receive if it were to liquidate its investment in the investment partnerships excluding any redemption charges that may apply.

Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable due in more than one year have been recorded at the present value of estimated cash flows. An allowance for uncollectible pledges receivable is provided based upon management's judgment of potential defaults.

Accounts Receivable

Membership dues, advertising and other accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Membership contributions receivables are recorded when received. The allowance for doubtful accounts is the NRA's best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in existing accounts receivable. The NRA determines the membership dues accounts receivable allowance based on the aging of accounts receivable, where three or more monthly or quarterly invoices are past due. The NRA determines all other allowances based on historical write-off experience and specific identification. The allowances for doubtful accounts are reviewed monthly and accounts receivable balances are written off against the allowance when the NRA feels probable the receivable will not be recovered.

Inventories and Supplies

Inventories and supplies are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value, with costs determined using the first-in, first-out method. Provisions are made to reduce the inventories to net realizable value in cases of obsolescence.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Donated assets are recorded at the appraised or estimated fair value at the time of donation. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs, which do not prolong the useful lives of the assets, are expensed. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Buildings and improvements are depreciated over useful lives ranging from 20 to 45 years, other property and equipment is depreciated over two to ten years. The NRA capitalizes complete desktop and laptop computers greater than \$500 and all other fixed assets greater than \$1,500.

Members' Dues

A portion of members' dues that represents the present value of the cost of the magazine that is a benefit of membership for the given membership term is deferred and amortized over the life of the membership. The portion considered a contribution is recorded as dues revenue when the membership is received.

Contributions

Unconditional contributions, whether unrestricted or restricted, are recognized as revenue when received and classified in the appropriate net asset category. When the temporary restrictions are met by the NRA which

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were specified by the donor, temporarily restricted contributions are released from restriction and are recognized in the unrestricted net asset category.

Revenue Recognition

Program fees, advertising, member sales, shows and exhibit sales, and insurance administration fees are recognized as revenue when earned. Rental income is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Interest rate swaps are entered into to manage interest rate risks associated with the NRA's borrowing. Interest rate swaps are accounted for in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification (the Codification) topic, *Derivatives and Hedging*, under which the NRA is not allowed to use cash flow hedging. Therefore, the interest rate swap is recorded in the statements of financial position at fair value with fair value changes recorded as an unrealized gain on derivative instrument on the statements of activities and statements of cash flows (Note 8).

Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangible 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 long-lived assets is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to future undiscounted net 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 estimated fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reportable at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value, less cost to sell. The NRA had no impairments of long-lived assets during 2017 or 2016.

Outstanding Legacies

The NRA is the beneficiary under various wills and other agreements, the total realizable amounts of which are not presently determinable. The NRA's share of such amounts is not recorded until the NRA has an irrevocable right to the bequest and the proceeds are measurable.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing program services and supporting activities have been accounted for on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program services and supporting activities.

Pending accounting pronouncements

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, *Compensation – Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost*. ASU 2017-07 requires that an entity report the service cost component of net periodic pension and postretirement cost in the same line item or items as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The remaining components of net benefit costs are required to be presented in the statement of activities separately from the service component and outside a subtotal of revenue from operations, if one is presented. The amendment further allows only the service cost component of net periodic pension and

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postretirement costs to be eligible for capitalization. ASU 2017-07 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and the interim periods included within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. ASU 2017-07 will be effective for NRA beginning on January 1, 2018.

In February 2016, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The guidance in this ASU supersedes the leasing guidance in Topic 840, Leases. Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of activities. The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. The amendments in this ASU make improvements to the information provided in financial statements and accompanying notes of not-for-profit entities. The amendments set forth the FASB's improvements to net asset classification requirements and the information presented about a not-for-profit entity's liquidity, financial performance and cash flows. The ASU will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Earlier adoption is permitted. The changes in this ASU should generally be applied on a retrospective basis in the year that the ASU is first applied.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), requiring an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The updated standard will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) when it becomes effective and permits the use of either a full retrospective or retrospective with cumulative effect transition method. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, which defers the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09 one year, making it effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. NRA has not yet selected a transition method and is currently evaluating the effect that the standard will have on the financial statements.

Tax Status

The NRA is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and from state income taxes. The NRA activities that cause imposition of the unrelated business income tax provision of the Code result in no significant tax liability.

The NRA follows the accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under this guidance, the NRA may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes also addresses de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, and accounting in interim periods.

Management evaluated the NRA's tax positions and concluded that the NRA had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance.

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Subsequent Events

The NRA evaluated subsequent events through March 7, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

2. INVESTMENTS

Investments as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of:

	2017	2016
Money market funds	\$ 640,820	\$ 612,527
Equity securities	38,484,411	40,289,738
Fixed income securities	3,056,353	3,766,355
Alternative investments	5,874,330	7,962,585
Other	646,822	4,048,948
	<u>\$ 48,702,736</u>	<u>\$ 56,680,153</u>

Investment income for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 includes the following:

	2017	2016
Realized gains (losses), net	\$ 4,053,363	\$ (1,030,927)
Dividends and interest	762,293	951,699
	<u>4,815,656</u>	<u>(79,228)</u>
Unrealized gains, net	2,260,061	3,233,678
	<u>\$ 7,075,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,154,450</u>

Interest income of \$120,000 and \$120,000, earned from notes receivable for 2017 and 2016, respectively, is included in dividends and interest.

3. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, donors to the NRA have unconditionally promised to give amounts as follows:

	2017	2016
Within one year	\$ 197,286	\$ 675,413
One to five years	298,006	317,531
More than five years	753,169	747,194
	<u>1,248,461</u>	<u>1,740,138</u>
Less: discount of pledges receivable	(18,595)	(20,851)
	<u>1,229,866</u>	<u>1,719,287</u>
Less: allowance for uncollectible pledges	(45,273)	(202,984)
	<u>\$ 1,184,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,303</u>

Pledges due in more than one year have been recorded at the present value of estimated cash flows, discounted by rates ranging from 0.88% to 2.22%.

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4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of:

	2017	2016
Membership	\$ 40,354,236	\$ 58,292,353
Contributions	3,119,379	3,421,398
Advertising	3,412,352	2,686,484
Other	1,353,358	1,626,608
	<u>48,239,325</u>	<u>66,026,843</u>
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	12,110,150	16,478,863
	<u>\$ 36,129,175</u>	<u>\$ 49,547,980</u>

Following are the changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively:

	2017	2016
Allowance at beginning of year	\$ 16,478,863	\$ 13,604,498
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	6,324,662	4,802,427
Write-offs, net of recoveries	(10,693,375)	(1,928,062)
Allowance at end of year	<u>\$ 12,110,150</u>	<u>\$ 16,478,863</u>

5. INVENTORIES AND SUPPLIES

Inventories and supplies as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of:

	2017	2016
Sales inventories	\$ 3,667,792	\$ 4,389,535
Supplies:		
Magazine paper	1,650,439	1,960,513
Fulfillment and promotional materials	9,048,870	11,784,041
Other	63,664	112,363
	<u>14,430,765</u>	<u>18,246,452</u>
Less: obsolescence allowance	791,711	1,037,329
	<u>\$ 13,639,054</u>	<u>\$ 17,209,123</u>

6. NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of:

	Interest Rate	2017	2016
NRA Special Contribution Fund	4.0%	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>\$ - 3,000,000</u>

The note receivable from the SCF is a demand note, collateralized by a first deed of trust on approximately 33,300 acres of land south of Raton, New Mexico. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, interest in the amount of \$120,000 and \$120,000 respectively, was recorded. The total interest receivable remaining at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, is \$3,639,073 and is included in other assets in the statements of financial position.

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7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of:

	2017	2016
Land	\$ 5,380,792	\$ 5,380,792
Buildings and improvements	54,253,187	53,865,603
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	17,994,728	18,563,070
	77,628,707	77,809,465
Less: accumulated depreciation	43,153,547	40,473,435
	\$ 34,475,160	\$ 37,336,030

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$4,718,295 and \$4,797,889, respectively.

8. NOTES PAYABLE AND CREDIT AGREEMENTS

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$18,787,182 and \$19,827,125, respectively, was payable under a credit agreement with a bank, which expires on October 1, 2019. Under the terms of this agreement, the NRA pays a fixed rate of 6.08%

This credit agreement incorporates an interest rate swap agreement. This swap agreement is recognized on the statements of financial position in accrued liabilities at its fair value of \$1,175,704 and \$2,128,702 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The NRA maintained a \$25,000,000 line of credit agreement which expires on September 30, 2018. Under the terms of this agreement, the NRA makes monthly interest payments on the daily outstanding principal at a variable rate based on the 30-day LIBOR rate, plus 0.60%. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$23,333,918 and \$23,010,999 was payable under the agreement at interest rates of 2.16% and 1.37%, respectively.

During 2017, the NRA entered a secured loan agreement with the Foundation where the NRA's accounts receivable served as collateral, which expires on February 2, 2018. Under the terms of this agreement, the NRA makes annual interest payments of 7.00%. In January 2018, the agreement was amended to extend the loan to June 2, 2018 with interest to be paid monthly. At December 31, 2017, \$5,000,000 was payable under the agreement.

On the \$25,000,000 line of credit agreement, the NRA has pledged as collateral \$28,424,067 at December 31, 2017, in cash and investments held in certain custodial accounts by the bank. For the credit agreement, the NRA has also pledged as collateral a Deed of Trust on the NRA Headquarters Building.

The NRA is subject to financial covenants associated with the credit agreement and lines of credit agreements. The NRA must maintain minimum cash and investment balances.

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The annual minimum payments related to these obligations at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

2018	\$ 29,440,926
2019	<u>17,680,174</u>
Total minimum future payments	<u>\$ 47,121,100</u>

Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$1,585,858 and \$1,357,731, respectively.

**9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The NRA follows the Codification on *Fair Value Measurement*, which 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 and sets out a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The NRA's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment.

In determining the appropriate levels, the NRA performs a detailed analysis of the assets and liabilities that are subject to fair value measurements. At each reporting period, all assets and liabilities for which the fair value measurement is based on significant unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3.

The estimated fair values of the NRA's short-term financial instruments, including receivables and payables arising in the ordinary course of operations, approximate their individual carrying amounts due to the relatively short period of time between their origination and expected realization.

The carrying value of the NRA's note payable and credit agreement approximates fair value as the interest rate on the credit agreement's underlying instruments fluctuate with market rates.

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The tables below present the balances of each class of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the hierarchy.

	As of December 31, 2017		
	Total	Level 1	Level 2
<b>Available-for-sale equity securities:</b>			
Consumer discretionary	\$ 312,920	\$ 312,920	\$ -
Consumer staples	583,095	583,095	-
Energy	441,004	441,004	-
Financial services	21,721	21,721	-
Healthcare	355,704	355,704	-
Industrials	347,757	347,757	-
Information technology	1,356,506	1,356,506	-
Materials	1,837,405	1,837,405	-
Multi-strategy mutual funds	33,097,623	33,097,623	-
Telecommunications	130,676	130,676	-
Total available-for-sale equity securities	38,484,411	38,484,411	-
<b>Available-for-sale fixed income securities:</b>			
Multi-strategy bond funds	3,056,353	3,056,353	-
<b>Alternative investments:</b>			
Multi-strategy fund-of-funds (measured using a net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient)	5,874,330	-	-
<b>Money market</b>	640,820	640,820	-
Investments at fair value	\$ 48,055,914	\$ 42,181,584	\$ -
Other investments	646,822		
<b>Total investments</b>	\$ 48,702,736		
<b>Other assets – multi-strategy mutual funds:</b>			
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 2,886,533	\$ 2,886,533	\$ -
Supplemental executive retirement plan	1,156,982	1,156,982	-
Total other assets	\$ 4,043,515	\$ 4,043,515	\$ -
<b>Total assets</b>	\$ 52,746,251	\$ 46,225,099	\$ -
Interest rate swap	\$ (1,175,704)	\$ -	\$ (1,175,704)
Deferred compensation liability	(2,886,533)	-	(2,886,533)
Supplemental executive retirement liability	(1,156,982)	-	(1,156,982)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	\$ (5,219,219)	\$ -	\$ (5,219,219)



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	Total	Level 1	Level 2
<b>Available-for-sale equity securities:</b>			
Consumer discretionary	\$ 1,427,080	\$ 1,427,080	\$ -
Consumer staples	899,575	899,575	-
Energy	1,187,684	1,187,684	-
Financial services	680,788	680,788	-
Healthcare	1,508,080	1,508,080	-
Industrials	1,217,127	1,217,127	-
Information technology	2,961,364	2,961,364	-
Materials	2,060,591	2,060,591	-
Multi-strategy mutual funds	28,347,449	28,347,449	-
<b>Total available-for-sale equity securities</b>	<b>40,289,738</b>	<b>40,289,738</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Available-for-sale fixed income securities:</b>			
Multi-strategy bond funds	3,766,355	3,766,355	-
<b>Alternative investments:</b>			
Multi-strategy fund-of-funds (measured using a net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient)	7,962,585	-	-
Money market	612,527	612,527	-
Investments at fair value	\$ 52,631,205	\$ 44,668,620	\$ -
Other investments	4,048,948		
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 56,680,153</b>		
<b>Other assets – multi-strategy mutual funds:</b>			
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 2,417,588	\$ 2,417,588	\$ -
Supplemental executive retirement plan	1,081,914	1,081,914	-
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,499,502</b>	<b>\$ 3,499,502</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 60,179,655</b>	<b>\$ 48,168,122</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Interest rate swap	\$ (2,128,702)	\$ -	\$ (2,128,702)
Deferred compensation liability	(2,408,659)	-	(2,408,659)
Supplemental executive retirement liability	(1,078,054)	-	(1,078,054)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (5,615,415)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (5,615,415)</b>

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Money market funds, equity securities and fixed income securities are classified as Level 1 instruments as they are actively traded on public exchanges.

Deferred compensation plan and supplemental executive retirement plan assets are based upon the fair market value of those assets, which are observable inputs and classified as Level 1. The deferred compensation liability is not publically traded and is, therefore, considered Level 2.

The NRA's swap agreement is valued based on quoted values stated by the bank's mark-to-market estimate using stated fixed rate and LIBOR interest ratings. The interest rate is observable at commonly quoted indexes for the full term of the instrument and is, therefore, considered a Level 2 item.

The table below presents additional information regarding the alternative investments.

	2017 Fair Value	2016 Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Multi-strategy fund-of-funds (a)	\$ 2,408,648	\$ 2,257,494	\$ -	quarterly	65 days
Multi-strategy fund-of-funds (a)	-	2,237,032	-	quarterly	36 days
Multi-strategy fund-of-funds (b)	3,043,894	2,635,782	-	semi- annually	105 days
Multi-strategy fund (c)	421,788	832,277	-	daily	1 day
	<u>\$ 5,874,330</u>	<u>\$ 7,962,585</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

- (a) This class invests in hedge funds that pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility. The hedge funds' composite portfolio for this class includes investments in long, short equity portfolio funds (investments in emerging markets and multiple sectors), directional macro strategy funds (investments in trade futures, options, futures and foreign exchange contracts, and diversified markets), event driven portfolio funds (investments in risk arbitrage, distressed and special situations, and opportunistic investing), relative value portfolio funds (investments in arbitrage, commodity trading advisors and market neutral strategies), and global asset allocation portfolio funds (investment in currencies, bonds, global equities and equity indices). The fair value of the investments in this class have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.
- (b) This class invests in hedge funds that pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility. The hedge fund-of-funds' composite portfolio for this class includes investments in private investment companies (investment in global, distressed/credit, domestic healthcare and other) and securities (common stock). The fair value of the investments in this class have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.
- (c) This class invests in a managed futures product that pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility. The multi-strategy fund composite portfolio for this class includes investments in private investment companies (investment in currency, bonds, interest rates, commodities and other) and securities (common stock). The fair value of the investments in this class have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.

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10. TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

	2017	2016
Legislative programs	\$ 3,693,020	\$ 1,851,049
National Firearms Museum	2,331,687	1,403,886
Education and training	2,157,671	1,495,330
Recreational Shooting	655,051	708,022
Hunter services	583,321	109,761
Competitions	164,752	97,743
Field services	138,284	105,630
Law enforcement	104,250	61,503
Community outreach	45,374	53,536
Other	733,135	271,993
Other, passage of time	792,273	1,585,494
Total	<u>\$ 11,398,818</u>	<u>\$ 7,743,947</u>

Permanently restricted net assets are restricted to investment in perpetuity, the income from which is expendable to support:

	2017	2016
Legislative programs	\$ 19,195,883	\$ 17,735,887
National Firearms Museum	7,808,167	7,802,467
Hunter services	5,185,764	4,698,122
Education and training	4,484,291	4,438,382
Recreational Shooting	2,615,338	2,610,338
Competitions	1,317,235	1,401,044
Law enforcement	608,541	608,541
Field services	145,138	145,138
Community outreach	16,289	16,289
Other	3,954,318	3,767,678
Total	<u>\$ 45,330,964</u>	<u>\$ 43,223,886</u>

The NRA follows the Codification subtopic *Reporting endowment funds*. The Codification addresses accounting issues related to guidelines in the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (UPMIFA), which was adopted by the National Conferences of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in July 2006 and enacted in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 1, 2008 and by the State of New York on September 17, 2010. The Management of the NRA has interpreted UPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of original donor-restricted endowment gifts as of the date of the gift absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the NRA classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of cash gifts donated to permanent endowment and (b) the discounted value of future gifts promised to permanent endowment, net of allowance for uncollectible pledges. The remaining portion of donor-restricted endowment funds not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the NRA in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the NRA considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the NRA and donor-restricted endowment fund

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- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the NRA
- The investment policies of the NRA

The NRA has adopted investment and spending policies for permanently restricted endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to the programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain purchasing power of the endowment assets. The investment policy of the NRA is to achieve, at a minimum, a real (inflation adjusted) total net return that exceeds spending policy requirements. Investments are diversified both by asset class and within asset classes. The purpose of diversification is to minimize unsystematic risk and to provide reasonable assurance that no single security or class of securities will have a disproportionate impact on the total portfolio. The amount appropriated for expenditure ranges from 1% to 5% of the endowment fund's fair value as of the end of the preceding year, as long as the value of the endowment does not drop below the original contribution(s). All earnings of the endowment are reflected as temporarily restricted net assets until appropriated for expenditure in the form of program spending.

The NRA's endowment is composed solely of donor restricted funds. The changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	December 31, 2017			
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$(1,420,647)	\$ 4,766,287	\$43,223,886	\$46,569,526
Interest and dividends, net	-	1,725,921	-	1,725,921
Net appreciation	-	3,279,468	-	3,279,468
Contributions	-	-	2,107,078	2,107,078
Amount appropriated for expenditure	-	(1,791,995)	-	(1,791,995)
Other changes	1,023,911	(1,023,911)	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ (396,736)</u>	<u>\$ 6,955,770</u>	<u>\$45,330,964</u>	<u>\$51,889,998</u>

  

	December 31, 2016			
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$(1,031,509)	\$ 3,156,932	\$40,206,047	\$42,331,470
Interest and dividends, net	-	698,691	-	698,691
Net appreciation	-	2,005,704	-	2,005,704
Contributions	-	-	3,017,839	3,017,839
Amount appropriated for expenditure	-	(1,484,178)	-	(1,484,178)
Other changes	(389,138)	389,138	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ (1,420,647)</u>	<u>\$ 4,766,287</u>	<u>\$43,223,886</u>	<u>\$46,569,526</u>

The related assets are included in due from affiliates, investments and pledges receivable.

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From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the NRA to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, deficiencies of this nature that are reported in unrestricted net assets as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, were \$396,736 and \$1,420,647, respectively. The deficiencies in the donor-restricted endowment funds at December 31, 2017, resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations and the continued appropriation of endowment assets, which was deemed prudent by the NRA.

**11. RETIREMENT PLANS**

Certain NRA employees participate in a non-contributory, defined benefit retirement plan (the Plan). Benefits under the Plan are generally based on years of service and final average pay. The NRA's policy is to fund pension costs as accrued. Effective January 1, 2008, the NRA amended the Plan so that employees hired on or after January 1, 2008, will not be eligible to participate in the Plan.

The primary investment objectives of the Plan are to provide a long-term, risk-controlled approach using diversified investment options. The NRA may consider all asset classes allowed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and other applicable law as acceptable investment options.

The net periodic pension costs for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of the following:

	2017	2016
Service cost - benefits earned during the year	\$ 3,303,061	\$ 3,375,329
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	5,648,941	5,644,489
Return on plan assets	(6,244,120)	(6,168,124)
Recognized net actuarial loss	3,450,270	2,905,363
Net amortization and deferral	98,035	78,741
Net periodic benefit cost	6,256,187	5,835,798
Other changes	(6,778,316)	2,219,576
Total recognized in statements of activities	\$ (522,129)	\$ 8,055,374

The following table sets forth the changes in the defined benefit pension plan's funded status and the amount of accrued pension costs for the plan years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 (utilizing a measurement date of December 31):

	2017	2016
Change in benefit obligation:		
Projected benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 137,051,874	\$ 127,548,095
Service cost	3,303,061	3,375,329
Interest cost	5,648,941	5,644,489
Actuarial loss	5,519,857	4,155,647
Benefits paid	(3,771,868)	(3,671,686)
Plan amendments	205,397	-
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 147,957,262	\$ 137,051,874

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	2017	2016
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 86,832,575	\$ 80,267,170
Actual return on plan assets	15,199,385	5,120,091
Employer contributions	-	5,117,000
Benefits paid	(3,771,868)	(3,671,686)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	98,260,092	86,832,575
Accrued pension costs reflected in the statements of financial position in accrued liabilities	\$ (49,697,170)	\$ (50,219,299)
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$ (132,178,862)	\$ (121,767,299)
Amounts recognized in unrestricted net assets:		
Total net loss	\$ 32,485,333	\$ 39,371,012
Prior service cost	771,531	664,168
Total	\$ 33,256,864	\$ 40,035,180

The total net loss and prior service cost for the defined pension plan that will be amortized from net assets into the net periodic benefit cost over the next year are \$2,450,084 and \$94,340, respectively.

The following weighted-average assumptions were used in calculating the above benefit obligations, net periodic benefit cost and fair value of plan assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
Discount rate used to determine benefit obligation	3.90%	4.15%
Discount rate used to determine net periodic benefit cost	4.15%	4.50%
Rate of compensation increase	4.00%	4.00%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00%	8.00%

The basis used to determine the overall expected long-term rate of return on assets utilizing the target asset allocations established within the plan is based on historical returns.

The asset allocation strategy is based on several factors including:

- The relationship between the current and projected assets of the Plan and the projected actuarial liability stream;
- The historical performance of capital markets adjusted for the perception of future short- and long-term capital market performance;
- The perception of future economic conditions, including inflation and interest rate assumptions.

The asset allocation strategy shall identify target allocations to eligible asset classes and, where appropriate, suitable ranges within which each asset class can fluctuate as a percent of the total fund. Each asset class is to remain suitably invested at all times in either cash (or cash equivalents) or permitted securities within each asset class. The asset classes may be rebalanced from time to time to take advantage of tactical misvaluations across major asset classes or investment styles, or to align the current asset mix with strategic targets.

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

*Multi-strategy mutual funds and Pooled separate accounts:* Primarily valued at the net asset value (NAV) per share based on quoted market prices of the underlying investments as reported by the investment advisor using the audited financial statements of the underlying investments. The individual annuities invest in separate accounts, which track the performance of the specific underlying mutual funds. A valuation agent is selected for each mutual fund and PSA. The valuation of the net assets is calculated on each open market day.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain results in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Investments measured at net asset value (or equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The amounts of investments are included below.

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the fair value and the asset allocation of the NRA's pension plan assets was as follows:

Asset category:	2017		2016	
Multi-strategy equity Mutual funds/PSAs	\$ 61,965,743	63.0%	\$ 53,763,515	61.9%
Multi-strategy fixed income Mutual funds/ PSAs	36,014,604	36.7	30,791,748	35.5
Cash	279,745	0.3	2,277,312	2.6
	\$ 98,260,092	100.0%	\$ 86,832,575	100.0%

The NRA contributes to the plan based on actuarially determined amounts necessary to provide assets sufficient to meet benefits to be paid to plan members. NRA annually funds the minimum required contribution. Expected contributions for the plan year ending December 31, 2018 are \$7,800,000.

The following plan year benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid over the next 10 fiscal years:

2018	\$ 4,772,920
2019	\$ 5,258,213
2020	\$ 5,641,086
2021	\$ 6,180,041
2022	\$ 6,393,532
2023 – 2027 (total)	\$ 37,859,220

In addition, in 1997, the NRA established a 401(k) plan for employees. The plan, available to all employees after 90 days of service, permits participants to contribute a portion of their salary on a pre-tax basis. The NRA matches participant contributions based on plan provisions. Participants are 100% vested in employer contributions after three years of service. The vested balance is available to participants at termination, retirement, death, disability, hardships or through eligible loans. Employer contributions to the 401(k) plan totaled \$2,430,068 and \$2,470,309 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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The NRA also maintains a deferred compensation agreement (the Agreement) for certain officers and employees. The Agreement is offered at the sole discretion of its Board of Directors, which may amend or terminate the Agreement at any time. The Agreement is funded through whole life insurance policies on the plan beneficiaries. The NRA is the policy owner and beneficiary.

Currently, several key employees are enrolled in the Agreement. Management believes that no unfunded liability exists under the Agreement. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the NRA had assets relating to the cash surrender values of the whole life insurance policies of \$4,182,192 and \$4,048,948, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the NRA had loans against the whole life insurance policies of \$3,535,370 and \$0, respectively, with the net included in investments on the statement of financial position. The policies serve as the underlying collateral for the loans and interest on the loans is accrued at rates between 4.20% and 4.25%. The NRA had an accrued postretirement liability of \$275,795 and \$232,873 at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Deferred compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$71,973 and (\$176,783), respectively.

The NRA has established a 457(b) deferred compensation plan for the benefit of certain employees. This plan is employee funded, and therefore, the NRA did not contribute to this plan during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the NRA held assets, and had related obligations, relating to this plan of approximately \$2.9 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

The NRA has also established a 457(f) supplemental executive retirement plan for the benefit of certain executives. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the NRA held assets, and had related obligations, relating to the plan of approximately \$1,157,000 and \$1,078,000, respectively. The NRA incurred deferred compensation expense of \$206,700 and \$206,700 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

For both plans, the assets are included in other assets and the liabilities are included in accrued liabilities on the statements of financial position.

**12. RENTAL OPERATIONS AS LESSOR**

The NRA leases a portion of its headquarters building and adjacent property to tenants under various operating leases. These leases include renewal options and escalation clauses and require that the tenants pay for their prorated share of the building operating expenses.

The following is a schedule of minimum future rentals on non-cancellable operating leases as of December 31, 2017:

2018	\$ 1,366,927
2019	1,114,534
2020	989,732
2021	896,112
2022	688,983
2023 & Thereafter	<u>2,874,114</u>
Total minimum future rentals	<u>\$ 7,930,402</u>

Total rental income for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$1,255,235 and \$1,433,726, respectively.



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**13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Leases

The NRA leases warehouse, office space and equipment under non-cancellable operating leases with terms expiring through 2022. The lease agreements for various office space include renewal options and escalation clauses and require that the NRA pay for shared operating expenses.

The annual minimum payments related to these obligations as of December 31, 2017 are as follows:

2018	\$ 1,412,210
2019	1,423,678
2020	838,767
2021	462,875
2022	<u>194,912</u>
Total minimum payments required	<u>\$ 4,332,442</u>

Total lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$1,298,089 and \$965,272, respectively.

Litigation and claims

From time to time, the NRA may be subject to various legal proceedings, which are incidental to the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of the management of the NRA, there are no material pending legal proceedings to which the NRA is directly a party.

**14. RELATED PARTIES**

The NRA is affiliated with the Foundation, the CRDF, SCF and the FAF by virtue of the control vested with the NRA's Board of Directors to appoint the Board of Trustees of each affiliate. The PVF is a separately unincorporated political action committee of the NRA whose five officers are NRA employees. The NRA provides certain benefits to the affiliates at no cost, among which are the use of office space and other administrative and support services. Management has determined that the fair value of these benefits is minimal, and accordingly, no amounts are reflected in these financial statements.

The Foundation reimburses the NRA for certain expenses, such as salaries, benefits, and general operating expenses, paid by the NRA on the Foundation's behalf. These expenses totaled \$6,017,801 and \$8,862,322 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$29,542,563 and \$27,124,532 respectively, was owed to the NRA and included in due from affiliates for reimbursements and pass through funds still held by the Foundation. In addition, certain qualified NRA programs were funded by Foundation grants totaling \$18,812,141 and \$19,276,495 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The CRDF reimburses the NRA for general operating expenses paid by the NRA on the CRDF's behalf. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$1,040,733 and \$23,549, respectively, was owed to the NRA for general operating expenses and included in due from affiliates.

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All permanent employees of the SCF are maintained as employees of the NRA and the SCF reimburses the NRA for the total employee costs including benefits. The SCF reimburses the NRA for certain other expenses paid by the NRA on the SCF's behalf. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$148,679 and \$256,054, respectively, was owed to the NRA for salaries, insurance and benefits net of certain other expenses owed by the NRA to the SCF and included in due from affiliates. See also Note 6.

The NRA paid administrative and fundraising expenses of \$2,968,011 and \$38,762,499 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, on behalf of the PVF.