

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2007

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2007 and ending 06-30-2008

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return, Amended return, Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization: Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy Advocacy. Address: 26 East Exchange Street No 206, St Paul, MN 55101.

D Employer identification number: 23-7412105. E Telephone number: (651) 223-5969. F Accounting method: Accrual.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

- H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? No. H(b) If "Yes" enter number of affiliates. H(c) Are all affiliates included? No. H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? No.

G Web site: mncenter.org

J Organization type (check only one): 501(c)(3)

K Check here if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than 25,000.

I Group Exemption Number

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

L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12: 1,439,791

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)

Table with 12 columns: Line number, Description, Sub-column (a-d), and Total amount. Rows include Revenue (1-12), Expenses (13-17), and Net Assets (18-21).

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses**

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
<b>22a</b>	Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach Schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>22a</b>			
<b>22b</b>	Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ 25,000 noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>22b</b>	25,000	25,000	
<b>23</b>	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	<b>23</b>			
<b>24</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	<b>24</b>			
<b>25a</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees etc. Listed in Part V-A (attach schedule)	<b>25a</b>	96,400	24,100	48,200
<b>b</b>	Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees etc. listed in Part V-B (attach schedule)	<b>25b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Compensation and other distributions not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)	<b>25c</b>			
<b>26</b>	Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b and c	<b>26</b>	957,376	816,976	65,626
<b>27</b>	Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b and c	<b>27</b>			
<b>28</b>	Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	<b>28</b>	161,213	138,719	9,640
<b>29</b>	Payroll taxes	<b>29</b>	79,356	61,802	9,215
<b>30</b>	Professional fundraising fees	<b>30</b>			
<b>31</b>	Accounting fees	<b>31</b>	13,123		13,123
<b>32</b>	Legal fees	<b>32</b>			
<b>33</b>	Supplies	<b>33</b>	10,327	7,439	908
<b>34</b>	Telephone	<b>34</b>	12,106	11,334	386
<b>35</b>	Postage and shipping	<b>35</b>	8,787	4,037	4,611
<b>36</b>	Occupancy	<b>36</b>	53,009	49,591	1,709
<b>37</b>	Equipment rental and maintenance	<b>37</b>	24,746	23,162	792
<b>38</b>	Printing and publications	<b>38</b>	54,769	44,183	9,068
<b>39</b>	Travel	<b>39</b>	24,442	13,467	10,787
<b>40</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	<b>40</b>	13,712	10,288	3,247
<b>41</b>	Interest	<b>41</b>			
<b>42</b>	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	<b>42</b>	16,737	13,026	3,711
<b>43</b>	Other expenses not covered above (itemize)				
<b>a</b>	See Additional Data Table	<b>43a</b>			
<b>b</b>		<b>43b</b>			
<b>c</b>		<b>43c</b>			
<b>d</b>		<b>43d</b>			
<b>e</b>		<b>43e</b>			
<b>f</b>		<b>43f</b>			
<b>g</b>		<b>43g</b>			
<b>44</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 22a through 43g (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	<b>44</b>	1,685,392	1,342,093	168,344

**Joint Costs.** Check  if you are following SOP 98-2

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)**

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

<p>What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <b>▶</b> MCEA is the legal and scientific voice protecting and defending Minnesota's environment. It works in the courts, the legislature and state agencies using science and policy to develop, communicate and implement environmental change. MCEA fills a critical niche in Minnesota by combining legal action and legislative work with science and communications to hold government accountable and enforce current environmental laws.</p> <p>All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)</p>	<p><b>Program Service Expenses</b> (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs, and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)</p>
<p><b>a</b> See Additional Data Table</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <b>▶</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>b</b></p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <b>▶</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>c</b></p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <b>▶</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>d</b></p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <b>▶</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>e</b> Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <b>▶</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>f Total of Program Service Expenses</b> (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) . . . . <b>▶</b></p>	<p>1,342,093</p>

**Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)**

**Note:** Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		<b>(A)</b>		<b>(B)</b>		
		Beginning of year		End of year		
<b>Assets</b>	<b>45</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		236,264	<b>45</b>	48,428	
	<b>46</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		837,770	<b>46</b>	972,732	
	<b>47a</b> Accounts receivable . . . . .	<b>47a</b>	79,441			
	<b>b</b> Less allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>47b</b>		102,226	<b>47c</b>	79,441
	<b>48a</b> Pledges receivable . . . . .	<b>48a</b>	199,700			
	<b>b</b> Less allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>48b</b>		570,623	<b>48c</b>	199,700
	<b>49</b> Grants receivable . . . . .				<b>49</b>	
	<b>50a</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .				<b>50a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule) . . . . .				<b>50b</b>	
	<b>51a</b> Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>51a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>51b</b>			<b>51c</b>	
	<b>52</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .				<b>52</b>	
	<b>53</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			16,165	<b>53</b>	16,350
	<b>54a</b> Investments—publicly-traded securities <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV			1,000,360	<b>54a</b>	908,444
	<b>b</b> Investments—other securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV			22,852	<b>54b</b>	45,967
	<b>55a</b> Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis . . . . .	<b>55a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>55b</b>			<b>55c</b>	
	<b>56</b> Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .				<b>56</b>	
<b>57a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment basis . . . . .	<b>57a</b>	127,046				
<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>57b</b>	121,765	22,018	<b>57c</b>	5,281	
<b>58</b> Other assets, including program-related investments (describe <input type="checkbox"/> _____ )				<b>58</b>		
<b>59 Total assets</b> (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58 . . . . .			2,808,278	<b>59</b>	2,276,343	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>60</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		69,122	<b>60</b>	68,157	
	<b>61</b> Grants payable . . . . .			<b>61</b>		
	<b>62</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .			<b>62</b>		
	<b>63</b> Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .			<b>63</b>		
	<b>64a</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .			<b>64a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .			<b>64b</b>		
	<b>65</b> Other liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/> _____ )			<b>65</b>		
<b>66 Total liabilities</b> Add lines 60 through 65 . . . . .			69,122	<b>66</b>	68,157	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74</b>					
	<b>67</b> Unrestricted . . . . .		1,267,659	<b>67</b>	1,093,089	
	<b>68</b> Temporarily restricted . . . . .		923,890	<b>68</b>	567,490	
	<b>69</b> Permanently restricted . . . . .		547,607	<b>69</b>	547,607	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74</b>					
	<b>70</b> Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .			<b>70</b>		
	<b>71</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund . . . . .			<b>71</b>		
	<b>72</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .			<b>72</b>		
	<b>73 Total net assets or fund balances</b> Add lines 67 through 69 <b>or</b> lines 70 through 72 (Column (A) <b>must</b> equal line 19 and column (B) <b>must</b> equal line 21) . . . . .			2,739,156	<b>73</b>	2,208,186
	<b>74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances</b> Add lines 66 and 73 . . . . .			2,808,278	<b>74</b>	2,276,343





**Part VI Other Information (continued)**

		Yes	No
<b>82a</b>	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	Yes	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II (See instructions in Part III)		
	<b>82b</b> 147,000		
<b>83a</b>	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	Yes	
<b>b</b>	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	Yes	
<b>84a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>85</b>	<b>501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations.</b> <b>a</b> Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes," was answered to either 85a or 85b, <b>do not</b> complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed the prior year		
<b>c</b>	Dues assessments, and similar amounts from members	<b>85c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	<b>85d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	<b>85e</b>	
<b>f</b>	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	<b>85f</b>	
<b>g</b>	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	<b>85g</b>	
<b>h</b>	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	<b>85h</b>	
<b>86</b>	<b>501(c)(7) orgs.</b> Enter <b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	<b>86a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>86b</b>	
<b>87</b>	<b>501(c)(12) orgs.</b> Enter <b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>87a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	<b>87b</b>	
<b>88a</b>	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX		No
<b>b</b>	At any time during the year, did the organization directly or indirectly own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If yes complete Part XI		No
<b>89a</b>	<b>501(c)(3) organizations</b> Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <u>0</u> , section 4912 <u>0</u> , section 4955 <u>0</u>		
<b>b</b>	<b>501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs.</b> Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction	<b>89b</b>	No
<b>c</b>	Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <u>0</u>		
<b>d</b>	Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		
<b>e</b>	<b>All organizations.</b> At any time during the tax year was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>89e</b>	No
<b>f</b>	<b>All organizations.</b> Did the organization acquire direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?	<b>89f</b>	No
<b>g</b>	<b>For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>89g</b>	
<b>90a</b>	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <u>MN</u>		
<b>b</b>	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2007 (See instructions)	<b>90b</b>	21
<b>91a</b>	The books are in care of <u>Jeri Lu Mattson</u> Telephone no <u>(651) 223-5969</u> <u>26 East Exchange St 206</u> Located at <u>St Paul, MN</u> ZIP + 4 <u>55101</u>		
<b>b</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1</b> , Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts	<b>91b</b>	No

**Part VI Other Information (continued)**

**c** At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? **91c**  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country

**92** Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041—Check here  and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **92**

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)**

**Note:** Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
<b>93</b> Program service revenue					
<b>a</b> Earned Income					170,014
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b> Medicare/Medicaid payments					
<b>g</b> Fees and contracts from government agencies					
<b>94</b> Membership dues and assessments					
<b>95</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	40,825	
<b>96</b> Dividends and interest from securities			14	27,052	
<b>97</b> Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
<b>a</b> debt-financed property					
<b>b</b> non debt-financed property					
<b>98</b> Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
<b>99</b> Other investment income					
<b>100</b> Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	-10,785	
<b>101</b> Net income or (loss) from special events					
<b>102</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
<b>103</b> Other revenue <b>a</b>					
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>					
<b>104</b> Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				57,092	170,014
<b>105</b> Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					227,106

**Note:** Line 105 plus line 1e, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)**

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
93a	Earned income consists of fees received in connection with legal matters and collaborative nonprofit activities related to Clean Air, Energy and Water Quality

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.)**

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)**

**(a)** Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**(b)** Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).



**Part XI Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities** Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13)

				Yes	No
<b>106</b> Did the reporting organization <b>make</b> any transfers <b>to</b> a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity					
	(A) Name and address of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer	
a					
b					
c					
<b>Totals</b>					

				Yes	No
<b>107</b> Did the reporting organization <b>receive</b> any transfers <b>from</b> a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity					
	(A) Name and address of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer	
a					
b					
c					
<b>Totals</b>					

		Yes	No
<b>108</b> Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006 covering the interests, rents, royalties and annuities described in question 107 above?			

<b>Please Sign Here</b>	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	***** Signature of officer	2008-09-14 Date	
	Martha Brand Executive Director Type or print name and title		

<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature	Date 2008-09-14	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst W)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Sherry D Heffernan Ltd 6650 Horseshoe Bend Drive Corcoran, MN 55340			EIN
				Phone no (763) 478-6518

**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 990 or  
990EZ)**

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

**Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)**

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2007**

Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue  
Service

Name of the organization  
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Advocacy

**Employer identification number**

23-7412105

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
David Bach 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Develop Director 40 00	68,525	11,720	0
Paul Aasen 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Advocacy Director 40 00	70,879	8,078	0
Kris Sigford 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Water Quality Dir 40 00	66,374	9,726	0
Janette Brimmer 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Legal Director 40 00	65,868	9,158	0
Allison Wolf 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Legis Dir 40 00	61,507	8,224	0
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶	13			

**Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individual or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

**Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services**

(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individual or firms. If there are none, enter "None". See page 2 for instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
EBLDG 6 West Fifth Street St Paul, MN 55102	Landlord	53,008
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶		

**Part III Statements About Activities** (See page 2 of the instructions.)**Yes No**

<b>1</b> During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, include any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ <u>55,792</u> (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line 1 of Part VI-B ) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities	<b>1</b>	Yes	
<b>2</b> During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.) <b>a</b> Sale, exchange, or leasing property?	<b>2a</b>		No
<b>b</b> Lending of money or other extension of credit?	<b>2b</b>		No
<b>c</b> Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	<b>2c</b>		No
<b>d</b> Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	<b>2d</b>	Yes	
<b>e</b> Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	<b>2e</b>		No
<b>3a</b> Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments )	<b>3a</b>		No
<b>b</b> Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?	<b>3b</b>		No
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment , historic land areas or structures? If "Yes" attach a detailed statement	<b>3c</b>		No
<b>d</b> Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?	<b>3d</b>		No
<b>4a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g	<b>4a</b>		No
<b>b</b> Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>4c</b>		
<b>d</b> Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶ _____			
<b>e</b> Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶ _____			
<b>f</b> Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the tax year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts ▶ <u>0</u>			
<b>g</b> Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year ▶ <u>0</u>			

**Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status** (See pages 4 through 7 of the instructions.)

I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **ONE** applicable box )

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6  A school Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V )
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
- 8  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) **Enter the hospital's name, city, and state**  \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11b  A community trust Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 12  An organization that normally receives **(1) more than 33 1/3%** of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc , functions—subject to certain exceptions, and **(2) no more than 33 1/3%** of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A )
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3) Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization  
 Type I     Type II     Type III - Functionally Integrated     Type III - Other

**Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (see page 7 of the instructions.)**

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>					

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 7 of the instructions )

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12 ) **Use cash method of accounting.**

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2005	(c) 2004	(d) 2003	(e) Total
<b>15</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants See line 28 )	1,536,787	1,825,816	1,673,546	695,178	5,731,327
<b>16</b> Membership fees received					0
<b>17</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc , purpose	186,370	70,000	130,989	71,233	458,592
<b>18</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	70,347	62,188	43,899	16,845	193,279
<b>19</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					0
<b>20</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					0
<b>21</b> The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					0
<b>22</b> Other income Attach a schedule Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					0
<b>23</b> Total of lines 15 through 22	1,793,504	1,958,004	1,848,434	783,256	6,383,198
<b>24</b> Line 23 minus line 17	1,607,134	1,888,004	1,717,445	712,023	5,924,606
<b>25</b> Enter 1% of line 23	17,935	19,580	18,484	7,833	
<b>26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:</b> <b>a</b> Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					118,492
<b>b</b> Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2002 through 2005 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Enter the total of all these excess amounts					2,146,125
<b>c</b> Total support for section 509(a)(1) test Enter line 24, column (e)					5,924,606
<b>d</b> Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 193,279 19 0 22 26 b 2,146,125					2,339,404
<b>e</b> Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					3,585,202
<b>f</b> <b>Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))</b>					6051 38 %
<b>27 Organizations described on line 12:</b> <b>a</b> For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person " <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Enter the sum of such amounts for each year (2006) _____ (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____					
<b>b</b> For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the <b>larger</b> of <b>(1)</b> the amount on line 25 for the year or <b>(2)</b> \$5,000 (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals ) <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in <b>(1)</b> or <b>(2)</b> , enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year (2006) _____ (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____					
<b>c</b> Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 15 16 _____ 17 20 _____ 21 _____					27c
<b>d</b> Add Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____					27d
<b>e</b> Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					27e
<b>f</b> Total support for section 509(a)(2) test Enter amount from line 23, column (e)					27f
<b>g</b> <b>Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))</b>					27g
<b>h</b> <b>Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))</b>					27h
<b>28 Unusual Grants:</b> For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2002 through 2005, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Do not include these grants in line 15					

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions.)**(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)**

	Yes	No
<b>29</b> Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b> Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe, if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement )	<b>31</b>	
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<b>32</b> Does the organization maintain the following	<b>32a</b>	
<b>a</b> Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	<b>32a</b>	
<b>b</b> Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on racially nondiscriminatory basis?	<b>32b</b>	
<b>c</b> Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	<b>32c</b>	
<b>d</b> Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	<b>32d</b>	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement )		
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<b>33</b> Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
<b>a</b> Students' rights or privileges?	<b>33a</b>	
<b>b</b> Admissions policies?	<b>33b</b>	
<b>c</b> Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	<b>33c</b>	
<b>d</b> Scholarships or other financial assistance?	<b>33d</b>	
<b>e</b> Educational policies?	<b>33e</b>	
<b>f</b> Use of facilities?	<b>33f</b>	
<b>g</b> Athletic programs?	<b>33g</b>	
<b>h</b> Other extracurricular activities?	<b>33h</b>	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement )		
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<b>34a</b> Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	<b>34a</b>	
<b>b</b> Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement	<b>34b</b>	
<b>35</b> Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	<b>35</b>	

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the instructions.)(To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)Check  **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check  **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b>		<b>(a)</b> Affiliated group totals	<b>(b)</b> To be completed for all electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred )			
<b>36</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	<b>36</b>	0
<b>37</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	<b>37</b>	55,792
<b>38</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	<b>38</b>	55,792
<b>39</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures	<b>39</b>	1,629,600
<b>40</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	<b>40</b>	1,685,392
<b>41</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table— <b>If the amount on line 40 is—</b> <b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is—</b> Not over \$500,000                                      20% of the amount on line 40 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000      \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000    \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000   \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000                                    \$1,000,000	<b>41</b>	234,270
<b>42</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	<b>42</b>	58,568
<b>43</b>	Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	<b>43</b>	0
<b>44</b>	Subtract line 41 from line 38 Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	<b>44</b>	0
<b>Caution:</b> If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.			

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below  
See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions )

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2007	(b) 2006	(c) 2005	(d) 2004	(e) Total
<b>45</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	234,270	240,050	241,732	233,137	949,189
<b>46</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					1,423,784
<b>47</b> Total lobbying expenditures	55,792	78,876	41,942	68,260	244,870
<b>48</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	58,568	60,013	60,433	58,284	237,298
<b>49</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					355,947
<b>50</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	8,797	1,675	1,928	12,400

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Volunteers			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines <b>c</b> through <b>h</b> .)			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
<b>i</b> Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines <b>c</b> through <b>h</b> .)			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities





## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 23-7412105

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Advocacy

### Form 990, Part II, Line 43 - Other expenses not covered above (itemize):

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.</i>		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
<b>a</b> Legal disbursementlibrary	<b>43a</b>	14,546	14,546		
<b>b</b> Investment fees	<b>43b</b>	10,065		10,065	
<b>c</b> Legislative expenses	<b>43c</b>	2,673	2,673		
<b>d</b> Dues & subscriptions	<b>43d</b>	13,812	9,930	98	3,784
<b>e</b> Insurance	<b>43e</b>	10,740	1,273	9,467	
<b>f</b> Consultants	<b>43f</b>	59,319	52,538	6,432	349
<b>g</b> Miscellaneous	<b>43g</b>	2,822	957	1,843	22
<b>h</b> Marketing and branding	<b>43h</b>	20,312	17,052	3,260	

**Form 990, Part III - Program Service Accomplishments:**

<p><b>All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)</b></p>	<p><b>Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)</b></p>
<p><b>a</b> WATER QUALITY PROGRAM MCEA's water quality program is focused on protecting Minnesota's greatest natural resource and economic asset - its water. This program addresses threats to lakes and rivers, particularly in the Mississippi, Lake Superior, and Red River watersheds. Highlights of our work include Strengthening Protections. For the first time in seven years, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) revised the state's water quality standards in 2008. MCEA played an active role in the rulemaking process, submitting comments and expert testimony. The standards ultimately adopted provide critical protections for lakes, but continue to leave Minnesota's rivers vulnerable to degradation by phosphorous and nitrogen pollution. MCEA met with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and called on the agency to require Minnesota to extend nutrient standards to Minnesota's 92,000 miles of rivers and streams. MCEA also petitioned for new anti-degradation rules to better protect lakes and rivers that are significantly cleaner than standards require. Water Quality Restoration. The Minnesota Court of Appeals agreed with MCEA that a water discharge permit issued by the state to Alexandria for an expanded sewage treatment plant would lead to increased phosphorus pollution in Lake Winona, which the state already lists as severely impaired by excess phosphorus. MCEA argued the case before the state Supreme Court on an appeal from the Pollution Control Agency and is awaiting its decision. MCEA also worked to shape the state's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study and implementation plan for cutting statewide mercury emissions by 90 percent. MCEA is continuing its work on the state's TMDL for Lake Pepin. Collaborating with Mississippi River States. In an effort to improve water quality along the entire length of the Mississippi River, MCEA serves as a leader in the McKnight Foundation's Mississippi River Water Quality Collaborative. The effort, which includes participants from the river's main stem states, aims to achieve full implementation of the Clean Water Act, to cut pollution in the Mississippi River basin, and to address the Dead Zone in the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ 8,334) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>374,665</p>
<p><b>b</b> TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE MCEA's land use and transportation program advocates for public policy platforms and funding mechanisms that support an efficient mix of land uses and more compact forms of development, provide a broad set of choices for how we live and get around, protect the environment, and improve public health. MCEA has been working to build business and public support for a balanced system of multimodal transportation and a dedicated source of funding for public transit. We also advocate for policies that will encourage more transit-oriented forms of development. Highlights of our work include Expanding Transit Options. MCEA has collaborated with government, business, and environmental and transit allies for many years to highlight Minnesota's transit needs and develop proposals to adequately fund them. During the 2008 legislative session, MCEA worked with a coalition of business, nonprofit, and government leaders to pass a substantial transportation funding package and then successfully override the governor's veto of the bill. The veto override was a historic victory for transit funding and one of the most important accomplishments of the 2008 session. The final transportation bill included a quarter-cent metro area sales tax dedicated to building out the Twin Cities' network of transitways, a five-cent per gallon gas tax, and a gas tax surcharge that will decrease over time as road construction debt is paid off. Researching Solutions. The tragic collapse of the 35W bridge spotlighted the fragile state of Minnesota's transportation infrastructure and the desperate need for secure transportation funding. When the state released its first plan for the new 35W bridge without light rail capacity, MCEA worked with the city of Minneapolis to provide the state with examples of bridges that accommodated light rail and gave the city the legal expertise to stop the state from moving forward with plans to build the bridge without light rail, if necessary. The state revised its plans to include light rail. Also following the bridge collapse, MCEA used public data to map 3,200 structurally deficient or functionally obsolete bridges throughout Minnesota. A second map showed the vulnerable bridges by legislative district and how elected officials in each district voted on transportation funding. The maps were an invaluable resource for citizens concerned about the condition of Minnesota's transportation systems. Encouraging Transit-Oriented Development. MCEA is working with community groups, local businesses, churches, transit advocates, and the city of Saint Paul to set high standards for transit-oriented development around the Central Corridor light rail line. MCEA will advocate implementation of the Central Corridor Task Force recommendations and zoning and mixed use development that provides maximum benefits to community businesses.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ 8,333) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>236,214</p>
<p><b>c</b> PUBLIC HEALTH MCEA's public health program addresses the risks posed by toxic chemicals in our air, water, and soil. Our focus includes advocating for policies to protect children's health, identifying links between environmental pollutants and disease and removing the risk factors, and improving management and reducing the use of hazardous pesticides contaminating Minnesota's drinking and surface waters. Highlights of our work include Precautionary Policy. MCEA works to develop and advance science-based precautionary policy to protect Minnesotans from diseases linked to environmental pollutants. MCEA conceived and advocated a cancer-risk reduction act during the 2008 legislative session designed to increase protections against carcinogenic chemicals in Minnesota's environment. While the bill passed policy committees, it was not funded. MCEA has also begun advocating better policy to protect young children from lead exposure, which can have harmful effects on their brain and nervous systems. Informing the Public and Policymakers. An educational op-ed about the effects of acetochlor published in the Minneapolis Star Tribune in February was among MCEA's efforts to communicate the findings of scientific studies and technical data in plain language to the public and policymakers to help guide their decisions on the acceptability of environmental health risks. Advisory Committee Service. MCEA's public health staff serves on several government scientific advisory committees, including the Environmental Health Tracking &amp; Biomonitoring Panel, Pesticide Management Plan Committee, and Minnesota Department of Health Cancer Work Group Scientific Support in Court. MCEA's public health program researched the health effects of asbestos fibers emitted by mining operations for a case being argued by MCEA's legal team. MCEA sought to prevent Northshore Mining Co. from gaining an air pollution permit that would allow their plant in Silver Bay, Minn. to emit more of the fibers. A U.S. District Court judge agreed with MCEA that the mining company should continue to follow the standard in its current permit. Following that decision, MCEA argued the case before the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. That court has not yet issued its decision.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>266,261</p>
<p><b>d</b> WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MCEA's wildlife and natural resources program seeks to protect and enhance the many natural treasures Minnesotans enjoy and cherish. We are currently working to protect the sustainability of Minnesota's forests and environmentally sensitive lakes and rivers, and advocating for policies that protect wetlands and the species that depend upon them from damage and destruction. Some highlights of our work include Securing Long-Term Water and Habitat Funding. Passage of dedicated funding early in the 2008 legislative session was a victory. MCEA worked toward for nine-years, taking a lead role in a vital coalition of hunting, angling, arts, and conservation groups. If approved by voters, the constitutional amendment, which will be on the November ballot, will raise the state's sales tax 0.375 percent for 25 years. The money will go for clean water, wildlife habitat, and culture. Defending Wetlands. MCEA filed suit against Kittson County and its contractor for illegal drainage and filling of rare wetlands in the Beaches Lake Wildlife Management Area, one of the largest public hunting grounds in the state and habitat for rare and threatened bird and plant species. The case is scheduled for trial in early November, 2008. MCEA continues its participation in the state's Wetland Conservation Act assessment process reviewing Minnesota's wetland laws and working toward potential changes. MCEA also participated in the state drainage work group established by the Legislature in 2007. This group reviews state drainage policy and has developed proposed changes for the next legislative session. Protecting Minnesota's Waters. MCEA petitioned the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to begin rulemaking for new shoreland rules governing development and other construction on Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. The department refused, but the Legislature took up the cause and ordered the DNR to begin statewide rulemaking. MCEA will sit on the Statewide External Advisory Committee for the rulemaking process, new rules are expected sometime in 2009. Over the past year, MCEA participated in the Dock Advisory Committee, which made recommendations to the DNR on rules governing dock construction. Continued activity on this issue prompted a new rulemaking process set to begin in the fall of 2008. In the courts, MCEA scored a victory when a district court judge ordered the MPCA to begin regulating ballast water discharged by ships in Lake Superior to prevent a deadly fish virus and other invasive species from reaching the lake. Curtailing Off-Highway Vehicle Use in Sensitive Areas. MCEA commented on the U.S. Forest Service travel management plans for the Chippewa and Superior national forests, and continues its efforts to ensure that the Forest Stewardship Council's forest certification standards contain meaningful direction for OHV allowance and management on public lands. Supporting the Next Generation of Biofuels. MCEA monitored and submitted comments to the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group and lobbied at the Minnesota Legislature to support and fund universally beneficial biomass energy sources. These include restored native prairie, a desirable alternative to carbon-counterproductive and ecologically destructive biomass energy sources like clearcut forests. Red River Basin Mediation. As part of the Red River Basin mediation agreement, MCEA continues to participate on teams that are moving projects forward to reduce flood damage and enhance natural resource values of the river. MCEA was the lead author of a paper guiding the inclusion and evaluation of natural resource enhancements in those projects. MCEA has also been active in conducting natural resource assessments for use in two comprehensive watershed district plans, and serves on the mediation group's Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ 8,333) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>233,319</p>
<p><b>e</b> CLEAN ENERGY &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE MCEA's clean energy program focuses on long-term development of modern and sustainable energy sources for Minnesota and the replacement of out-dated, environmentally harmful energy sources. The program provides legal representation to clean energy advocacy organizations in Minnesota, and lobbies for a variety of clean energy and energy efficiency measures at the Capitol. Combating climate change is central to the clean energy program and plays an increasingly influential role in MCEA's legal and legislative work. MCEA's work in these areas includes Challenging Coal Plants. MCEA and its partners oppose the proposed Big Stone II coal-fired power plant in Milbank, S.D., primarily based on its projected huge carbon dioxide emissions. The Big Stone II utilities need a certificate of need from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to construct power lines through Minnesota. In May, two administrative law judges recommended the certificate of need be denied. The judges ended their recommendation with a strongly-worded finding that the five utilities repeatedly failed to live up to Minnesota's utility regulation laws on finding the least-cost options and including renewable energy and energy-efficiency in their cost calculations. After MCEA presented its arguments before the MPUC in June, the commission decided to hire its own experts to look at the data before making a final decision. Representing Renewable Energy. MCEA is representing several renewable energy groups in support of the CapX 2020 plan, which will expand Minnesota's high-voltage transmission system through some of the state's most wind-rich regions. In contrast to the Big Stone II transmission lines, with the right conditions the CapX 2020 power lines will facilitate delivery of renewable energy to consumers and provide the necessary infrastructure to support the development of Minnesota's wind resources. This expanded transmission capacity is essential for Minnesota utilities to meet the state's ambitious Renewable Energy Standard. At the Legislature. MCEA advocated a variety of bills dealing with energy efficiency and climate change in 2008 that the Legislature enacted. MCEA conceived and helped pass a bill to regulate superwarmers, greenhouse gases that have greater potential to accelerate climate change than carbon dioxide. Under the new law, the leakage rate of automobile air-conditioners, which contain superwarmer refrigerants, will be posted on the Minnesota Attorney-General's Web site. This reporting system is the first of its kind in the nation. Other superwarmer emissions will also be reported in order to measure the extent of the problem, which is largely unknown. Tackling carbon dioxide emissions, the Legislature authorized a study of the impacts of a proposed regional cap and trade program. MCEA advocated for a variety of energy efficiency measures that will create jobs and reduce energy costs. Sustainable Building 2030 will require ever stronger building performance standards, so that by 2030, buildings will emit few, if any, global warming gases. Successfully included in the bonding bill was MCEA's proposal requiring major renovations of public buildings to be 30 percent more efficient than code requirements. The bonding bill also requires that solar and wind power provide two percent of future state buildings' energy needs. Advising Policymakers. MCEA board and staff members were appointed to the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group, which completed its work in February 2008. Created by the governor, the group was charged with developing policy recommendations to reduce and capture statewide greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>231,634</p>

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Martha Brand 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Executive Director 40 00	89,436	6,964	0
Vanya S Hogen 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Chair 707 - 1207 2 00	0	0	0
Kent White 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Treasurer 2 00	0	0	0
Cecily Hines 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Chair 108 - 608 2 00	0	0	0
Sandra Tauferner 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Secretary Nonvoting 1 00	0	0	0
Mary Horak Binger 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 2 00	0	0	0
Roy House 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Bridget Hust 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Merritt Clapp-Smith 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 2 00	0	0	0
Charles Dayton 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 2 00	0	0	0

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Robert Dunn 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Janet Green 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Roger Holmes 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Douglas Kelley 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Michael Kleber-Diggs 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Dee Long 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Steve Piragis 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Nancy Speer 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director Vice Chair 2 00	0	0	0
Byron Starns 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
John Helland 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0

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Kim Carlson 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Gene Merriam 26 East Exchange Street 206 St Paul, MN 55105	Director 1 00	0	0	0

**TY 2007 Cash Grants Paid Schedule**

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
 Advocacy

**EIN:** 23-7412105

Class of Activity	Recipient's name	Address	Amount	Relationship
Grant	Vote Yes Minnesota	2334 University Ave West 3150 St Paul, MN 55114	25,000	None

**TY 2007 Depreciation and Depletion Schedule**

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Advocacy

**EIN:** 23-7412105

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Office improvements	1,447
2 laptop workstations	569
Computer system	14,721

**TY 2007 Gain/Loss from Sale of Public Securities Schedule**

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Advocacy

**EIN:** 23-7412105

**Gross Sales Price:** 199,580

**Basis:** 210,365

**Sales Expenses:** 0

**Total (net):** -10,785



**TY 2007 Investments - Securities Schedule**

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
 Advocacy

**EIN:** 23-7412105

Description	Book Value	Cost/FMV
Money market funds	45,967	F

**TY 2007 Land etc. Schedule**

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
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<b>Category/Item</b>	<b>Cost/Other Basis</b>	<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>Book Value</b>
Office equipment	52,340	52,340	0
Computer	1,960	1,960	0
Office improvements	14,471	9,406	5,065
Hardwaresoftware	5,215	5,215	0
2 laptop workstations	3,765	3,765	0
Computer	1,885	1,885	0
IBM PC computer	2,599	2,599	0
Computer system	44,811	44,595	216

## TY 2007 Other Changes in Net Assets Schedule

**Name:** Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
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**EIN:** 23-7412105

Description	Amount
Unrealized gain on investments	-75,004