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Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of
Independent Certified Public Accountants

BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.
(A California Nonprofit Corporation)

June 30, 2017

(With Summarized Comparative Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2016)

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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

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Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Braille Institute of America, Inc. (the “Institute”), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management’s responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Institute’s preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 Institute’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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Braille Institute of America, Inc. as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other matters

Report on 2016 summarized comparative information

We have previously audited the Institute's 2016 consolidated financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated September 2, 2016. In our opinion, the accompanying summarized comparative information as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Grant Thornton LLP

Los Angeles, California
September 7, 2017

Braille Institute of America, Inc.
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2017
(With Summarized Comparative Financial Information as of June 30, 2016)
(In Thousands)

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,958	\$ 6,292
Marketable investment securities (Note 3)	141,250	116,005
Investments in gift annuity contracts (Note 3)	6,264	5,961
Contributions receivable (Note 5)	2,011	819
Accounts receivable	207	280
Prepaid expenses and inventories	209	402
Long-term other investments (Note 6)	166	166
Beneficial interest in trusts	1,938	1,734
Other assets	417	417
Prepaid pension (Note 9)	1,314	-
Land, buildings and equipment, net (Note 7)	26,175	26,634
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 181,909	\$ 158,710
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,328	\$ 2,968
Pension liabilities (Note 9)	-	2,001
Gift annuity liabilities and benefit payments	4,398	4,060
Total liabilities	6,726	9,029
Net assets		
Unrestricted	134,324	114,894
Temporarily restricted	16,956	14,990
Permanently restricted	23,903	19,797
Total net assets	175,183	149,681
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 181,909	\$ 158,710

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended June 30, 2017
(With Summarized Comparative Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2016)
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	2017			2016	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
Operating:					
Revenues:					
Public support and other revenues					
Public support:					
Bequests	\$ 14,403	\$ 2,234	\$ -	\$ 16,637	\$ 8,949
Trusts	366	10	-	376	434
Contributions	2,150	3,310	3,952	9,412	10,969
Total public support	<u>16,919</u>	<u>5,554</u>	<u>3,952</u>	<u>26,425</u>	<u>20,352</u>
Other revenues:					
Investment income	5,146	276	-	5,422	5,080
State library appropriation	-	690	-	690	692
Rent and miscellaneous	78	-	-	78	46
Braille Challenge Grant	112	-	-	112	152
Total other revenues	<u>5,336</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,302</u>	<u>5,970</u>
Net assets released from restrictions:					
State library	690	(690)	-	-	-
Program and time restrictions	4,922	(4,922)	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>27,867</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>3,952</u>	<u>32,727</u>	<u>26,322</u>
Expenses:					
Program services:					
Educational programs and services	12,019	-	-	12,019	12,390
Library services	2,791	-	-	2,791	3,013
Braille publishing, net of revenue of \$ 0 in 2017 and \$ 0 in 2016	752	-	-	752	926
Depreciation expense	1,296	-	-	1,296	1,431
Total program services	<u>16,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,858</u>	<u>17,760</u>
Supporting services:					
Administration	897	-	-	897	801
General operations	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,730
Philanthropy (fund-raising)	3,325	-	-	3,325	3,683
Marketing and communications	756	-	-	756	938
Depreciation expense	70	-	-	70	108
Total supporting services	<u>6,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,608</u>	<u>7,260</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,466</u>	<u>25,020</u>
Total change in net assets from operating activities	<u>4,401</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>3,952</u>	<u>9,261</u>	<u>1,302</u>
Nonoperating:					
Realized and unrealized investment gains (losses), net	13,220	1,058	154	14,432	(1,963)
Gain on sale of real property and other assets	29	-	-	29	2,543
Change in pension liability	2,170	-	-	2,170	(2,933)
Change in value of beneficial interests in trusts	(390)	-	-	(390)	(434)
Total change in net assets from nonoperating activities	<u>15,029</u>	<u>1,058</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>16,241</u>	<u>(2,787)</u>
Total change in net assets	19,430	1,966	4,106	25,502	(1,485)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>114,894</u>	<u>14,990</u>	<u>19,797</u>	<u>149,681</u>	<u>151,166</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 134,324</u>	<u>\$ 16,956</u>	<u>\$ 23,903</u>	<u>\$ 175,183</u>	<u>\$ 149,681</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended June 30, 2017
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	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Changes in net assets	\$ 25,502	\$ (1,485)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,367	1,539
(Decrease)/increase in pension liability	(3,315)	1,061
Investments acquired through stock donation	(11)	(9)
(Increase)/decrease in beneficial interest	(204)	72
Actuarial adjustment for gift annuities	1,088	570
Unrealized (gain)/loss on investments	(12,927)	3,539
Realized gain on investments	(1,302)	(1,648)
Gain on sale of real property and other assets	(29)	(2,543)
Contributions for long-term investment in gift annuity contracts	(1,089)	(570)
Permanently restricted contributions	(3,952)	(7,033)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable, prepaid expense and inventories	266	(95)
(Increase)/decrease in contributions receivable	(1,192)	51
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(640)	(648)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,562	(7,199)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of land and other assets	29	7,523
Capital improvements and purchases of equipment and land	(908)	(873)
Purchases of investments	(14,289)	(15,430)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,981	10,371
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(12,187)	1,591
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Contributions of gift annuity contracts	1,089	570
Payments of gift annuity contracts	(750)	(776)
Payments of permanently restricted contributions	3,952	7,033
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,291	6,827
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,334)	1,219
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	6,292	5,073
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,958	\$ 6,292
Supplemental Cash Flow Information		
Non-cash gifts - securities received	\$ 11	\$ 9

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - INSTITUTE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Institute

Braille Institute of America, Inc. (the “Institute”) is a private, nonprofit institute offering its programs and services at no charge to legally blind men, women and children of all ages. Its educational training, programs and services are directed toward one primary objective – helping those who have lost or never had the gift of sight to lead full, productive lives.

The Institute receives financial support through individual contributions, bequests and foundation grants. Community groups also assist significantly through sponsorship of many events and activities.

Basis of Reporting

The consolidated financial statements include the Institute and Braille Institute of America, Inc. Charitable Gift Annuity Fund (the “Fund”) and beneficial interests in charitable trusts.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“US GAAP”).

Net Assets

The Institute reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets.

Unrestricted Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. The only limits on unrestricted net assets are the broad limits resulting from the nature of the Institute and the purposes specified in its articles of incorporation or bylaws and, perhaps, limits resulting from contractual agreements. Unrestricted net assets include Board-designated funds and realized and unrealized investment gains and losses.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

These are net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the Institute is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Institute pursuant to those stipulations. All temporarily restricted net assets are available for general time restrictions related to program activities.

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Net Assets (continued)

Permanently Restricted Net Assets

These are net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the Institute is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the Institute. All permanently restricted net assets are available for endowment.

Non-Operating

Non-operating revenues and expenses include all realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, change in value of beneficial interest in trusts and change in the pension liability. All other activity is classified as operating revenue and expense.

Donated Services

Many individuals have donated time and services to advance the Institute's programs and objectives. In some instances, the value of these services has not been recorded in the consolidated financial statements because they do not meet the requirements for recognition under US GAAP. While the value of donated labor is not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements, the financial results of fund-raising and other activities are included.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are considered to be cash equivalents. Short-term investments with an original maturity greater than three months are included in investments. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. The Institute maintains cash in various financial institutions that periodically, and as of year-end, exceeds federally insured limits of \$250. Management does not consider this concentration to be a significant credit risk. Certain items which meet the definition of cash equivalents but are part of a larger pool of investments are included in marketable investment securities.

Marketable Investment Securities

Marketable investment securities include bond and equity mutual funds, money market funds and bond mutual funds, are valued at fair value. Interest and dividends are accrued as earned or declared. Investments which are valued at net asset value ("NAV") do not have any future commitments, redemption or lock up periods.

Investments for Gift Annuity Contracts

Investments for gift annuity contracts include U.S. Treasury bills and government bonds with maturities of one year or more. These investments are valued at fair value. The fair values of investments in securities traded on national securities exchanges are valued at the closing price on the last business day of the fiscal year; securities traded on the over-the-counter market are valued at the last reported bid price.

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NOTE 1 - INSTITUTE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -
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Inventories

Inventories consist of store merchandise and press department materials. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) basis.

Long-Term Other Investments

Long-term other investments are carried at the lower of cost or market value, except for oil and gas lease rights, which are carried at nominal values due to uncertainties inherent in any valuation of future royalty revenues.

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities: Scope – Investments*, the Institute records all in-kind donations at their fair value at the time of donation and the Institute continues to report in-kind donations at their carrying value or cost, including oil and gas interests.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management reviews each asset or asset group for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. The review of recoverability is based on management’s estimate of the undiscounted future cash flows that are expected to result from the asset’s use and eventual disposition. These cash flows consider factors such as expected future operating income, trends and prospects, as well as, the effects of competition and other factors. If an impairment event exists due to the projected inability to recover the carrying value of an asset or asset group, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying value exceeds estimated fair value. No impairment was recorded by the Institute during the year ended June 30, 2017.

Beneficial Interest in Trusts

The Institute is also a beneficiary of irrevocable split-interest agreements, consisting primarily of charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts administered by other trustees. A receivable is recorded at the estimated fair value of the amount held by the trustee that is due to the Institute. The Institute uses an interest rate commensurate with the risks involved to discount the contribution receivable. The amortization of this discount and changes in assumptions are reflected in the consolidated statement of activities as a change in value of beneficial interest.

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NOTE 1 - INSTITUTE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -
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Land, Buildings and Equipment

Additions to land, buildings and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated assets are recorded at fair value at the time of donation. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, forty years for the building, generally three to ten years for furniture, equipment and vehicles. The Institute's policy is to capitalize all asset improvements in excess of \$5 that extend the useful life or increase the utility of the property.

Taxes

The Institute was organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California. The Institute has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Institute has also been recognized by the California Franchise Tax Board as an organization that is exempt from California franchise and income taxes under Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. However, the Institute is subject to income taxes on income that is derived from a trade or business, regularly carried on, and not in furtherance of the purposes for which it was granted exemption. Since the Institute had no obligation for unrelated business income tax for the year ended June 30, 2017, no provisions for federal or state income taxes are required.

Tax positions taken related to the Institute's tax exempt status, unrelated business activities taxable income and deductibility of expenses and other miscellaneous tax positions have been reviewed, and management is of the opinion that material positions taken by the Institute would more likely than not be sustained by examination. Accordingly, the Institute has not recorded an income tax liability for uncertain tax benefits as of June 30, 2017 and no material change is anticipated for the 12 months following June 30, 2017. As of June 30, 2017, the Institute's federal returns for the tax years ended June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2016 and state returns for June 30, 2013 through June 30, 2016 remain open and subject to examination. Returns for the period ended June 30, 2017 will be filed by the statutory due dates.

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NOTE 1 - INSTITUTE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -
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Summarized Information

The consolidated financial statements include certain prior-year summarized consolidated financial information in total, but not by net asset category. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Institute's consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, from which the summarized information was derived.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses. While management believes that these estimates are adequate as of June 30, 2017, it is possible that actual results could differ from those estimates.

Functional Expense Reporting

The costs of providing program and supporting services have been summarized by function, based on estimates developed by management.

Accounts Receivable Valuation

Accounts receivable are considered by management to be fully collectible.

Revenue and Expense Recognition

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenue in the period received and are reported as increases in the appropriate class of net assets. Contributions where donor restrictions are met within the same fiscal year as the contribution is received are included in unrestricted net assets. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. Contributions to be received after one year are discounted at an appropriate discount rate.

An allowance for uncollectible contributions is estimated based upon such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution and nature of fundraising activity. Expenses are recognized when incurred.

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NOTE 1 - INSTITUTE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -
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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-07, *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or its Equivalent)*. The guidance specifically clarifies how investments valued using the net asset value (NAV) practical expedient within the fair value hierarchy should be classified. The ASU was issued in order to address diversity in practice. The amended standard’s key position exempts investments measured using the NAV practical expedient from categorization within the fair value hierarchy and related disclosures. The new guidance is effective for the Institute for the year ended June 30, 2017, with early adoption permitted. This ASU has no impact on the Institute’s financial statements.

In August 2016, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ASU 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958)*. The guidance is intended to improve how a not-for-profit (NFP) entity classifies its net assets, as well as the information it presents in its financial statements about its liquidity, financial performance and cash flows. The main provisions of this update require an NFP to do the following:

- Present net assets in two classes instead of three – net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions.
- Continue to present the statement of cash flows using either direct or indirect methods but no longer require the presentation of the indirect method (reconciliation) if using the direct method.
- Provide enhanced disclosures about:
 - Amounts and purposes of governing board designations;
 - Composition of net assets with donor restrictions and how the restrictions affect the use of resources;
 - Qualitative information about how an NFP manages its liquid resources;
 - Qualitative information about the availability of financial assets;
 - Expenses in both their natural and functional classes;
 - Description of cost allocation methods; and
 - Information about underwater endowments disclosing the NFP’s policy, aggregate fair value of the funds, aggregate value of the original gift amount and aggregate amount by which the funds are underwater.

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NOTE 1 - INSTITUTE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -
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Recent Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

- Report investment return net of external and direct internal investment expenses without disclosure of the netted expenses.
- Use of the “placed-in-service” approach for reporting restriction releases for gifts used to acquire or construct long-lived assets.

The new guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Institute is in the process of evaluating the impact of this standard on its operations.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

A summary of the composition of cash and cash equivalents follows:

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Interest-bearing accounts	\$ 515	\$ 4,664
Non-interest bearing accounts	1,437	1,622
Petty cash	6	6
Total	\$ 1,958	\$ 6,292

NOTE 3 - MARKETABLE INVESTMENT SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN GIFT
ANNUITY CONTRACTS

A summary of the composition of the Institute’s marketable investment securities follows:

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Fixed income funds	\$ 30,533	\$ 27,763
Real estate funds	10,974	11,184
Equity mutual funds	99,638	76,962
Money market funds	105	96
Total	\$ 141,250	\$ 116,005

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NOTE 3 - MARKETABLE INVESTMENT SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN GIFT
ANNUITY CONTRACTS - Continued

A summary of the composition of investments in gift annuity contracts follows:

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Fixed income funds	\$ 2,345	\$ 2,157
Real Estate funds	607	623
Equity mutual funds	3,292	2,999
Money market funds	20	182
Total	<u>\$ 6,264</u>	<u>\$ 5,961</u>

The Institute holds significant investments in the form of fixed-income and equity securities. Market risk is the risk of a decline in the fair value of the investment portfolio due to adverse financial market conditions. The Institute is exposed to market risk for the total amount of the investments.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

The Institute accounts for its investments at fair value. ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, defines fair value, establishes a framework used to measure fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This standard prioritizes, within the measurement of fair value, the use of market-based information over entity-specific information and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurement based on the transparency of information, such as the pricing source, used in the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date, without adjustment. The types of investments in Level 1 include listed equities held in the name of the Institute and exclude listed equities and other securities held indirectly through commingled funds.

Level 2 – Valuations based on inputs, including broker quotes, in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are either directly or indirectly observable for similar assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.

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NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS - Continued

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable, as they trade infrequently and therefore have little or no price transparency. These inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation and typical investments of the category are privately held investments and partnership interests.

The determination of where an asset or liability falls in the hierarchy requires significant judgment. The Institute evaluates its hierarchy disclosures each reporting period and based on various factors, it is possible that an asset or liability may be classified differently from period to period. However, the Institute expects that changes in classifications between different levels will be rare.

The Institute's valuation methodologies used for mutual funds measured at fair value is based on NAV of shares held by the Institute at year end. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2017.

Mutual funds – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The funds and accounts held by the Institute are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds and accounts are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The funds and accounts held by the Institute are deemed to be actively traded. The money market funds are valued at the NAV of shares held by the Institute at year end. The funds attempt to stabilize the NAV of its shares at \$1.00 by valuing the portfolio securities using the amortized cost method. The funds calculate a market-based NAV per share on a periodic basis. The funds do not guarantee that its NAV will always remain at \$1.00 per share. Shares can be redeemed on a same day basis but only directly from the funds. Such transactions do not constitute an active market. Therefore, the funds are classified as Level 2.

Separately managed accounts – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the investment manager. To the extent that they are actively traded at a securities exchange, they are valued at quoted prices from the applicable exchange and are classified as Level 1. To the extent that valuation adjustments are applied to these securities, they are classified as Level 2.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values.

Transfers in and out of levels are recognized as of the beginning of the reporting period. During the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, there were no transfers among Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

Furthermore, although the Institute 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 financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS - Continued

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Institute's investments by the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2017:

Asset class	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds / exchange traded funds:				
Money market funds (a)	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ 125
Equity - international (b)	37,864	1,403	-	39,267
Equity - small-mid cap domestic (c)	288	338	-	626
Equity - large cap domestic (d)	49,504	1,263	-	50,767
Equity - real estate (e)	11,264	317	-	11,581
Fixed income - domestic (f)	31,683	1,195	-	32,878
Equity - large cap domestic (d)	4	-	-	4
Balanced Index Fund (g)	12,266	-	-	12,266
	<u>\$ 142,873</u>	<u>\$ 4,641</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 147,514</u>

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Institute's investments by the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2016:

Asset class	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds / exchange traded funds:				
Money market funds (a)	\$ -	\$ 278	\$ -	\$ 278
Equity - international (b)	29,730	84	-	29,814
Equity - small-mid cap domestic (c)	537	44	-	581
Equity - large cap domestic (d)	42,194	103	-	42,297
Equity - real estate (e)	11,542	265	-	11,807
Fixed income - domestic (f)	29,802	118	-	29,920
Equity - large cap domestic (d)	4	-	-	4
Balanced Index Fund (g)	7,265	-	-	7,265
	<u>\$ 121,074</u>	<u>\$ 892</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 121,966</u>

(a) Money market funds – Money market funds seek to provide current income while maintaining liquidity and a stable per share price.

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NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS - Continued

- (b) Equity – international – Comprised of mutual funds investing in equity securities of non-U.S. companies. While generally limited in their use, the funds may invest in derivative securities.
- (c) Equity – small-mid cap domestic – Comprised of mutual funds investing in common stocks of U.S. companies with market capitalizations similar to companies in the Russell 2500 Index.
- (d) Equity – large cap domestic – Comprised primarily of common stocks and mutual funds of U.S. companies with market capitalizations similar to companies in the Russell 1000 Index.
- (e) Equity – real estate – The Fund seeks to provide income and capital growth by investing primarily in publicly traded securities issued by real estate investment trusts.
- (f) Fixed income – domestic – Comprised of mutual funds investing in fixed income instruments of varying maturities issued primarily by U.S. public and private-sector entities and secondarily by non-U.S. entities. Fixed income instruments include investment grade bonds and high yield securities but may also be represented by derivatives including forwards, options, futures, swaps and asset-backed securities. Securities of varying maturities are permitted as well as those denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.
- (g) Vanguard Balanced Index Fund seeks – with 60% of its assets – to track the investment performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of the overall U.S. stock market. With 40% of its assets, the fund seeks to track the investment performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index.

The following table presents the category, fair value, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period for Fund investments, the fair values of which are estimated using the NAV per share as of June 30:

	2017 Fair Value	2016 Fair Value	Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Money market funds (a)	\$ 125	\$ 278	Daily	Daily

- (a) The funds invest in highly-quality, short-term money market instruments, including certificates of deposit, banker’s acceptances, commercial paper, and other money market securities. The Fund has no unfunded commitments related to its investment in the funds as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

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NOTE 5 - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Unconditional promises to give are included in the consolidated financial statements as contributions receivable and revenue of the appropriate net asset category. Certain promises to give are recorded after discounting, at the prime rate of 3.25%, to the present value of the future cash flows. At June 30, 2017, unconditional promises are expected to be realized in the following period:

In one year or less	\$ 755
Due between one and five years	1,430
Total	<u>2,185</u>
Less discount	(174)
Net receivable at June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ 2,011</u></u>

No allowance has been recorded as of June 30, 2017 as the Institute expect to collect all outstanding receivable.

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM OTHER INVESTMENTS

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Long-term other investments, at cost		
Oil and gas lease rights	\$ 112	\$ 112
Unimproved real estate	54	54
Total	<u>\$ 166</u>	<u>\$ 166</u>

NOTE 7 - LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND LAND HELD FOR SALE, NET

Land, buildings and equipment was comprised of the following at June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Land	\$ 9,984	\$ 9,984
Buildings and improvements	51,607	51,466
Equipment	11,287	11,288
Construction in progress	771	239
Total land, buildings and equipment	<u>73,649</u>	<u>72,977</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(47,474)</u>	<u>(46,343)</u>
Total land, buildings, and equipment, net	<u><u>\$ 26,175</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,634</u></u>

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NOTE 8 - TAX-SHELTERED SAVINGS PLAN

Effective April 1, 1990, the Institute adopted a tax-sheltered savings plan for its employees. Employees may defer up to \$17.5 annually. The Institute will match 100% of the participant's deferral amount up to \$2.4. Participants are 100% vested in their contributions, the Institute's matching contribution and the non-elective contribution. The Institute's year to date accrued contribution was \$387 and \$409 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Institute has a defined benefit retirement plan (the "Plan") that covers substantially all of its employees. The benefits are based on years of service and the employee's compensation during employment.

The Plan was frozen to future benefit accruals effective January 1, 2008. All active participants as of January 1, 2008 are 100% vested in their normal retirement benefit, if eligible.

Amounts related to defined benefit plans recognized in the consolidated financial statements are determined on an actuarial basis. Three of the more critical assumptions in the actuarial calculations are the discount rate for determining the current value of plan benefits, the assumption for the rate of increases in future compensation levels and the expected rate of return on plan assets.

Funded Status

An accumulated pension asset measured against the obligation for pension benefits represents the funded status of a given plan. The funded status of the Institute's sponsored defined benefit plan is presented in the table below as of June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
Change in benefit obligation		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 46,141	\$ 41,704
Interest cost	1,508	1,726
Actuarial (gain) loss	(1,955)	6,392
Benefits paid	(2,207)	(3,681)
Benefit obligation at end of year	43,487	46,141
Change in Plan assets		
Fair value of Plan assets at beginning of year	44,140	40,765
Actual return gain on Plan assets	1,368	4,648
Employer contribution	1,500	2,408
Benefits paid	(2,207)	(3,681)
Fair value of Plan assets at end of year	44,801	44,140
Funded status at end of year	\$ 1,314	\$ (2,001)
Amount recognized in the consolidated statement of activities for change in pension liability	\$ (2,170)	\$ 2,933

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLAN - Continued

Additional information for the pension plan with an accumulate benefit obligation in excess of plan assets:

	2017	2016
Projected benefit obligation	\$ 43,487	\$ 46,141
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$ 43,487	\$ 46,141
Fair value of Plan assets	\$ 44,801	\$ 44,140
Additional information:		
Cumulative increase in minimum liability recognized directly in net assets	\$ 14,141	\$ 16,311

Assumptions

Assumptions used to determine benefit obligation at June 30:

	2017	2016
Discount rate	3.75%	3.35%
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	N/A

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for years ended June 30:

	2017	2016
Discount rate	3.75%	3.35%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	4.75%	5.75%
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	N/A

Plan Assets

The primary investment objective of the Plan is to generate a long-term rate of return on assets that exceeds selected performance benchmarks for each asset category and the expected rate of return used in the valuation of the benefit obligation. The assumed rate of return on Plan assets represents an estimate of long-term returns available to investors who hold a mixture of equities and fixed income securities and considers returns on comparable asset classes (both historical and forecasted).

Investment allocation as of June 30, is as follows:

	2017	2016
Equity securities	-	22%
Fixed income securities	100%	78%
	100%	100%

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLAN - Continued

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Plan's investments by the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2017:

Asset class	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ -	\$ 348	\$ -	\$ 348
Equity - international	-	-	-	-
Equity - large cap domestic	-	-	-	-
Fixed income - domestic	44,453	-	-	44,453
	<u>\$ 44,453</u>	<u>\$ 348</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,801</u>

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Plan's investments by the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2016

Asset class	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ -	\$ 203	\$ -	\$ 203
Equity - international	3,058	-	-	3,058
Equity - large cap domestic	6,668	-	-	6,668
Fixed income - domestic	34,211	-	-	34,211
	<u>\$ 43,937</u>	<u>\$ 203</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,140</u>

The Plan may invest in equities and fixed income assets, subject to standards of fiduciary prudence for a defined benefit pension plan portfolio. The current long-term investment allocation is 100% fixed income. Investments are diversified according to economic sector, industry, number of holdings and other investment characteristics to minimize risk exposure.

The Institute was not required to make a contribution to the Plan for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLAN - Continued

Estimated future benefit payments for vested participants, based on actuarial assumptions, are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	
2018	\$ 2,296
2019	2,366
2020	2,409
2021	2,460
2022	2,510
2023-2027	13,006

NOTE 10 - CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY FUND

The Institute offers a charitable remainder annuities program for those who desire to donate. Institute annuities are written under authority granted to it by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California. Annuity assets are held by a bank trustee with a reserve adequate to meet estimated future payments under its outstanding annuity contracts. Payments are made from these assets to the annuity beneficiary in accordance with the contract. The gift annuity liabilities are based on the present value of future payments. Due to the separate entity concept inherent in these types of gifts, the Institute produces separate financial statements for this fund. However, the Institute is required to reflect its beneficial interest in annuity contracts in its consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 11 - ENDOWMENT FUNDS

In August 2008, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on endowments of not-for-profit organizations within ASC 205. This guidance provides for not-for-profit organizations on the net asset classifications of donor-restricted endowment funds subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (“UPMIFA”). In addition, the guidance requires enhanced disclosures for all endowment funds. California adopted UPMIFA effective January 1, 2009. The Institute adopted the accounting standard for the year ended June 30, 2009. There is no impact of the adoption as the Institute has historically recognized all investment income into temporarily restricted net assets and releases the restriction as amounts are spent.

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NOTE 11 - ENDOWMENT FUNDS - Continued

The Board of Directors has interpreted UPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Institute classifies as permanently restricted net assets, (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Institution in a manner consistent with the standards of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Institute 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 Institute and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- 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 Institute
- The investment policies of the Institute

The following is the endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	<u>\$ 3,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,284</u>	<u>\$ 23,903</u>	<u>\$ 28,908</u>
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 3,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,284</u>	<u>\$ 23,903</u>	<u>\$ 28,908</u>

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NOTE 11 - ENDOWMENT FUNDS - Continued

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2017 are as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,364	\$ 20,364
Investment return:				
Interest and dividend income	-	447	-	447
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	3,274	154	3,428
Interest Income & appreciation Lerner Endowment Fund	-	1,251	-	1,251
Interest Income & appreciation Pool Fund	-	33	-	33
Bequests and contributions				
Contributions Lerner	-	-	3,109	3,109
Contributions Pool Fund	-	-	276	276
Net assets released from restriction	3,721	(3,721)	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 3,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,284</u>	<u>\$ 23,903</u>	<u>\$ 28,908</u>

NOTE 12 - NET ASSETS

At June 30, 2017, total temporarily restricted net assets of approximately \$16,956 are available for programs and services such as adult education and counseling, low vision rehabilitation services, library services, community outreach, Braille publishing, and child development. For the year ended June 30, 2017, \$4,922 was released from restriction by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

At June 30, 2017, permanently restricted net assets of \$23,903 are held in endowment and when investment income is earned on these funds, it is made available for programs and services as noted herein.

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NOTE 13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of operations, the Institute is named as a defendant in lawsuits and is subject to periodic examinations by regulatory agencies. After consultation with legal counsel, management is of the opinion that liabilities, if any, arising from such litigation and examinations would not have a material effect on the Institute's consolidated financial position.

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NOTE 14 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The functional expenses for June 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	Library Services	Educational Programs and Services	Braille Publishing, net of revenue	Marketing and Communications	Administration and General Operations	Philanthropy (Fund-Raising)	Total Current Operating Expenditures 2017	Total Current Operating Expenditures 2016
Salaries	\$ 1,199	\$ 6,769	\$ 349	\$ 273	\$ 1,344	\$ 1,362	\$ 11,296	\$ 12,073
Employment benefits	386	2,254	124	94	388	485	3,731	4,225
Community relations	16	56	-	195	-	30	297	288
Contract labor, recruitment and training	34	194	51	-	-	3	282	272
Direct mail/Consulting	-	-	-	-	-	1,141	1,141	1,024
Dues, subscriptions and meetings	6	43	2	2	52	34	139	173
Instructional programs, services and supplies	66	274	-	-	-	-	340	365
Materials and supplies	36	76	5	3	43	15	178	214
Plant and equipment maintenance	643	752	79	41	155	165	1,835	1,747
Professional services	-	20	-	-	362	-	382	485
Publications	16	-	49	91	-	46	202	302
Travel and transportation	7	329	3	2	11	10	362	419
Utilities, taxes and insurance	382	1,252	90	55	102	34	1,915	1,894
Total before depreciation expenses	<u>2,791</u>	<u>12,019</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>756</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>22,100</u>	<u>23,481</u>
Depreciation expense	<u>572</u>	<u>717</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1,366</u>	<u>1,539</u>
Total functional expenses	<u>\$ 3,363</u>	<u>\$ 12,736</u>	<u>\$ 760</u>	<u>\$ 771</u>	<u>\$ 2,487</u>	<u>\$ 3,349</u>	<u>\$ 23,466</u>	<u>\$ 25,020</u>

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NOTE 15 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Institute evaluated its June 30, 2017 consolidated financial statements for subsequent events through September 7, 2017 the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued. The Institute is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recording or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements.