

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Years Ended August 31, 2018 and 2017

And Report of Independent Auditor



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Report of Independent Auditor

The Board of Directors National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations as of August 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Tysons Corner, Virginia

Cherry Bekant, LLP

March 11, 2019

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AUGUST 31, 2018 AND 2017

| | 2018 | | 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----|-----------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 685,206 | \$ | 933,170 |
| Accrued interest income | 775 | | 52 |
| Investments | 3,316,431 | | 2,957,496 |
| Prepaid expenses | 22,670 | | 53,634 |
| Deferred lease asset | 800 | | 13,408 |
| Total Current Assets | 4,025,882 | | 3,957,760 |
| Property and Equipment: | | | |
| Furniture and equipment | 32,116 | | 32,116 |
| Computer equipment | 1,176 | | 2,226 |
| Leasehold improvements | 5,048 | | 5,048 |
| Total | 38,340 | | 39,390 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (34,869) | | (35,592) |
| Total Property and Equipment, Net | 3,471 | | 3,798 |
| Other Assets: | | | |
| Artifacts collection | 85,800 | | 85,800 |
| Book collection | 4,000 | | 4,000 |
| Total Other Assets | 89,800 | | 89,800 |
| Total Assets | \$ 4,119,153 | \$ | 4,051,358 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ - | \$ | 11,150 |
| Accrued liabilities | 3,974 | | 28,555 |
| Deferred revenue | 265,600 | | 343,315 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 269,574 | _ | 383,020 |
| Total Liabilities | 269,574 | | 383,020 |
| Net Assets: | | | |
| Unrestricted | 3,769,339 | | 3,545,025 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 80,240 | _ | 123,313 |
| Total Net Assets | 3,849,579 | | 3,668,338 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 4,119,153 | \$ | 4,051,358 |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| | Ur | nrestricted | nporarily estricted | Total |
|---|----|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Revenues, Gains, and Other Support: | | | | |
| Program revenues | \$ | 1,072,698 | \$ - | \$ 1,072,698 |
| Contributions | | 574,649 | - | 574,649 |
| Interest and dividend income | | 113,761 | - | 113,761 |
| Miscellaneous income | | 980 | - | 980 |
| Net realized gain on investments | | 13,594 | - | 13,594 |
| Net unrealized gain on investments | | 33,962 | - | 33,962 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | | 43,073 | (43,073) | |
| Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support | | 1,852,717 | (43,073) | 1,809,644 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Program Services: | | | | |
| Annual Policymakers Conference | | 312,891 | - | 312,891 |
| Hon. J. P. Malone Fellowship | | 183,442 | - | 183,442 |
| Youth Programs | | 294,549 | - | 294,549 |
| Model Arab League | | 396,588 | - | 396,588 |
| Congressional and Public Affairs Briefing | | 119,220 | - | 119,220 |
| HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship | | 43,073 | - | 43,073 |
| Supporting Services: | | | | |
| Management and general | | 209,926 | - | 209,926 |
| Fundraising | | 68,714 | | 68,714 |
| Total Expenses | | 1,628,403 | - | 1,628,403 |
| Change in net assets | | 224,314 | (43,073) | 181,241 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | | 3,545,025 | 123,313 | 3,668,338 |
| Net assets, end of year | \$ | 3,769,339 | \$ 80,240 | \$ 3,849,579 |

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON U.S. – ARAB RELATIONS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| | U | nrestricted | | mporarily estricted | | Total |
|---|----|-------------|----|------------------------|----|-----------|
| Revenues, Gains, and Other Support: | _ | | | | | |
| Program revenues | \$ | 1,062,662 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,062,662 |
| Contributions | | 653,083 | | - | | 653,083 |
| Interest and dividend income | | 76,593 | | - | | 76,593 |
| Miscellaneous income | | 57 | | - | | 57 |
| Net realized loss on investments | | (27,503) | | - | | (27,503) |
| Net unrealized gain on investments | | 255,436 | | | | 255,436 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | | 229,042 | | (229,042) | | - |
| Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support | | 2,249,370 | _ | (229,042) | _ | 2,020,328 |
| Expenses: | | | | | | |
| Program Services: | | | | | | |
| Annual Policymakers Conference | | 439,027 | | | | 439,027 |
| Hon. J. P. Malone Fellowship | | 123,894 | | | | 123,894 |
| Youth Programs | | 191,586 | | - | | 191,586 |
| Model Arab League | | 324,949 | | | | 324,949 |
| Congressional and Public Affairs Briefing | | 66,183 | | | | 66,183 |
| HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship | | 229,042 | | | | 229,042 |
| Supporting Services: | | | | | | |
| Management and general | | 216,540 | | • | | 216,540 |
| Fundraising | _ | 39,580 | | - | | 39,580 |
| Total Expenses | _ | 1,630,801 | _ | | _ | 1,630,801 |
| Change in net assets | | 618,569 | | (229,042) | | 389,527 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | | 2,926,456 | | 352,355 | | 3,278,811 |
| Net assets, end of year | \$ | 3,545,025 | \$ | 123,313 | \$ | 3,668,338 |

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON U.S. – ARAB RELATIONS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018 AND 2017

| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | 2017 |
|--|---------------|----|-----------|
| | | | |
| Change in net assets | \$ 181,241 | \$ | 389,527 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets | | | |
| to net cash (used in) operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 327 | | 1,016 |
| Reinvested dividends and interest | (81,984) | | (76,811) |
| Realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments, net | | | |
| of investment management expenses | (276,951) | | (151,122) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accrued interest income | (723) | | 9 |
| Prepaid expenses | 30,964 | | 3,707 |
| Deferred lease asset | 12,608 | | (38,718) |
| Accounts payable | (11,150) | | (16,518) |
| Accrued liabilities | (24,581) | | 4,550 |
| Deferred revenue | (77,715) | | (133,685) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (247,964) | | (18,045) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Purchase of investments | (89,839) | | (795,488) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 89,839 | | 421,473 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | - | _ | (374,015) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (247,964) | | (392,060) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 933,170 | | 1,325,230 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | \$ 685,206 | \$ | 933,170 |

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON U.S. – ARAB RELATIONS STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

| | | | | | | Progr | ram Services | | | | | | | Support | Service | ces | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|----|--|---------|--|----|-----------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|----|------------------|
| | Pol | Annual icymakers onference | M | on. J. P. Ialone Iowship | Youth rograms | Ar | Model ab League | an | gressional d Public irs Briefing | Al B | H Prince waleed in Talal llowship | | Total | nagement I General | Fu | ndraising | E | Total xpenses |
| Accounting expense | S | 6,921 | \$ | 5,917 | \$ 9,882 | \$ | 9,027 | \$ | 4,143 | \$ | - | \$ | 35,890 | \$ 2,026 | \$ | 2,531 | \$ | 40,447 |
| Board and office meetings | | _ | | - | - | | - | | 9 | | - | | 9 | - | | | | 9 |
| Compensation of officers | | 79,959 | | 74,231 | 95,354 | | 75,544 | | 45,947 | | | | 371,035 | 59,194 | | 29,239 | | 459,468 |
| Conference and events | | 94,758 | | 5,893 | 9,785 | | 135,928 | | 3,158 | | 20 | | 249,542 | 5,374 | | 368 | | 255,284 |
| Contract labor | | 159 | | 136 | 14,226 | | 707 | | 95 | | - | | 15,323 | 15,120 | | 58 | | 30,501 |
| Depreciation | | - | | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | 327 | | | | 327 |
| Insurance | | 3,179 | | 2,851 | 4,756 | | 4,476 | | 1,660 | | - | | 16,922 | 2,568 | | 889 | | 20,379 |
| Occupancy | | 21,931 | | 19,258 | 32,151 | | 29,875 | | 12,200 | | - | | 115,415 | 20,830 | | 6,972 | | 143,217 |
| Office expenses | | 2,740 | | 1,382 | 2,467 | | 5,517 | | 1,102 | | - | | 13,208 | 37,889 | | 2,752 | | 53,849 |
| Other employee benefits | | 14,410 | | 12,320 | 20,577 | | 18,796 | | 8,627 | | - | | 74,730 | 10,911 | | 5,269 | | 90,910 |
| Other expenses | | 1,344 | | 114 | 203 | | 319 | | 80 | | - | | 2,060 | 3,283 | | 48 | | 5,391 |
| Other salaries and wages | | 36,086 | | 24,985 | 70,351 | | 75,821 | | 23,526 | | - | | 230,769 | 28,672 | | 13,197 | | 272,638 |
| Payroll taxes | | 7,107 | | 6,077 | 10,149 | | 9,270 | | 4,255 | | - | | 36,858 | 5,381 | | 2,599 | | 44,838 |
| Pension plan contributions | | 9,507 | | 7,957 | 13,293 | | 11,973 | | 6,004 | | - | | 48,734 | 6,990 | | 3,829 | | 59,553 |
| Printing | | 20,118 | | 953 | 681 | | 653 | | 286 | | - | | 22,691 | 4,311 | | 174 | | 27,176 |
| Professional fees - other | | 2,500 | | - | - | | • | | - | | - | | 2,500 | - | | | | 2,500 |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 318 | | 272 | 455 | | 568 | | 190 | | - | | 1,803 | 241 | | 116 | | 2,160 |
| Travel and lodging | | 11,645 | | 20,917 | 9,920 | | 17,841 | | 7,813 | | 43,053 | | 111,189 | 6,650 | | 596 | | 118,435 |
| Tuition | | 209 | | 179 | 299 | | 273 | | 125 | | _ | | 1,085 | 159 | _ | 77 | | 1,321 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 312,891 | \$ | 183,442 | \$ 294,549 | \$ | 396,588 | \$ | 119,220 | \$ | 43,073 | 5 | 1,349,763 | \$ 209,926 | \$ | 68,714 | \$ | 1,628,403 |

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON U.S. – ARAB RELATIONS STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

| | | | | | | Prog | ram Services | | | | | | | Support | Servic | es | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|--------------------|----|---------------------------------------|----|--|----|-----------|-----------------------|--------|----------|----|-------------------|
| | Pol | Annual licymakers onference | Ma | n. J. P. alone owship | Youth ograms | Ar | Model ab League | an | gressional d Public rs Briefing | A | RH Prince Iwaleed Bin Talal Illowship | | Total | nagement d General | Fun | draising | | Total Expenses |
| Accounting expense | \$ | 6,334 | \$ | 3,167 | \$ 4,751 | \$ | 7,916 | \$ | 1,584 | \$ | 3,167 | \$ | 26,919 | \$ 8,610 | \$ | 317 | \$ | 35,846 |
| Board and office meetings | | - | | - | - | | - | | - | | | | | 88 | | · | | 88 |
| Compensation of officers | | 95,189 | | 50,412 | 68,263 | | 36,889 | | 24,672 | | 102,662 | | 378,087 | 51,894 | | 26,689 | | 456,670 |
| Conference and events | | 171,479 | | - | - | | 119,935 | | 4,663 | | - | | 296,077 | - | | - | | 296,077 |
| Contract labor | | 23,229 | | - | 23,500 | | 1,500 | | - | | 500 | | 48,729 | 15,082 | | - | | 63,811 |
| Contributions | | | | - | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | 500 | | - | | 500 |
| Depreciation | | - | | - | - | | - | | - | | • | | - | 1,016 | | - | | 1,016 |
| Insurance | | 1,396 | | 686 | 1,029 | | 1,717 | | 352 | | 686 | | 5,866 | 5,660 | | 69 | | 11,595 |
| Occupancy | | 17,221 | | 8,610 | 12,916 | | 21,526 | | 4,305 | | 8,610 | | 73,188 | 15,286 | | 862 | | 89,336 |
| Office expenses | | 2,893 | | 964 | 1,734 | | 6,556 | | 806 | | 1,175 | | 14,128 | 39,711 | | 194 | | 54,033 |
| Other employee benefits | | 16,307 | | 8,153 | 12,231 | | 20,384 | | 4,077 | | 8,153 | | 69,305 | 11,415 | | 816 | | 81,536 |
| Other expenses | | 41 | | - | 18 | | 62 | | 40 | | - | | 161 | 4,285 | | - | | 4,446 |
| Other salaries and wages | | 46,176 | | 30,076 | 43,855 | | 54,003 | | 16,300 | | 44,260 | | 234,670 | 25,620 | | 9,482 | | 269,772 |
| Payroll taxes | | 8,934 | | 4,467 | 6,701 | | 11,168 | | 2,234 | | 4,467 | | 37,971 | 6,254 | | 447 | | 44,672 |
| Pension plan contributions | | 11,275 | | 5,638 | 8,456 | | 14,094 | | 2,819 | | 5,638 | | 47,920 | 7,893 | | 564 | | 56,377 |
| Printing | | 21,001 | | 87 | 311 | | 276 | | 1,556 | | 87 | | 23,318 | 3,635 | | 9 | , | 26,962 |
| Professional fees - other | | 2,500 | | - | | | - | | - | | - | | 2,500 | - | | - | | 2,500 |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 770 | | 385 | 578 | | 963 | | 193 | | 385 | | 3,274 | 950 | | 38 | | 4,262 |
| Travel and lodging | | 14,282 | | 11,249 | 7,243 | | 27,960 | | 2,582 | | 49,252 | | 112,568 | 18,151 | | 93 | | 130,812 |
| Tuition | | - | | | - | | - | | - | | | _ | | 490 | | | | 490 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 439,027 | \$ | 123,894 | \$ 191,586 | \$ | 324,949 | \$ | 66,183 | \$ | 229,042 | \$ | 1,374,681 | \$ 216,540 | \$ | 39,580 | \$ | 1,630,801 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUGUST 31, 2018 AND 2017

Note 1—Nature of activities and summary of significant accounting polices

Organization – The National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations (the "Council") is a nonprofit organization that seeks to enhance understanding, awareness, dialogue, and bonds of friendship between the peoples of the United States and the Arab countries, the Mideast, and the Islamic world. They achieve their educational mission through programs such as conferences, youth programs, internships, and lectures.

Basis of Accounting – The financial statements of the Council have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables and payables.

Basis of Presentation – As required by the Not-for-Profit Topic of the Financial Accounting Standard Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC"), the Council is required to report 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.

Income Tax Status — The Council is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as defined by Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Council's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. In the opinion of management, the Council has unrelated business income less than the threshold requirement to pay unrelated business tax. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

In addition, the Council qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b) (1) (A) (vi) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1).

The Council evaluates uncertainty in income tax positions based on a "more-likely-than-not" recognition standard. If that threshold is met, the tax position is then measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Council evaluates uncertain tax positions such that the effects of the tax positions are generally recognized in the financial statements consistent with amounts reflected in returns filed, or expected to be filed, with taxing authorities. As of August 31, 2018, the Council has evaluated its material tax positions and determined that no accruals for uncertain tax positions are required as the Council has no tax obligations at this time.

Expense Allocation – The costs of providing various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated within the Statements of Activities, specifically in the programs and supporting services benefitted, based on time records and estimates made by the Council's management.

Estimates – Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in conformity with general accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property and Equipment – All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized. Property and equipment are carried at cost, if purchased or at fair value on the date of donation, if contributed. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of five years for furniture and fixtures and computer equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized using straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of fifteen to thirty-nine years.

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Note 1—Nature of activities and summary of significant accounting polices (continued)

Contributions Revenue – Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Included in unrestricted contributions are amounts that were donor restricted assets received and used during the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017 of \$25,000 and \$300, respectively.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Council considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

Collections – Donated collection items for which detailed curatorial records were available are carried at fair market value at date of donation with no subsequent change.

Deferred Revenue – Income from sponsorships is deferred and recognized over the periods to which the sponsorships relate.

Deferred Lease Asset – Certain costs incurred in connection with leased property are amortized on the straight-line method over the term of the related lease agreement.

Program Revenues – Program revenues include fees charged to professors and students for their participation in a specified program. These fees are used to defray the costs of the related programs. Registration fees are also charged to attendees of the Council's Annual Policymakers Conference.

Reclassifications – Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2017 financial statement presentation to correspond to the current year's classification. Total net assets and change in net assets are unchanged due to these reclassifications.

Note 2—Temporarily restricted net assets

Temporarily restricted net asset balances at August 31 consisted of:

| | | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|----|--------|---------------|
| HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship | \$ | 80,240 | \$ 123,313 |
| | 1 | | |

The Council's interests in temporarily restricted funds are restricted until such time as the Council satisfies the grantor's purpose.

Temporarily restricted net assets released from restriction during 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship | \$ 43,073 | \$ 229,042 |

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Note 3-Program services

The following program services are included in the accompanying financial statements:

Annual Policymakers Conference – Gathers internationally renowned specialists to analyze, discuss, and debate important issues to the American and Arab people's needs, concerns, interests, and foreign policy objectives. Arab and American leaders from government, the military, business, and academe share privileged information and insight that is vitally important to the definition of issues and the direction of policy formulation and implementation in American and Arab governments alike.

Hon. J.P. Malone Fellowship – Provides firsthand exposure to Arab and Islamic cultures for academics through participation in two to three-weeks' structured educational experiences in an Arab country. The Council's staff escorts groups of eight to twenty people to meetings with university colleagues, government ministries, diplomatic personnel, religious leaders, chamber of commerce officials, business executives, and representative of select media and cultural institutions in the selected Arab countries.

Youth Programs – Offer undergraduate and graduate students an energizing and demanding mix of professional involvement, intellectual challenge, career exploration, and cultural encounter. Participation in twice weekly seminars is designed to provide them with a greater depth of knowledge about the Arab world, to understand the cultural, economic, and political diversity of Arab states and explore the intricacies of Arab – U.S. relations.

Model Arab League - Offers students opportunities to learn, practice, and develop leadership skills. In the process, the participants, guided by faculty advisors, deepen their knowledge and understanding of Arab social, economic, cultural, and political issues.

Congressional and Public Affairs Briefings – Foster educational opportunities to the public on Capitol Hill and around Washington, DC, where an assemblage of domestic and internationally renowned specialists analyze, discuss, and debate issues of importance to the relationship between the U.S. and the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. These events examine how to strengthen and expand mutual Arab – U.S. trust, confidences, and benefits while examining a range of complex issues, interests, and policies.

HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship Program – The fellowship program is designed to expose a new generation of American college and university faculty members to the Arab world through National Council study visits. The visits empower the educators to become ambassadors of goodwill who can transmit increased knowledge and understanding of the Arab world so as to counter any imagined "clash of civilizations" as well as counteract false stereotypes of Arab culture and civilization that have tainted American understanding of Islam and the Arab world.

Note 4—Investments

The Council carries investments in marketable securities with readily determined fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statements of financial position. These investments are primarily held in the custody of a major financial institution. The average cost method is used to determine the cost basis of publicly traded equity securities sold. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying statements of activities.

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

The following tables summarize the Council's investments:

| August 31, 2018 | | Cost | Uı | Gross nrealized Gains | Un | Gross realized osses | | Fair Value |
|---|-----|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|---------------|
| Stock: | • | 004 504 | • | 50 405 | C. | | • | 677.000 |
| Commodities ETF Fund | \$ | 621,504 | \$ | 56,465 | \$ | | \$ | 677,969 |
| Total Stock | - | 621,504 | | 56,465 | _ | | - | 677,969 |
| Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Stock Mutual Funds | | 971,959 | | 263,287 | | - | | 1,235,246 |
| International Stock Mutual Funds | | 524,317 | | 12,884 | | - | | 537,201 |
| Total Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds | | 1,496,276 | | 276,171 | | | | 1,772,447 |
| Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Bond Funds | | 334,635 | | - | | 1,232 | | 333,403 |
| U.S. Treasury Bond Funds | | 100,000 | | 677 | | - | | 100,677 |
| International Bond Funds | _ 8 | 457,639 | | - | | 25,704 | | 431,935 |
| Total Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds Total Stock, Publicly Traded Stock & Bond | | 892,274 | | 677 | | 26,936 | | 866,015 |
| Mutual Funds | \$ | 3,010,054 | \$ | 333,313 | \$ | 26,936 | \$ | 3,316,431 |
| August 31, 2017 | | Cost | U | Gross nrealized Gains | | Gross realized Losses | | Fair Value |
| Stock: | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities ETF Fund | \$ | 689,584 | \$ | 72,033 | \$ | | \$ | 761,617 |
| Total Stock | _ | 689,584 | _ | 72,033 | | - | _ | 761,617 |
| Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Stock Mutual Funds | | 918,834 | | 197,891 | | - | | 1,116,725 |
| International Stock Mutual Funds | | 407,912 | | 7,625 | | - | | 415,537 |
| Total Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds | | 1,326,746 | | 205,516 | _ | | | 1,532,262 |
| Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Bond Funds | | 323,394 | | 6,202 | | - | | 329,596 |
| U.S. Treasury Bond Funds | | 101,856 | | 2,470 | | | | 104,326 |
| International Bond Funds | _ | 241,637 | | | | 11,942 | _ | 229,695 |
| Total Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds Total Stock, Publicly Traded Stock & Bond | _ | 666,887 | . — | 8,672 | | 11,942 | - | 663,617 |
| Mutual Funds | \$ | 2,683,217 | \$ | 286,221 | \$ | 11,942 | \$ | 2,957,496 |

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Note 5-Fair value measurements

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities is measured according to the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Fair value is required to be evaluated and adjusted according to the following valuation techniques:

- Level 1 Fair value is determined using quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2 Fair value is determined using quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities.
- Level 3 Fair value is determined using unobservable market prices in a market that is typically inactive.

Collections – Independent appraisals were used to determine the fair value at date of donation with no subsequent change.

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, Council's assets at fair value as of August 31, 2018 and 2017:

| | | Asset | 2018 | | | | | |
|---|----|-----------|------|------------|----|--------|----|-----------|
| | | Level 1 | Le | evel 2 | L | evel 3 | | Total |
| Stock: | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities ETF Fund | \$ | 677,969 | \$ | - | \$ | | \$ | 677,969 |
| Total Stock | | 677,969 | | <u>-</u> _ | | Ψ, | _ | 677,969 |
| Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Stock Mutual Funds | | 1,235,246 | | - | | - | | 1,235,246 |
| International Stock Mutual Funds | | 537,201 | | - | | - | | 537,201 |
| Total Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds | _ | 1,772,447 | | | | - | | 1,772,447 |
| Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Bond Funds | | 333,403 | | - | | - | | 333,403 |
| U.S. Treasury Bond Funds | | 100,677 | | - | | 1.5 | | 100,677 |
| International Bond Funds | | 431,935 | | | | - | | 431,935 |
| Total Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds | | 866,015 | | | | - | | 866,015 |
| Total Stock, Publicly Traded Stock, and Bond Mutual Funds | | 3,316,431 | | | | - 1 | | 3,316,431 |
| Collections: | | | | | | | | |
| Artifacts Collection | | - | | | | 85,800 | | 85,800 |
| Book Collection | | _ | | | | 4,000 | _ | 4,000 |
| Total Collections | _ | | | - | | 89,800 | | 89,800 |
| Total Stock, Publicly Traded Stock, Bond Mutual Funds, and Collections | \$ | 3,316,431 | \$ | | \$ | 89,800 | \$ | 3,406,231 |

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Note 5—Fair value measurements (continued)

Assets at Fair Value as of August 31, 2017 Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total Stock: Commodities ETF Fund 761,617 \$ 761,617 Total Stock 761,617 761,617 Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds: U.S. Stock Mutual Funds 1,116,725 1,116,725 International Stock Mutual Funds 415,537 415,537 Total Publicly Traded Stock Mutual Funds 1,532,262 1,532,262 Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds: Corporate Bond Funds 329,596 329,596 U.S. Treasury Bond Funds 104,326 104,326 International Bond Funds 229,695 229,695 Total Publicly Traded Bond Mutual Funds 663,617 663,617 Total Stock, Publicly Traded Stock, and Bond Mutual Funds 2,957,496 2,957,496 Collections: Artifacts Collection 85,800 85,800 **Book Collection** 4,000 4,000 **Total Collections** 89,800 89,800 Total Stock, Publicly Traded Stock, Bond Mutual Funds, and Collections \$ 2,957,496 \$ 89,800 \$ 3,047,296

Note 6—Retirement plan

The Council adopted a defined contribution retirement plan effective August 1, 1988, for the exclusive benefit of eligible employees and their beneficiaries. An employee is eligible for participation after completing one year of service. Contributions are made monthly to the plan and are equal to 10% of each participant's eligible compensation for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017. Total employer retirement plan contributions made for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017 were \$59,553 and \$56,377, respectively.

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Note 7—Office lease

The Council entered into a lease agreement for office space in Washington, D.C. on May 18, 2004, which expired on July 7, 2008. The Council exercised its first extension provision in the lease on December 20, 2007, extending the lease for office space from July 8, 2008 through July 7, 2013. The Council utilized a second extension provision, extending the lease for an additional 72 months, effective August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2018. The Council utilized a third extension provision, extending the lease for an additional 88 months, effective August 1, 2018 through November 30, 2025. The third extension agreement calls for base monthly rent payments of \$9,610 for the first year of the extended lease with a 2.50% increase in base rent at each anniversary date of the lease extension. The lease extension also calls for the Council to pay its pro rata share of the building operating expenses and real estate taxes.

Rental expense for the years ended August 31, 2018 and 2017, including pro rata share reimbursements and a monthly storage charge of \$250, totaled \$143,217 and \$89,336, respectively.

Future minimum lease commitments on the noncancellable operating lease are as follows for the year ending August 31:

| 2019 | \$ 115,562 |
|------|------------|
| 2020 | 118,451 |
| 2021 | 121,413 |
| 2022 | 124,448 |
| 2023 | 127,559 |
| | \$ 607,433 |

Note 8—Concentration of credit risk

The Council maintains its cash balances at one financial institution located in Washington D.C. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000 by the bank for all accounts. The Council has not experienced any loss in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk with cash and cash equivalents. As of August 31, 2018 and 2017, the Council held \$437,358 and \$479,507, respectively, in excess of FDIC insurance limits.

The Council maintains an account with two brokerage firms. The Security Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) insures account balances up to \$500,000. As of August 31, 2018 and 2017, account balances held at the brokerage firm exceeded the \$500,000 insurance limit by \$2,822,616 and \$2,678,960, respectively.

Note 9—Subsequent events

The date to which events occurring after August 31, 2018, the date of the most recent statement of financial position, has been evaluated for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosure is March 11, 2019.

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Note 10—Upcoming pronouncements

In August 2016, Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958), intended to improve financial reporting for not-for-profit entities. The ASU will reduce the current three classes of net assets into two: with and without donor restrictions. The change in each of the classes of net assets must be reported on the statements of activities and changes in net assets. The ASU also requires various enhanced disclosures around topics such as board designations, liquidity, functional classification of expenses, investment expenses, donor restrictions, and underwater endowments. The ASU is effective for years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The ASU should be applied on a retrospective basis in the year the ASU is first applied. While the ASU will change the presentation of the Council's financial statements, it is not expected to alter the Council's reported financial position. The Council has elected to defer implementation until the applicable required date.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize most leases on the balance sheet. This is expected to increase both reported assets and liabilities. The new lease standard does not substantially change lessor accounting. For non-public companies, the standard will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and interim periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020. Lessees and lessors will be required to apply the new standard at the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which they first apply the new guidance, using a modified retrospective transition method. The requirements of this standard include a significant increase in required disclosures. The Council has elected to defer implementation until the applicable required date.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 outlines a new, single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. This new revenue recognition model provides a five-step analysis in determining when and how revenue is recognized. The new model will require revenue recognition to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration a company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of Effective Date ("ASU 2015-14"). The amendments in ASU 2015-14 defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 for all entities by one year. The standard will be effective for non-public entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted, beginning after December 15, 2016. Companies may use either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach to adopt ASU 2014-09. The Council has elected to defer implementation until the applicable required date.