

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2019

(Rev. January 2020)

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2019, and ending, 20

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: FAIRNESS WV INSTITUTE INC. D Employer identification number: 26-3991827. E Telephone number: (304) 806-2220. G Gross receipts: 324,315. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No. I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3). J Website: N/A. K Form of organization: Corporation. L Year of formation: 2009. M State of legal domicile: WV.

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows include: 1. Mission statement: Provide education and grassroots advocacy about issues of importance to LGBT West Virginians. 2-7. Governance and membership statistics. 8-12. Revenue: 284,200 (Prior Year), 324,315 (Current Year). 13-19. Expenses: 169,865 (Prior Year), 195,118 (Current Year). 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances: 102,997 (Beginning), 138,345 (End of Year).

Part II Signature Block

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.

Sign Here: ANDREW SCHNEIDER, Signature of officer. ANDREW SCHNEIDER, Executive Director, Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name: John Rowan. Preparer's signature: John Rowan. Date: [blank]. Check self-employed: [blank]. PTIN: P00249799. Firm's name: Rowan & Associates CPAs PLLC. Firm's address: 200 Westmoreland Office Center, Dunbar WV 25064. Firm's EIN: [blank]. Phone no.: 304-766-1120.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Provide education and grassroots advocacy about issues of importance to LGBT West Virginians

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ **180,685** including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
Provide education and grassroots advocacy about issues of importance to LGBT West Virginians

4b (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4c (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses **▶ 180,685**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 detailing various organizational requirements and compliance checks.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V. []

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c detailing IRS filings and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax shelter transactions, contributions, and organizational status.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question, 1a, 1b, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members included... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets... 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders... 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body... 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 5 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed West Virginia 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. Own website Another's website [X] Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O) 19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records Andrew Schneider (304)806-2220, 405 Capitol Street Ste 405, Charleston, WV 25301

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) CHRIS WALTERS Treasurer	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JOSEPH MERCERUIO Board Member	1.00	X						0	0	0
(3) AISHA REIKOW Chair	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) DONTE NEWSOM Board Member	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) JAN RADER Vice Chair	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) DANIELLE STEWART Secretary	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) JIM WICKER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) CHRIS MIDDLETON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) ANDREW SCHNEIDER Executive Director	40.00				X			82,680	27,560	15,171
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) -----										
(16) -----										
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(21) -----										
(22) -----										
(23) -----										
(24) -----										
(25) -----										
1b Subtotal										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							82,680	27,560	15,171	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	44,592			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions) . .	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	279,723			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		324,315			
Program Service Revenue	2a	_____	Business Code				
	b	_____					
	c	_____					
	d	_____					
	e	_____					
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶					
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	Gross rents	6a	(i) Real			
				(ii) Personal			
	b	Less: rental expenses . .	6b				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities			
				(ii) Other			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . .	7b				
c	Gain or (loss)	7c					
d	Net gain or (loss) ▶						
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>44,592</u> of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
b	Less: direct expenses	8b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities, See Part IV, line 19	9a					
b	Less: direct expenses	9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	_____	Business Code				
	b	_____					
	c	_____					
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶					
12	Total revenue. See instructions ▶		324,315	0	0	0	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . .				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	93,843	65,690	18,769	9,384
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	74,784	52,349	14,957	7,478
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . .				
9	Other employee benefits	12,496	8,747	2,499	1,250
10	Payroll taxes	13,995	9,796	2,799	1,400
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	9,275		9,275	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 .				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . .	3,499	2,719	520	260
12	Advertising and promotion	752			752
13	Office expenses	5,303	3,712	1,061	530
14	Information technology	2,659	1,862	532	265
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	13,129	9,190	2,626	1,313
17	Travel	33,671	23,570	6,734	3,367
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,921	384	1,345	192
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance	959	671	192	96
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	Staff & Board Development	347	243	69	35
b	Fees	5,412	18	535	4,859
c	Dues & Registration	2,375	238	2,137	
d	Printing & Shipping	2,136	1,496	426	214
e	All other expenses	12,590			12,590
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e. .	289,146	180,685	64,476	43,985
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	101,443	1	135,138	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4		
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities			11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14 Intangible assets			14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		1,554	15	3,207
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		102,997	16	138,345	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,079	17	4,258	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue		19		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22		
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25		
26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		4,079	26	4,258	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		98,918	27	134,087
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions			28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund			30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances		98,918	32	134,087	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		102,997	33	138,345	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	324,315
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	289,146
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	35,169
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	98,918
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	134,087

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		