

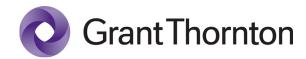
Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

Field Museum of Natural History

December 31, 2015 and 2014

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Trustees Field Museum of Natural History

Report on the financial statements

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Field Museum of Natural History (the Museum), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Museum'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 Museum'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.

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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 Field Museum of Natural History as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, 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.

Other matters

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of department expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures. These additional procedures included comparing and reconciling the information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Chart Thornton LLP

Chicago, Illinois May 25, 2016

Field Museum of Natural History STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	ASSETS	
	2015	2014
Cash	\$ 691,417	\$ 614,910
Interest and dividends receivable	357,589	228,084
Accounts receivable	5,182,683	6,327,992
Pledges receivable, net	50,916,373	27,453,828
Inventories	134,021	133,101
Investments	357,264,874	354,996,063
Property, net	242,339,927	248,393,618
Prepaid expenses	5,685,822	5,101,699
Other assets	4,595,453	5,042,266
Collections	1	1
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 667,168,160	\$ 648,291,562

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities		
Line of credit	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 3,300,000
Accounts payable	3,409,621	2,900,944
Accrued expenses	3,933,516	3,472,731
Deferred revenue	10,530,508	10,632,141
Accrued pension cost	3,013,301	3,180,095
Interest rate swaps	21,063,028	20,230,135
Notes payable	 166,500,000	 167,000,000
Total liabilities	210,249,974	210,716,046
Net assets		
Unrestricted	230,989,295	244,668,013
Temporarily restricted	82,564,329	85,927,043
Permanently restricted	 143,364,562	 106,980,460
Total net assets	 456,918,186	 437,575,516
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 667,168,160	\$ 648,291,562

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Field Museum of Natural History STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2015, with comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total	2014 Total
Revenue and other support		·	·		
Operating revenues					
Chicago Park District property tax remittances	\$ 5,717,121	s -	s -	\$ 5,717,121	\$ 5,690,148
Government grants	1,873,224	-	-	1,873,224	2,390,588
Private grants and contracts	1,234,455	-	-	1,234,455	1,871,547
Investment return used in operations	11,325,120	3,461,880	-	14,787,000	14,827,000
Contributions	7,564,807	3,916,344	-	11,481,151	13,354,310
Sponsorships	1,253,048	-	-	1,253,048	1,162,901
Memberships	2,818,918	-	-	2,818,918	2,806,972
Admissions	14,117,237	-	-	14,117,237	12,370,162
Program service fees	3,222,055	-	-	3,222,055	3,193,833
Business enterprises	8,018,036	-	-	8,018,036	8,331,251
Other	684,851			684,851	491,974
Total operating revenues	57,828,872	7,378,224	-	65,207,096	66,490,686
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	7,903,453	(7,903,453)			
Total revenue and other support	65,732,325	(525,229)	-	65,207,096	66,490,686
Operating expenses					
Science and education	16,741,508	-	-	16,741,508	17,431,377
Public programs	8,550,527	-	-	8,550,527	6,568,625
Business enterprises	2,703,209	-	-	2,703,209	3,313,080
Museum outreach	6,030,856	-	-	6,030,856	6,081,411
Museum services	8,867,658	-	-	8,867,658	8,641,494
General and administrative	6,623,028	-	-	6,623,028	5,743,931
Institutional advancement	3,521,960	-	-	3,521,960	3,023,401
Debt service	8,314,019			8,314,019	7,658,830
Total operating expenses	61,352,765			61,352,765	58,462,149
Change in net assets resulting from operating					
revenues and expenses	4,379,560	(525,229)	-	3,854,331	8,028,537
Non-operating items	<i>(</i> 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	<i></i>		<i></i>	
Investment return in (deficit) excess of amounts used in operations	(8,663,553)	(4,171,258)	-	(12,834,811)	1,611,396
Government grants for capital improvements	-	-	-	-	583,205
Private grants and contracts for capital improvements	1,598,795	-	-	1,598,795	2,887,461
Campaign contributions and major gifts	500,447	4,875,740	34,884,102	40,260,289	23,675,254
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(832,894)	-	-	(832,894)	(6,919,743)
Depreciation	(12,607,299)	-	-	(12,607,299)	(12,437,118)
Gain on extinguishment of asset retirement obligation Other revenue	-	-	-	-	8,865,740.00 896,484
Net assets released from restrictions for					
Change in donor restriction	840,000	(2,340,000)	1,500,000	-	-
Capital improvements	1,201,967	(1,201,967)	-	-	-
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	(95,741)			(95,741)	(537,600)
Total non-operating items	(18,058,278)	(2,837,485)	36,384,102	15,488,339	18,625,079
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(13,678,718)	(3,362,714)	36,384,102	19,342,670	26,653,616
Net assets at beginning of year	244,668,013	85,927,043	106,980,460	437,575,516	410,921,900
Net assets at end of year	\$ 230,989,295	\$ 82,564,329	\$ 143,364,562	\$ 456,918,186	\$ 437,575,516

Field Museum of Natural History STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Revenue and other support				
Operating revenues				
Chicago Park District property tax remittances	\$ 5,690,148	\$ -	\$-	\$ 5,690,148
Government grants	2,390,588	-	-	2,390,588
Private grants and contracts	1,871,547	-	-	1,871,547
Investment return used in operations	11,614,502	3,212,498	-	14,827,000
Contributions	8,150,809	5,203,501	-	13,354,310
Sponsorships	1,162,901	-	-	1,162,901
Memberships	2,806,972	-	-	2,806,972
Admissions	12,370,162	-	-	12,370,162
Program service fees	3,193,833	-	-	3,193,833
Business enterprises	8,331,251	-	-	8,331,251
Other	491,974			491,974
Total operating revenues	58,074,687	8,415,999	-	66,490,686
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	6,800,002	(6,800,002)		
Total revenue and other support	64,874,689	1,615,997	-	66,490,686
Operating expenses				
Science and education	17,431,377	-	-	17,431,377
Public programs	6,568,625	-	-	6,568,625
Business enterprises	3,313,080	-	-	3,313,080
Museum outreach	6,081,411	-	-	6,081,411
Museum services	8,641,494	-	-	8,641,494
General and administrative	5,743,931	-	-	5,743,931
Institutional advancement	3,023,401	-		3,023,401
Debt service	7,658,830			7,658,830
Total operating expenses	58,462,149			58,462,149
Change in net assets resulting from operating				
revenues and expenses	6,412,540	1,615,997	-	8,028,537
Non-operating items				
Investment return in excess of amounts used in operations	302,450	1,308,946	-	1,611,396
Government grants for capital improvements	583,205	-	-	583,205
Private grants and contracts for capital improvements	2,887,461	-	-	2,887,461
Campaign contributions and major gifts	511,380	2,002,969	21,160,905	23,675,254
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(6,919,743)	-	-	(6,919,743)
Depreciation	(12,437,118)	-	-	(12,437,118)
Gain on extinguishment of asset retirement obligation	8,865,740	-	-	8,865,740
Other revenue	896,484	-	-	896,484
Net assets released from restrictions for				
Capital improvements	1,758,806	(1,758,806)	-	-
Capital campaign	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	(537,600)		-	(537,600)
Total non-operating items	(4,068,935)	1,533,109	21,160,905	18,625,079
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	2,343,605	3,149,106	21,160,905	26,653,616
Net assets at beginning of year	242,324,408	82,777,937	85,819,555	410,921,900
Net assets at end of year	\$ 244,668,013	\$ 85,927,043	\$ 106,980,460	\$ 437,575,516

Field Museum of Natural History STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Changes in net assets	\$ 19,342,670	\$ 26,653,616
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash		
used in operating activities		
Depreciation	12,607,299	12,437,118
Gain on extinguishment of asset retirement obligation	-	(8,865,740)
Net realized/unrealized depreciation (appreciation) on investments	696,663	(13,643,706)
Change in fair value of interest rate swap liabilities	832,894	6,919,743
Loss on disposal of Museum property	43,939	8,429
Contributions permanently restricted for endowment	(34,884,102)	(21,160,905)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(
Interest and dividends receivable	(129,505)	5,145
Accounts receivable	1,145,309	(2,570,413)
Pledges receivable	(1,640,087)	(2,520,221)
Museum inventories	(920)	(6,490)
Other assets	(137,310)	(928,302)
Accounts payable	871,267	(1,063,546)
Accrued expenses	460,784	(871,761)
Deferred revenue	(101,633)	(112,127)
Accrued pension cost	(166,794)	(1,447,066)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,059,526)	(7,166,226)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of investments	(44,866,865)	(49,694,967)
Proceeds from sales of investments	41,401,391	61,268,993
Purchases of Museum property	(6,960,137)	(8,467,211)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(10,425,611)	3,106,815
Cash flows from financing activities		
Contributions permanently restricted for endowment	13,061,644	5,025,420
Borrowings under line of credit	4,500,000	7,100,000
Repayment of line-of-credit borrowings	(6,000,000)	(8,200,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	11,561,644	3,925,420
NET CHANGE IN CASH	76,507	(133,991)
Cash, beginning of year	614,910	748,901
Cash, end of year	\$ 691,417	\$ 614,910
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
Interest paid	\$ 7,079,585	\$ 6,696,769
Income taxes paid	594,000	230,799
Accounts payable for construction in progress	21,649	384,239
Non-cash investing and financing activity		
Repayment of bonds using new bond proceeds	88,500,000	
Repayment of bonds using proceeds of investments	500,000	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Field Museum of Natural History (the Museum) is a private institution providing collection-based research, science action, exhibits and public education. The Museum focuses on diversity in the world's physical environments and cultures. The Museum's collections amount to more than 25 million natural objects and man-made artifacts spanning the Museum's four disciplines - Anthropology, Botany, Geology and Zoology.

The financial statements of the Museum have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Museum, the accounts of the Museum are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into the same net asset categories. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded by fund and reported by category.

The Museum classifies all business operations as revenues and expenses in the statement of activities, except non-operating items. Operating expenses are classified by administrative areas that reflect Museum operations. Non-operating items include government and private grants for capital improvement reimbursements, the excess of investment earnings under the total return concept (see Note 2), campaign and major gift activity, depreciation, the change in fair value of interest rate swaps, gains on extinguishment of assets, other revenue, and pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost, as these funds are not available for operating purposes. For purposes of functional expenses, the Museum considers depreciation to be program costs, except for the 2% that is allocated as support services.

Net assets released from restrictions pledged to the capital campaign and for capital improvements, as well as net assets with a change in donor restrictions, are classified as non-operating items.

Net Assets - Unrestricted net assets include the current operating, management designated, unrestricted longterm investment and property accounts. The current operating accounts consist of revenues available for support of Museum operations and the related expenses, along with related assets and liabilities. The management-designated accounts include assets that have been designated by the Board of Trustees (the Board) or Museum administration for special projects and the changes in net assets related thereto. Unrestricted longterm investment accounts include assets that have been designated by the Board to function as endowments and the related changes in net assets. Property accounts include (a) the building, building improvements, equipment and exhibits, as well as the depreciation thereto, (b) accounts pertaining to Chicago Park District capital improvement reimbursements and (c) accounts related to the Museum's notes payable to the Illinois Finance Authority (see Note 7).

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of contributions and investment income that have been restricted by donors for specified purposes or the existence of time restrictions on gifts. When restrictions have been met, such net assets are reported as net assets released from restrictions. Temporarily restricted net assets are principally restricted for programs and time (see Note 13).

Permanently restricted net assets include assets whose use by the Museum is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the Museum. The earnings of permanently restricted net assets are principally restricted for programs and operational support.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. 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 financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash - Cash reflects currency and deposits in checking accounts with a financial institution that may be deposited or withdrawn without restriction or penalty. The Museum maintains cash accounts in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. The Museum believes it is not exposed to significant credit risk on cash.

Inventories - Inventories related to the Museum's special event activities are stated at the lower of average cost or market.

Investments - Investments are reported at fair value. Equity securities with readily determinable fair values and debt securities are valued at the last sales price (if quotations are readily available) or at the closing bid price in the principal market in which such securities are normally traded (if no sales price is available). Certain fixed-income securities funds are valued based on dealer-supplied valuations. The investment in limited partnerships is stated at fair value based on the Museum's share of either the appraised value of the partnerships or the value of its capital ownership percentage as of the date of the gift. The fair value. The Museum has one limited partnership investment that is reported at cost using its appraised value as of the gift date. The Museum does not have significant influence over this limited partnership and is unable to determine its fair value. The Museum does not believe this investment is impaired as it receives annual dividends from this investment, which are included as a part of investment return.

The estimated fair values of investments that do not have readily determinable fair values are based on either the net asset value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent such as percentage of capital, or on estimates provided by external investment managers as of the reporting date. These fair values are examined through a valuation review process performed by management. A range of possible values exists for these securities and, therefore, the estimated values may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these securities existed (see Note 3).

Investment Income - The Museum utilizes the total return concept for operations to allocate investment income earned on permanently restricted, temporarily restricted and unrestricted long-term investments. The Board has approved a spending policy at a rate of 4.75% on a three-year moving average, which resulted in a spending amount of approximately \$14,787,000 in 2015 and \$14,800,000 in 2014. This is first satisfied from interest and dividend income, and the remaining balance is provided from accumulated realized capital gains.

Investment income is recorded based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions, as follows:

- a. Investment income on donor-restricted endowment funds is recorded as temporarily restricted based on state law, donor-imposed restrictions or time restrictions.
- b. Investment income on Board-designated funds is recorded as unrestricted.
- c. Investment income on other unrestricted investments is recorded as unrestricted.

d. Investment income on other temporarily restricted investments is recorded as unrestricted, unless specified by the donor.

Endowment Funds - Endowment funds are recorded in accordance with the Illinois approved Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). The Board interprets UPMIFA as requiring that the "historic value (corpus)" of the original donor-restricted endowment gift be preserved as of the gift date unless there are explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. Therefore, the Museum classifies as permanently restricted net assets the original value of gifts donated to its permanent endowment, the original value of subsequent gifts, and accumulations to its permanent endowment made in accordance with the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund earnings that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until any donor-imposed restrictions have been satisfied, and those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Board in a manner consistent with UPMIFA's standard of prudence. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Museum considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund.
- The mission of the Museum and the purposes of its donor-restricted endowment funds.
- General economic conditions.
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation.
- The expected total return from income and appreciation of investments.
- Other resources of the Museum.
- The investment policy of the Museum.

Net losses that reduce donor-restricted endowments below the amount to be held in perpetuity are recorded as unrestricted (see Note 4).

Derivative Financial Instruments - The Museum uses interest rate swaps to hedge overall exposure to variable-rate debt. The swap agreements are not designated as a hedge for accounting purposes and are recorded at fair value.

Property - Museum property over \$5,000 is stated at cost and is depreciated on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives, which range between 5 and 40 years. Interest on borrowings used to fund capital projects is capitalized and amortized over the life of the asset. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred and betterments are capitalized. Cost and the related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts when an asset is retired.

Deferred Revenue and Charges - The Museum recognizes revenue and expenses of programs and auxiliary activities during the period in which the activity is conducted.

Issuance costs associated with long-term notes payable are deferred and amortized ratably over the life of the related notes.

Asset Retirement Obligations - Asset retirement obligations include those for which the Museum has a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity; however, the timing and/or method of settling the obligation are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the Museum's control. The Museum records all known asset retirement obligations for which the present value of the estimated future liability can be

reasonably estimated, including certain obligations relating to regulatory remediation. In 2014, the Museum revised its estimate after determining there was no longer an obligation.

Collections - The Museum's collections are comprised of objects of historical, cultural or scientific significance that are held for educational, research, scientific and curatorial purposes. Each of the items is cataloged, preserved and cared for, and activities verifying its existence and assessing its condition are performed continuously. The collections are subject to a policy that requires proceeds from sales of collection items to be deposited in the endowment, with earnings to be used to acquire other items for collections or provide for the direct care of existing collections.

In accordance with the practice generally followed by museums, the value of objects in the collections is excluded from the financial statements; collections are reflected in the accompanying financial statements at a nominal value of \$1. Such collections have been acquired through purchases and contributions since the Museum's inception. Purchases of collection items are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets in the year in which the items are acquired, or as decreases in temporarily restricted net assets if the assets used to purchase the items are restricted by donors. Contributed collection items are not reflected in the financial statements. Proceeds from deaccessions or insurance recoveries are reflected as increases in unrestricted net assets. There were no sales of collection items in 2015 or 2014.

Contributions and Memberships - Contributions and memberships are recognized as revenue upon the earlier of the receipt of a donor's unconditional written pledge to contribute or upon receipt of the contribution and the membership dues. Contributions of securities are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Contributions are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Contributions to be received after one year are discounted at an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risks involved and the expected period of payment. The discount on those amounts is computed using risk-adjusted interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are received. Amortization of discounts (if any) is included in contributions in the statement of activities. An allowance is recorded for estimated uncollectible pledges based on management's judgment and analysis, past collection experience and other relevant factors. The Museum writes-off pledges when they are deemed uncollectible.

Contributed Goods and Services - The Museum records various types of in-kind support, including professional services, equipment and supplies, as contribution revenue. Contributed professional services are recognized if the services received (a) create or enhance long-lived assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributions of tangible assets are recognized at fair value when received if they are used. In-kind support is reflected in the accompanying financial statements as contribution revenue and for each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, totaled \$75,000. This revenue is offset by like amounts included in expenses or assets.

A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time in furtherance of the Museum's programs. Such services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributions, as described above, and, therefore, their value is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Chicago Property Tax Revenues - The Museum receives support from property taxes that are collected by the Chicago Park District. These tax revenues are accrued to match the fiscal year allocation by the Chicago Park District.

Grants and Contracts - Grants and contracts for programs are recognized as unrestricted revenue when the corresponding expenses have been incurred for allowable purposes consistent with the terms of the respective agreements to which they pertain.

Program Service Fees - Program service fees include revenues from education programs, traveling exhibit rental fees, traveling exhibit licensing fees and research fees. The fees from education programs and research are accrued to match the dates of the programs. The revenues from traveling exhibits are accrued to match the term of the rental and licensing agreements.

Income Taxes - The Museum is exempt from income taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a comparable state of Illinois statute. Management believes there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition in the accompanying financial statements. The tax years ended 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 are still open to audit for both federal and state purposes.

The Museum has a policy to record interest and penalties (if any) related to income tax matters in income tax expense. The Museum has determined that its tax positions satisfy the more-likely-than-not criterion. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, no interest and penalties were recorded.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments - The Museum's financial instruments include cash, interest and dividends receivable, accounts receivable, pledges receivable, investments, accounts payable, notes payable, pension assets and interest rate swaps. The fair values of pension assets are based on market quotes as of the reporting date. Other than the Museum's investment in a limited partnership multi-family portfolio, investments are reported at fair value based on market quotes as of the reporting date. The fair value of the interest rate swaps is obtained from a third party as of the measurement date.

The investment in the limited partnership multi-family portfolio is stated at its appraised value as of the date of the donation and will be adjusted if information becomes available to support a different value.

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. There is a three-tiered value hierarchy that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Museum's assumptions (unobservable inputs). Fair value measurements are classified under the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 refers to instruments with quoted prices in an active market.
- Level 2 refers to instruments not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available.
- Level 3 refers to instruments not traded in an active market and for which no significant observable market inputs are available.

Institutional Advancement - Institutional advancement consists of expenses related to fund-raising activities. Fund-raising expenses totaled \$3,521,960 and \$3,023,401 in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Business Enterprises - Business enterprises consist of revenues and expenses of the stores, specials events, 3D theater, food services and group sales.

Functional Allocation of Expenses - The costs of providing Museum programs and administration have been summarized on a functional basis in Note 11. In 2014, the Museum restructured its functional allocation of expenses to reflect the realignment of the Science and Education program into four complementary centers: Collections Center, Integrative Research Center, Science Action Center and Learning Center.

Pension Plan - The Museum recognizes the overfunded or underfunded status of its defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position (see Note 8).

Accounting Pronouncements - In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which supersedes most of the current revenue recognition requirements. The underlying principle is that an entity will recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers at an amount that the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance provides a five-step analysis of transactions to determine when and how revenue is recognized. Other major provisions include capitalization of certain contract costs, consideration of time value of money in the transaction price, and allowing estimates of variable consideration to be recognized before contingencies are resolved in certain circumstances. The guidance also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. The guidance will be effective for the Museum for 2019 (early adoption is not permitted). The guidance permits the use of either a retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Museum is evaluating whether this new standard will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Interest Costs.* The amendments in this update require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the statement of position as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The guidance will be effective for the Museum for fiscal year 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of ASU No. 2015-03 is not expected to have a material impact on the Museum's financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-07, *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)*, which exempts investments measured using the net asset value (NAV) practical expedient in Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, from categorization within the fair value hierarchy and related disclosures. This ASU requires presentation of the carrying amount of investments measured at the NAV practical expedient as a reconciling item between the total amount of investments categorized within the fair value hierarchy and total investments measured at fair value on the face of the financial statements. This ASU is effective for the Museum for 2017, however early adoption is permitted, and the Museum has adopted the ASU for 2015, with retrospective application. The revised disclosures are included in Notes 3 and 8 to the financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842). The underlying principle of ASU No. 2016-02 is that lessees should be required to recognize the assets and liabilities arising from leases on the statement of financial position. The guidance requires a lessee to recognize a liability to make lease payments (the lease liability) and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. The recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee have not significantly changed from previous U.S. GAAP. There continues to be a differentiation between finance leases and operating leases. However, the principal difference from previous guidance is that the lease assets and lease liabilities arising from operating leases should be recognized in the statement of financial position. The guidance will be effective for the Museum for 2020 and early adoption is permitted for all entities. Lessees and lessors are required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented

using a modified retrospective approach. The Museum is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of ASU 2016-02 will have on its financial statements.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

Under the Museum's articles of incorporation and its bylaws, the Investment Committee of the Board has overall responsibility for the establishment of policies and general governance related to investments of the Museum. The Investment Committee reports to the Board and is responsible for recommending, reviewing and monitoring policies, and programs affecting the finances of the Museum.

Investments at December 31, 2015 and 2014, consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Money market funds	\$ 14,935,732	\$ 7,785,246
Equity securities funds	168,081,681	169,706,554
Fixed-income securities funds	44,729,235	54,064,687
Hedged equity funds	50,816,186	45,330,524
Absolute return funds	76,706,979	76,146,933
Other funds	45,294	37,586
Limited partnerships	1,949,767	1,924,533
Total	\$ 357,264,874	\$ 354,996,063

Following is a summary of the investment return and its classification for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, in the statements of activities:

				201	5		
			Т	emporarily	Perm	anently	
	Unrestricted			restricted	restricted		 Total
Interest and dividends	\$	2,501,337	\$	1,175,674	\$	-	\$ 3,677,011
Net realized gains		3,092,694		1,982,784		-	5,075,478
Change in net unrealized loss		(3,635,320)		(2,136,821)		-	(5,772,141)
Investment manager fees		(1,028,159)		-		-	(1,028,159)
Release for unrestricted endowment spending		1,731,015		(1,731,015)		-	 -
Total return reported in the							
statement of activities	\$	2,661,567	\$	(709,378)	\$	-	\$ 1,952,189
Classified as follows							
Operating revenues	\$	11,325,120	\$	3,461,880	\$	-	\$ 14,787,000
Non-operating items		(8,663,553)		(4,171,258)		-	 (12,834,811)
Total	\$	2,661,567	\$	(709,378)	\$	-	\$ 1,952,189
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	2014										
			T	emporarily	Perma	nently					
	U	nrestricted	1	restricted	restri	icted		Total			
Interest and dividends	\$	2,659,982	\$	1,149,911	\$	-	\$	3,809,893			
Net realized gains		7,832,938		4,406,465		-		12,239,403			
Change in net unrealized gain		700,972		703,331		-		1,404,303			
Investment manager fees		(1,015,203)		-		-		(1,015,203)			
Release for unrestricted endowment spending		1,738,263		(1,738,263)		-		-			
Total return reported in the											
statement of activities	\$	11,916,952	\$	4,521,444	\$	-	\$	16,438,396			
Classified as follows											
Operating revenues	\$	11,614,502	\$	3,212,498	\$	-	\$	14,827,000			
Non-operating items		302,450		1,308,946		-		1,611,396			
Total	\$	11,916,952	\$	4,521,444	\$	-	\$	16,438,396			

The following tables summarize assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

				2015					
Assets	Qu ac	vestments Classi oted prices in tive markets or identical assets (Level 1)	S	in the Fair Val Significant other bbservable inputs (Level 2)	Sign o obse in	rarchy ificant ther ervable puts evel 3)		nvestments neasured at NAV	 Total
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed-income securities funds Hedged equity funds Absolute return funds Other funds Limited partnership Total investments, fair value	\$ \$	14,935,732 63,918,148 32,399,523 - - - - 1111,253,403	\$ \$		\$ \$		\$ \$	104,163,533 12,329,712 50,816,186 76,706,979 45,294 189,767 244,251,471	\$ 14,935,732 168,081,681 44,729,235 50,816,186 76,706,979 45,294 189,767 355,504,874
Limited partnership, cost Total investments									\$ 1,760,000 357,264,874
Liabilities									
Interest rate swaps	\$	-	\$	21,063,028	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 21,063,028
Total	\$		\$	21,063,028	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 21,063,028

				2014					
	Inv	estments Class	ified	l in the Fair V	alue Hi	erarchy			
Assets	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)			Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)		Investments measured at NAV	To	tal
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed-income securities funds Hedged equity funds Absolute return funds Other funds Limited partnership	\$	7,785,246 66,839,572 41,815,430 - - -	\$		\$	- - - - -	\$ - 102,866,982 12,249,257 45,330,524 76,146,933 37,586 164,533	169,7 54,0 45,3 76,1	785,246 706,554 064,687 330,524 146,933 37,586 164,533
Total investments, fair value	\$	116,440,248	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 236,795,815	353,2	236,063
Limited partnership, cost								1,7	760,000
Total investments								\$ 354,9	996,063
Liabilities									
Interest rate swaps			\$	20,230,135				\$ 20,2	230,135
Total	\$	-	\$	20,230,135	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 20,2	230,135

These levels are evaluated on an annual basis, and transfers between levels are recognized as of the end of each fiscal year. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no transfers in or out of Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

The following tables disclose additional information about investments recorded at NAV or its equivalent, such as percentage of capital, at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015					
	Fair Value			nfunded mitments	Redemption frequency limitations	Redemption notice period
					Monthly and	
Equity securities funds (a)	\$	104,163,533	\$	-	Quarterly	0 - 60 days
Fixed-income securities funds (b)		12,329,712			Quarterly	60 days
					Quarterly and	·
Hedged equity funds (c)		50,816,186		-	Annually	45 - 80 days
Absolute return funds (d)		76,706,979		81,635	Annually	45 - 120 days
Other funds (e)		45,294		46,906	None	0 days
Limited partnership (f)		189,767		-	None	0 days
Total investments recorded at NAV	\$	244,251,471	\$	128,541		

	2014					
	Fair value		Unfunded commitments		Redemption frequency limitations	Redemption notice period
Equity securities funds (a)	\$	102,866,982	\$	-	Quarterly	0 - 60 days
Fixed-income securities funds (b)		12,249,257		-	Quarterly	60 days
					Quarterly and	
Hedged equity funds (c)		45,330,524		-	Annually	45 - 90 days
Absolute return funds (d)		76,146,933		96,279	Annually	45 - 90 days
Other funds (e)		37,586		64,282	None	0 days
Limited partnership (f)		164,533			None	0 days
Total investments recorded at NAV	\$	236,795,815	\$	160,561		

- (a) This category includes investments in equity securities funds primarily consisting of common stocks, real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, bonds and depositary receipts that have readily available price data. The NAV or its equivalent, such as percentage of capital, of the funds is determined using the fair value of the underlying securities. These funds have no future capital calls. Some of the funds have redemption frequency limitations, and some do have a redemption notice period.
- (b) This category includes investments in fixed-income securities funds primarily consisting of treasury asset swap agreements and interest rate swap agreements. The NAV of the funds is determined using the fair value of the underlying securities. This category of fund has no future capital calls, but does have a redemption limitation and redemption notice period. The Museum has a limitation on the amount it can withdraw in an annual period. The Museum is allowed to withdraw up to one third of its original capital contribution annually.

- (c) This category includes investments in several hedge funds that invest both long and short term, primarily in global equities with an emphasis on the United States and Europe. Management of the hedge funds has the ability to shift investments from value to growth strategies, from small to large capitalization stakes, and from a net long position to a net short position. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV per share of the investments or its equivalent, such as percentage of capital. The funds have redemption frequency limitations and have a redemption notice period, and less than 1% of the hedged equity funds are in redemption.
- (d) This category includes several multi-strategy absolute return investments focused on analyzing the probability-adjusted returns of individual securities and assets and capturing the alpha in mispriced assets/securities across conventional and alternative financial strategies. Management initiates long and short positions in various corporate and sovereign securities, debt, currencies and derivatives targeting solid absolute risk-adjusted returns. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV per share of the investments or its equivalent, such as percentage of capital. The funds can be redeemed on an annual basis at various redemption dates and have a redemption notice period, and less than 1% of the absolute return funds are in redemption.
- (e) This category includes investments in opportunistic instruments like derivatives, mortgage loans and real estate. The NAV equivalent of the funds (percentage of capital) is determined using the fair value of the underlying instruments. The investment term of the partnership shall continue until 2018 and may be extended annually thereafter or until the partnership is dissolved.
- (f) This category represents donated shares in a privately held limited liability partnership. The Museum recorded this investment at fair value at the time of the donation and adjusts the fair value based on the Museum's percentage of capital, as new information is made available. Earnings are recorded as income when received. The Museum is in the process of liquidating this investment.

All investments stated at NAV and described above, include terms and conditions, including liquidity provisions, which are different for each fund. The Museum believes that the carrying amount of its investments stated at NAV or its equivalent, such as percentage of capital, is a reasonable estimate of the fair value of such investments as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. As is typical of investment portfolios of similar types of institutions, investments stated at NAV or its equivalent, such as percentage of capital, are not readily marketable and their estimated value is subject to uncertainty and, therefore, may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed.

NOTE 4 - ENDOWMENT

The Museum's endowment is comprised of both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board to function as endowments. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions and time restrictions. The Board has pooled certain temporarily restricted funds (without donor-specified restrictions on the earnings of such funds) to be included in the Board-designated endowment balances shown in the following tables until such time as the net assets are used for their intended donor-stipulated purposes.

Funds with Deficiencies - The fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level the donor requires the Museum to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. At

December 31, 2015 and 2014, deficiencies of this nature totaled \$238,856 and \$3,567, respectively, and were reported as unrestricted net assets. These deficiencies resulted from extraordinary market conditions. Management has deemed it prudent to spend from these funds with the expectation that future earnings will offset these deficiencies.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund is as follows as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015					
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total		
	Christiteeu	Testifeteu	Itstitteu	Total		
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (238,856)	\$ 39,303,002	\$ 99,380,215	\$ 138,444,361		
Board-designated endowment funds	194,368,589	13,425,336	-	207,793,925		
Total funds	\$ 194,129,733	\$ 52,728,338	\$ 99,380,215	\$ 346,238,286		
		2	2014			
		Temporarily	Permanently			
	Unrestricted	restricted	restricted	Total		
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (3,567)	\$ 45,827,536	\$ 84,818,571	\$ 130,642,540		
Board-designated endowment funds	204,071,605	11,878,654		215,950,259		
Total funds						

During 2015, the Museum had the following endowment-related cash activities:

Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted			
\$ 204,068,038	\$ 57,706,190	\$ 84,818,571	\$ 346,592,799	
1,072,219	1,175,674	-	2,247,893	
1,300,589	(1,898,328)		(597,739)	
2,372,808	(722,654)	-	1,650,154	
13,689	1,546,682	13,061,644	14,622,015	
(11,325,120)	(3,461,880)	-	(14,787,000)	
840,000	(2,340,000)	1,500,000	-	
(1,839,682)			(1,839,682)	
\$ 194,129,733	\$ 52,728,338	\$ 99,380,215	\$ 346,238,286	
	\$ 204,068,038 1,072,219 1,300,589 2,372,808 13,689 (11,325,120) 840,000 (1,839,682)	Unrestricted restricted \$ 204,068,038 \$ 57,706,190 1,072,219 1,175,674 1,300,589 (1,898,328) 2,372,808 (722,654) 13,689 1,546,682 (11,325,120) (3,461,880) 840,000 (2,340,000) (1,839,682)	Unrestricted restricted restricted \$ 204,068,038 \$ 57,706,190 \$ 84,818,571 1,072,219 1,175,674 - 1,300,589 (1,898,328) - 2,372,808 (722,654) - 13,689 1,546,682 13,061,644 (11,325,120) (3,461,880) - 840,000 (2,340,000) 1,500,000 (1,839,682) - -	

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 205,098,998	\$ 56,516,555	\$ 79,793,151	\$ 341,408,704	
Investment return Investment income	1,118,688	1,149,911	-	2,268,599	
Net realized and unrealized appreciation	10,380,758	3,248,234		13,628,992	
Total investment return	11,499,446	4,398,145	-	15,897,591	
Additions New cash gifts and pledge payments	13,513	3,988	5,025,420	5,042,921	
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(11,614,502)	(3,212,498)	-	(14,827,000)	
Transfers from Board-designated endowment funds	(929,417)			(929,417)	
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 204,068,038	\$ 57,706,190	\$ 84,818,571	\$ 346,592,799	

During 2014, the Museum had the following endowment-related cash activities:

The endowment-related cash activities table above represents the endowment pool on a cash basis, consistent with the manner in which management and the Board manage and evaluate the endowment. A portion of the Museum's pledges are permanently restricted and, when received, the payments will be reflected as new cash gifts and pledge payments.

NOTE 5 - MUSEUM PROPERTY, NET

Museum property at December 31, 2015 and 2014, consists of the following:

	2015	2014
Building and building improvements Exhibit hall improvements	\$ 307,898,263	\$ 304,975,080
(excluding artifacts and historical treasures)	102,853,049	96,875,189
Research and office equipment	25,402,188	22,293,178
Total property and equipment	436,153,500	424,143,447
Less accumulated depreciation	(193,981,638)	(181,393,359)
Net depreciable property and equipment	242,171,862	242,750,088
Construction in progress	168,065	5,643,530
Net property and equipment	\$ 242,339,927	\$ 248,393,618

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Museum has \$4,315,774 and \$4,506,929 of net capitalized interest included in Museum property, respectively.

The Museum operates on land owned by the Chicago Park District, which is made available to the Museum at no charge. The value of this arrangement is not readily determinable and, accordingly, is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

It will cost approximately \$600,000 to complete the Museum's construction in progress as of December 31, 2015.

The Museum is committed to making changes to its fire suppression systems that would result in the Museum being fully covered by 2016. As of December 31, 2015, the building is approximately 99% (unaudited) covered. The estimated remaining cost to complete this project is \$150,000 and will be capitalized as incurred.

NOTE 6 - PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Unconditional promises to give are included in the financial statements as pledges and revenue of the appropriate net asset category. Pledges are recorded after discounting to the present value the expected future cash flows using discount rates ranging between 0.76% and 1.64%. Pledges receivable were as follows as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014		
Due within one year	\$ 14,514,961	\$ 7,772,511		
Due between two to five years	36,205,124	14,820,680		
Due after five years	2,700,000	6,620,000		
Less:	53,420,085	29,213,191		
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	(315,179)	(265,895)		
Present value discount	(2,188,533)	(1,493,468)		
Net pledges receivable	\$ 50,916,373	\$ 27,453,828		

NOTE 7 - NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable at December 31, 2015 and 2014, consist of the following amounts due to the Illinois Finance Authority, which issued bonds on the Museum's behalf:

					2015		
	Origir princij		Principal Principal outstanding Paid in 2015 December 31, 20			utstanding	Maturity date
Series 2015A Series 2015B	. ,)0,000)0,000	\$	-	\$	30,000,000 29,000,000	November 1, 2025 November 1, 2034
Series 2015C	29,50	00,000		-		29,500,000	November 1, 2034
Series 2002 Series 2000	30,00)0,000)0,000		- 29,800,000		78,000,000	November 1, 2036 November 1, 2034
Series 1998 Series 1990	20,00)0,000)0,000	4	28,900,000 20,000,000		-	November 1, 2032 November 1, 2025
Series 1985	17,80	0,000	1	10,300,000			November 1, 2025
Total	\$ 275,30	00,000	\$8	39,000,000	\$	166,500,000	

		2014	
	Original principal	Principal outstanding December 31, 2014	Maturity date
Series 2002 Series 2000 Series 1998 Series 1990 Series 1985	\$ 90,000,000 30,000,000 29,000,000 20,000,000 17,800,000	\$ 78,000,000 29,800,000 28,900,000 20,000,000 10,300,000	November 1, 2036 November 1, 2034 November 1, 2032 November 1, 2025 November 1, 2025
Total	\$ 186,800,000	\$ 167,000,000	

The Museum repaid its Series 1985, Series 1990, Series 1998, and Series 2000 bonds in 2015. The Museum replaced these bonds with new Series 2015 tax-exempt direct purchase bonds issues totaling \$88.5 million.

The Variable-Rate Direct Purchase Bond, Series 2015A, are subject to redemption beginning November 1, 2016, with sinking fund payments each year until maturity. These bonds are currently in a weekly rate mode. The Series 2015A Bonds outstanding at December 31, 2015, bore interest of 1.216%.

The Variable-Rate Direct Purchase Bond, Series 2015B, are subject to redemption beginning November 1, 2017, with sinking fund payments each year until maturity. These bonds are currently in a weekly rate mode. The Series 2015B Bonds outstanding at December 31, 2015, bore interest of 1.216%.

The Variable-Rate Direct Purchase Bond, Series 2015C are currently in a weekly rate mode and have no amortization. The Series 2015C Bonds outstanding at December 31, 2015, bore interest of 1.266%.

The terms of all the Series 2015 Bond agreements require the Museum to maintain unrestricted cash and investments with a market value of at least 90% of the Museum's total indebtedness, and no more than 50% of the unrestricted investments can be held in alternative funds. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Museum was in compliance with these financial covenants.

The Series 2002 Bonds were issued on September 1, 2002, as Adjustable Medium-Term Revenue Bonds. The Series 2002 Bonds are rated A by Standard & Poor's and A2 by Moody's, and are not secured by a letter of credit. The adjustable rate periods end November 1, 2014 through November 1, 2017, and the Series 2002 Bonds bear interest at a rate of 3.40% to 5.50%, depending on duration. The current blended rate as of December 31, 2015, is 4.53% (weighted), and interest is payable each November 1 and May 1.

On October 1, 2015, the remarketing of an outstanding portion of the Series 2002 Bonds in the amount of \$14,750,000 occurred as required by the mandatory tender on November 1, 2015. The new adjustable interest rate on the outstanding principal amount was set at 4.45%. The new adjustable rate period began on November 1, 2015, and ends on October 31, 2036.

On September 1, 2014, the remarketing of an outstanding portion of the Series 2002 Bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000 occurred as required by the mandatory tender on November 1, 2014. The new adjustable interest rate on the outstanding principal amount was set at 4.50%. The new adjustable rate period began on November 1, 2014, and ends on October 31, 2036.

The Adjustable-Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, 1998 and 1990, had adjustable methods of interest rate determination, demand features and interest payment dates. At December 31, 2014, the Series 1990 Bonds were in a commercial paper rate mode, and the Series 1998 and Series 2000 Bonds were in a weekly rate mode. As of December 31, 2014, the Series 1990 Bonds bore interest of 0.08%. As of December 31, 2014, the Series 1998 Bonds bore interest of 0.03%. As of December 31, 2014, the Series 1998 Bonds bore interest of 0.03%.

The Variable-Rate Demand Bonds, Series 1985, were subject to redemption beginning November 1, 2016, with sinking fund payments due each year until maturity. At December 31, 2014, these bonds were in a weekly interest rate reset mode. The Series 1985 Bonds outstanding at December 31, 2014, bore interest of 0.02%.

The Series 1985 Bonds, prior to election to convert to a fixed rate of interest, were secured by credit facilities issued by The Northern Trust Company. In addition, the Series 1985 Bonds were secured by deposits held by the Bond Trustee in a Debt Service Reserve Fund and a Security Fund. The Series 1990 Bonds, prior to election to convert to a fixed rate of interest, were secured by a credit facility issued by The Northern Trust Company. The Series 1998 and 2000 Bonds, prior to conversion to a fixed rate of interest, were secured by a credit facility issued by The Northern Trust Company. The Series 1998 and 2000 Bonds, prior to conversion to a fixed rate of interest, were secured by credit facilities issued by JPMorgan Chase.

There are no assets held for debt service as of December 31, 2015. Assets held for debt service totaled \$941,176 at December 31, 2014, and are reported with investments in the accompanying 2014 statement of financial position.

The total interest costs incurred on these bonds in 2015 and 2014 were \$7,092,888 and \$6,685,233, respectively. Capitalized interest is classified as a depreciable asset within Museum property.

The Museum entered into two interest rate swap agreements to hedge variable interest rate exposure as follows:

- The first swap, dated September 2005, expires on November 1, 2032, and effectively fixes the interest rate on a notional value of \$45 million at 3.258% through October 31, 2008, 4.369% from November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2010, and 3.769% from November 1, 2010 through November 1, 2032.
- The second swap, dated June 2008, is effective January 1, 2009, and expires on November 1, 2032. This agreement effectively fixes the interest rate on a notional value of \$43 million at 3.43% for the duration of the swap.

These agreements are considered derivative financial instruments and are reported at their fair values as a liability of \$21,063,028 and \$20,230,135 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The fair value is recorded in interest rate swaps in the accompanying statement of financial position. The unrealized loss on interest rate swaps for 2015 and was \$832,894 and \$6,919,743, respectively. The net change in fair value of the agreements is reported as a separate line item in the non-operating section of the accompanying statements of activities.

NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN

The Museum sponsors a defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) covering substantially all of its employees, which provides pension benefits based on years of service and average compensation, as determined under the Plan. The Museum's funding policy is to contribute amounts necessary to maintain the long-term stability of the Plan. The Plan was amended to freeze participation and all benefit accruals under the Plan effective December 31, 2014, which resulted in a curtailment gain as of June 30, 2014. The existing contributory defined contribution plan has been amended to include matching and discretionary components beginning January 1, 2015. In 2015, Museum contributions expensed with respect to the defined contribution plan was \$1,112,701.

The change in benefit obligation, change in plan assets and the composition of the amounts recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, are as follows:

		2015	2014
Change in benefit obligation			
Benefit obligation — beginning of year	\$	26,652,389	\$ 25,789,193
Service cost		-	891,799
Interest cost		975,779	1,105,558
Actuarial (gain) loss		(720,580)	3,181,009
Benefits paid		(2,320,080)	(1,126,132)
Gain due to curtailment		-	 (3,189,038)
Benefit obligation — end of year	\$	24,587,508	\$ 26,652,389
Change in plan assets			
Fair value of plan assets — beginning of year	\$	23,472,294	\$ 21,162,032
Actual return on plan assets		421,993	1,736,394
Employer contribution		-	1,700,000
Benefits paid		(2,320,080)	(1,126,132)
Fair value of plan assets — end of year	Ş	21,574,207	\$ 23,472,294
Funded status	\$	(3,013,301)	\$ (3,180,095)

Amounts that have not yet been recognized as a component of net periodic benefit cost consist of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	2014	
Net actuarial loss	\$ 3,477,866	\$	3,382,125

Net periodic benefits costs expected to be recognized in the next fiscal years are as follows at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2016		2015	
Net actuarial loss	\$ 31,252	\$	21,724	

The following table sets forth the rollforward of the pension liability for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
Pension liability - beginning of year	\$ (3,180,095)	\$ (4,627,161)
Net periodic pension income	262,535	284,666
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost		
Net actuarial (loss) gain	(95,741)	132,533
Amortization of prior service credit	-	(670,133)
Employer contribution		1,700,000
Pension liability - end of year	\$ (3,013,301)	\$ (3,180,095)

Other changes in pension plan assets and benefit obligation recognized during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, are as follows:

	2015	2014
Net actuarial loss	\$ 374,336	\$ 3,093,030
Items amortized Prior service cost	-	670,133
Net actuarial loss	(278,595)	(3,225,563)
Total pension-related changes other than net periodic benefit cost	\$ 95,741	\$ 537,600

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, are as follows:

	 2015	2014		
Service cost	\$ -	\$	891,799	
Interest cost	975,779		1,105,558	
Expected return on plan assets	(1,516,909)	(1,648,415)	
Amortization of prior service credit	-		(35,827)	
Amortization of net actuarial loss	31,247		36,525	
Settlement expense	 247,348		(634,306)	
Net periodic pension income	\$ (262,535)	\$	(284,666)	

The following table presents the key actuarial assumptions used in developing the data for 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit		
obligations at December 31		
Discount rate	4.25 %	3.75 %
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	N/A
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic		
benefit cost for the year beginning January 1		
Discount rate	3.75	4.75/4.25
Expected return on plan assets	6.75	7.50
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	3.00

The Museum determines the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets by examining historic capital market returns, correlations between asset classes and the Plan's normal asset allocation. Current and near-term market factors, such as inflation and interest rates, are then evaluated to arrive at the expected return on Plan assets. Peer group or benchmarking data are also reviewed to ensure a reasonable and appropriate assumption.

The following table represents the Museum's estimated future benefit payments in each of the next five years and in the aggregate for the five fiscal years thereafter:

The following table presents the Plan's asset allocation at December 31, 2015, by asset category:

		Range
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed-income securities funds	2 % 87 11	0% - 5% 50 - 90 20 - 40
Total	100 %	

The following table presents the Plan's asset allocation at December 31, 2014, by asset category:

		Range
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed-income securities funds	2 % 80 18	0% - 5% 50 - 90 20 - 40
Total	100 %	

The Museum's investment approach is based on modern portfolio theory. Multiple asset classes are implemented in order to obtain the benefits of diversification and maximize long-term return for a given level of risk. Risk tolerance is developed by reviewing the funded status of the Plan, duration of the Plan's liabilities, the income and liquidity requirements, legal constraints and the financial condition of the Museum. The investment portfolio comprises a diversified combination of cash, equity securities funds, fixed-income securities funds and high-yield funds. The allocation among equity securities funds, fixed-income securities funds, high-yield funds and cash is determined by prevailing market conditions and relative valuations among asset classes. The Plan's financial condition is monitored on an ongoing basis by means of quarterly investment portfolio reviews, an annual independent actuarial valuation and periodic assets/liability studies.

The following represents the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2015:

	I	nvestments Cla	assified in							
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)		Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)		Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)		Investments measured at NAV		Total	
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed-income securities funds	\$	- 3,092,892 2,396,948	\$	-	\$	-	\$	414,650 15,669,717	\$	414,650 18,762,609 2,396,948
Total	\$	5,489,840	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,084,367	\$	21,574,207

The following represents the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2014:

		Investements c	lassified i									
	i m ider	oted prices in active arkets for ntical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 9)		Significant unobservable inputs		Investments measured at NAV			T. 4 I		
	(Level 1)		(Level 2)		(Level 3)		·			Total		
Money market funds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	345,977	\$	345,977		
Equity securities funds Fixed-income securities		3,530,925		-		-		15,351,599		18,882,524		
funds		4,243,793		-		-				4,243,793		
Total	\$	7,774,718	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,697,576	\$	23,472,294		

These levels are evaluated on an annual basis, and transfers between levels are recognized as of the end of each fiscal year. For the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no transfers in or out of Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

The following table discloses additional information about investments recorded at NAV at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	12/31/2015 Fair Value	Unfunded commitments	Redemption frequency limitations	Redemption notice period
Money market funds (a) Equity securities funds (b)	\$ 414,650 15,669,717		None None	0 days 0 - 5 days
Total Value	\$ 16,084,367	=		
	12/31/2014 Fair value	Unfunded commitments	Redemption frequency limitations	Redemption notice period
Money market funds (a)	\$ 345,977	\$ -	None	0 days
Equity securities funds (b)	15,351,599		None	0 - 5 days
Total investments recorded at NAV	\$ 15,697,576	-		

- (a) This category includes investments primarily consisting of a broad range of high-quality, U.S. dollardenominated government, bank and commercial obligations that are available in the money markets. The funds' objective is to maintain a stable NAV of \$1.00 per share and maximize current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and maintaining liquidity. The NAV of the fund is determined using the fair value of the underlying securities. The funds have no commitments, no redemption frequency limitations, and allow for same-day notice for redemption.
- (b) This category includes investments in equity securities funds primarily consisting of common stocks that have readily available price data. The NAV of the funds is determined using the fair value of the underlying securities. The funds have no commitments or redemption frequency limitations, but do have a redemption notice period.

There was no minimum contribution due to the Plan in 2015, and the Museum contributed \$1,700,000 to the Plan in 2014.

NOTE 9 - LINE OF CREDIT

The Museum has an agreement for an unsecured revolving line of credit for \$15,000,000. The agreement bears interest at the federal funds rate plus 0.50% (0.70% at December 31, 2015). Total interest costs incurred on the line of credit in 2015 and 2014 were \$6,587 and \$10,450, respectively. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, \$1,800,000 and \$3,300,000 were borrowed against the line of credit.

NOTE 10 - RELATED PARTIES

The Museum Campus Corporation (the Campus) is a tax-exempt organization consisting of the Museum, Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium, the purpose of which is to attract visitors to the Campus' centrally located facilities. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Museum has no receivable due from or payable to the Campus.

The Museum receives financial support from individual members of its Board. In 2015, approximately 40% of contributions were from members of the Board and approximately 60% of the pledge receivables were due from members of its Board. In 2014, more than 70% of contributions were from members of its Board and 90% of pledge receivables were due from members of its Board.

NOTE 11 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The Museum's operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, are classified functionally as follows:

	2015	2014
Program Supporting services	\$ 50,792,076 10,560,689	\$ 49,311,876 9,150,273
Total operating expenses	\$ 61,352,765	\$ 58,462,149

NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Museum has an operating lease with a food service provider (Lessee) expiring in 2023, with an option to extend for a five-year term immediately upon expiration and a second option to extend for an additional five years upon expiration of the first extension. As a part of the lease agreement, the Lessee was required to make an initial capital investment of \$3,500,000 to improve the Museum's facilities. The Museum recorded the \$3,500,000 of improvements as other assets and deferred revenue. The Museum is amortizing the other asset and the deferred revenue on a straight-line basis over a 20-year period in accordance with the amortization schedule of the improvement in the agreement.

The Museum has an operating lease with a retail service provider (Lessee) expiring in 2018, with an option to extend for a five-year term immediately upon expiration. As a part of the lease agreement, the Lessee made \$484,000 of improvements to the Museum's facilities. The Museum recorded the \$484,000 of improvements as other assets and deferred revenue. The Museum is amortizing the other asset and the deferred revenue on a straight-line basis over a five-year period in accordance with the amortization schedule of the improvement in the agreement.

In 2015 and 2014, the Museum amortized \$271,800. The other asset and deferred revenue balances pertaining to the arrangements discussed above at December 31, 2015 and 2014, were \$3,338,317 and \$3,609,917, respectively.

NOTE 13 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
Programs Time restrictions	\$ 36,840,185 45,724,144	\$ 35,926,278 50,000,765
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 82,564,329	\$ 85,927,043

Time-restricted net assets include pledges and investment income on endowment funds awaiting appropriation. Investment income from endowment funds are released upon board approval and satisfying donor-imposed purpose restrictions.

NOTE 14 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 25, 2016, the date the financial statements were issued, and is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Field Museum of Natural History SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Year ended December 31, 2015, with comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2014

	Salaries and wages	Pension and employee benefits	Cost of sales	Supplies	Postage, freight and miscellaneous	Travel, dues and meetings	Printing and publications	Professional and outside services	Utilities	Repairs and maintenance	Interest and amortization	Exhibits and equipment	Total	2014 Total
Science and education														
Action center	\$ 1,488,711	\$ 549,752	\$-	\$ 99,136	\$ 4,840	\$ 180,521	\$ 43,708	\$ 410,135	\$ 26,385	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ 2,803,188	3,242,454
Collections center	2,316,504	861,940	-	244,155	64,783	197,619	83,571	112,734	876,674	-	-	-	4,757,980	4,535,629
Integrative research center	3,332,738	1,254,796	-	553,013	283,867	404,534	17,499	628,073	164,516	29,238	-	871	6,669,145	7,061,781
Learning center	760,793	271,293	-	96,619	251	64,867	7,757	401,877	53,688	3,715	-	884	1,661,744	1,595,278
Scientific support	522,665	194,315		24,418	3,219	40,779	3,815	35,914	21,708			2,618	849,451	996,235
Total science and education	8,421,411	3,132,096	-	1,017,341	356,960	888,320	156,350	1,588,733	1,142,971	32,953	-	4,373	16,741,508	17,431,377
Public programs														
Exhibitions	2,222,756	826,293	-	520,509	711,720	385,445	15,141	1,564,619	820,612	-	-	16,719	7,083,814	5,351,429
Guest relations	831,599	284,678		37,650	467	5,392	22,176	252,343	32,408				1,466,713	1,217,196
Total public programs	3,054,355	1,110,971	-	558,159	712,187	390,837	37,317	1,816,962	853,020	-	-	16,719	8,550,527	6,568,625
Business enterprises	682,875	242,289	265,759	23,835	229,564	43,657	36,849	1,084,094	92,002	2,285	-	-	2,703,209	3,313,080
Museum outreach														
Public relations	756,364	292,417	-	64,290	1,898	33,476	29,051	2,398,083	11,909	-	-	-	3,587,488	3,908,144
Science outreach and communication	103,542	36,610	-	7,914	1,000	1,938	78	-	-	-	-	-	151,082	-
Auxiliary groups	141,323	53,703	-	5,792	3,985	12,174	39,610	477,871	3,893	-	-	-	738,351	618,910
Membership	387,324	129,183		15,700	176,095	9,503	304,571	519,491	12,068				1,553,935	1,554,357
Total museum outreach	1,388,553	511,913	-	93,696	182,978	57,091	373,310	3,395,445	27,870	-	-	-	6,030,856	6,081,411
Museum services														
Protection services	970,926	377,672	-	34,528	6,038	10,811	140	449,412	13,786	26,152	-	-	1,889,465	1,839,823
Housekeeping	432,822	165,941	-	89,222	13	-	-	395,064	65,045	-	-	-	1,148,107	1,156,542
Facility, planning and operations	1,194,787	457,248	-	455,975	1,792	6,853	-	1,389,480	177,990	436,556	-	-	4,120,681	3,971,013
Technology	472,879	161,330	-	161,840	30,255	10,547	1,071	606,670	37,784	-	-	-	1,482,376	1,442,216
General services	108,106	41,080		42,414	236	428	60	1,485	5,302	27,918			227,029	231,900
Total museum services	3,179,520	1,203,271	-	783,979	38,334	28,639	1,271	2,842,111	299,907	490,626	-	-	8,867,658	8,641,494
General and administrative														
Administration	1,167,078	1,351,236	-	15,386	703,009	109,490	9,193	1,416,647	26,833	9,625	6,587	-	4,815,084	4,032,127
Finance	685,968	242,947	-	10,365	1,352	5,747	355	60,559	11,419	-	-	-	1,018,712	921,545
Human resources	461,221	168,672		4,052	1,749	94,552	94	47,220	8,882	2,790			789,232	790,259
Total general and administrative	2,314,267	1,762,855	-	29,803	706,110	209,789	9,642	1,524,426	47,134	12,415	6,587	-	6,623,028	5,743,931
Institutional advancement	1,765,938	671,993	-	81,525	30,881	113,453	180,498	665,829	11,843	-	-	-	3,521,960	3,023,401
Debt service						1,282	1,391	569,841			7,741,505		8,314,019	7,658,830
Total 2015 expenses	\$ 20,806,919	\$ 8,635,388	\$ 265,759	\$ 2,588,338	\$ 2,257,014	\$ 1,733,068	\$ 796,628	\$ 13,487,441	\$ 2,474,747	\$ 538,279	\$ 7,748,092	\$ 21,092	\$ 61,352,765	\$ 58,462,149
Total 2014 expenses	\$ 20,824,955	\$ 7,413,425	\$ 272,982	\$ 2,511,567	\$ 2,731,004	\$ 1,884,002	\$ 528,115	\$ 12,972,251	\$ 2,080,151	\$ 456,449	\$ 6,767,789	\$ 19,459	\$ 58,462,149	

Field Museum of Natural History SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES Year ended December 31, 2014

	Salaries and wages	Pension and employee benefits	Cost of sales	Supplies	Postage, freight and miscellaneous	Travel, dues and meetings	Printing and publications	Professional and outside services	Utilities	Repairs and maintenance	Interest and amortization	Exhibits and equipment	Total
Science and education Action center	\$ 1,427,422	\$ 493,002	S -	\$ 111,497	\$ 62,646	\$ 447,619	\$ 84,238	\$ 590,959	\$ 25,071	S -	s -	s -	\$ 3,242,454
Collections center	2,343,844	3 493,002 789,108	з - -	3 111,497 248,704	5 02,040 41,696	3 447,019 162,835	5 84,238 63,809	\$	3 23,071 735,003	3 <u>-</u> 70	з -	• - -	5 5,242,4J4 4,535,629
Integrative research center	2,343,844 3,454,100	1,218,236	-	684,479	429,183	444,900	44,971	615,483	139,150	27,811	-	3,468	4,555,625
Learning center	755,512	248,675	-	119,012	425,185	38,366	1,037	386,231	45,302	228	-		1,595,278
Scientific support	606,533	248,075 217,636	-	36,442	16,552	50,078	4,264	44,291	43,302 18,302	- 220	-	2,137	1,595,278 996,235
Total science and education	8,587,411	2,966,657		1,200,134	550,992	1,143,798	198,319	1,787,524	962,828	28,109		5,605	17,431,377
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Public programs	0.000.400	700.000		000.050	045 100	004400	17.070	0.40.404	000.075	0.000		11.000	5 051 400
Exhibitions	2,006,420	730,399	-	389,952	245,188	304,106	17,278	949,181	688,275	8,992	-	11,638	5,351,429
Guest relations	752,850	232,116		43,709	4,469	5,467	4,735	146,415	27,435				1,217,196
Total public programs	2,759,270	962,515	-	433,661	249,657	309,573	22,013	1,095,596	715,710	8,992	-	11,638	6,568,625
Business enterprises	739,590	236,623	272,982	37,713	592,118	67,009	5,247	1,280,162	76,486	5,150	-	-	3,313,080
Museum outreach													
Public relations	976,688	312,218	-	31,022	7,830	45,496	36,209	2,484,736	13,945	-	-	-	3,908,144
Auxiliary groups	123,154	45,635	-	1,907	4,619	6,164	16,694	416,723	4,014	-	-	-	618,910
Membership	388,915	116,406		14,064	198,686	24,867	90,358	710,754	10,307				1,554,357
Total museum outreach	1,488,757	474,259	-	46,993	211,135	76,527	143,261	3,612,213	28,266	-	-	-	6,081,411
Museum services													
Protection services	1,133,639	417,264	-	44,520	1,179	7,136	260	217,441	8,806	7,362		2,216	1,839,823
Housekeeping	437,509	153,715	-	44,520 88,212	1,179	1,772	- 200	420,718	54,533	7,302	-	2,210	1,859,825
Facility, planning and operations	1,204,160	443,815	-	478,962	14,113	9,866	161	1,319,730	141,884	358,322	_	-	3,971,013
Technology	434,367	136,021	-	67,677	101,469	4,030	84	662,525	36,043	330,322	-	-	1,442,216
General services	113,304	41,747	-	26,520	717	4,050	84 70	7,841	4,503	37,057	-	-	231,900
Total museum services	3,322,979	1,192,562	-	705,891	117,561	22,945	575	2,628,255	245,769	402,741	-	2,216	8,641,494
General and administrative													
Administration	1,181,278	609,636		26,715	973,799	105,053	7,945	1,086,406	22,080	8,765	10,450		4,032,127
Finance	638,573	233,064	-	20,715 6,600	1,839	6,349	1,241	24,051	9,828	0,703	10,430	-	4,032,127 921,545
Human resources	488,494	163,360	-	13,476	4,029	87,934	619	21,851	7,804	2,692	-	-	790,259
Total general and administrative	2,308,345	1,006,060		46,791	979,667	199,336	9,805	1,132,308	39,712	11,457	10,450		5,743,931
Institutional advancement	1,618,603	574,749	-	40,384	29,874	64,814	146,975	536,622	11,380	-	-	-	3,023,401
Debt service	_,				20,011		1,920	899,571		_	6,757,339		7,658,830
					<u> </u>		1,320	033,371			0,101,009		1,000,000
Total expenses	\$ 20,824,955	\$ 7,413,425	\$ 272,982	\$ 2,511,567	\$ 2,731,004	\$ 1,884,002	\$ 528,115	\$ 12,972,251	\$ 2,080,151	\$ 456,449	\$ 6,767,789	\$ 19,459	\$ 58,462,149