# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY DECEMBER 31, 2009

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Board of Trustees Field Museum of Natural History

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Field Museum of Natural History (the "Museum") as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Museum's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our 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, 2009, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Museum taken as a whole. The additional information included in the schedule of department expenses is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. This schedule is the responsibility of management of the Museum. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Chicago, Illinois May 18, 2010

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# Field Museum of Natural History Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2009

ASSETS	
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Cash	\$ 521,633
Interest and dividends receivable	289,712
Accounts receivable	4,309,240
Pledges receivable, net	15,318,350
Museum stores inventories	1,576,058
Investments	286,743,646
Museum property, net	269,118,729
Other assets	5,597,265
Collections	1
TOTAL ASSETS	\$583,474,634
LIABILITIES AND NET AS	SETS
Liabilities	
Line of credit	\$ 7,600,000
Accounts payable	4,069,171
Accrued expenses	2,714,056
Deferred revenue	6,481,201
Accrued pension cost	7,656,254
Asset retirement obligations	8,950,389
Interest rate swaps	8,587,219
Notes payable	179,000,000
Total liabilities	225,058,290
Net assets	
Unrestricted	224,063,688
Temporarily restricted	70,667,379
Permanently restricted	63,685,277
Total net assets	358,416,344
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$583,474,634

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Revenue and other support	<del></del>			
Operating revenues				
Chicago Park District property tax remittances	\$ 6,238,468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,238,468
Government grants	3,790,215	-	-	3,790,215
Private grants and contracts	3,356,696	-	-	3,356,696
Investment return	10,726,542	1,273,458	-	12,000,000
Contributions	7,135,359	6,861,785	-	13,997,144
Sponsorships	1,486,348	-	-	1,486,348
Memberships	2,899,777	-	-	2,899,777
Admissions	11,303,831	-	-	11,303,831
Program service fees	2,899,422	-	-	2,899,422
Business enterprises	8,795,634	-	_	8,795,634
Other	530,398			530,398
Total operating revenues	59,162,690	8,135,243	-	67,297,933
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	5,061,837	(5,061,837)		
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	3,001,637	(5,001,837)		
Total revenue and other support	64,224,527	3,073,406	-	67,297,933
Operating expenses				
Collections and research	13,405,770	-	-	13,405,770
Environment, culture and conservation	3,855,219	-	-	3,855,219
Exhibitions	6,226,348	-	-	6,226,348
Education and library	2,724,558	-	_	2,724,558
Museum services	13,416,881	-	_	13,416,881
Administration	2,046,123	_	_	2,046,123
Institutional advancement	3,185,802	_	_	3,185,802
Marketing and public relations	2,588,689	_	_	2,588,689
Business enterprises	5,127,232	_	_	5,127,232
Debt service	8,631,446			8,631,446
Total operating expenses	61,208,068			61,208,068
Change in net assets resulting from operating				
revenues and expenses	3,016,459	3,073,406	-	6,089,865
Non-operating items				
Investment return	36,250,286	8,076,718	_	44,327,004
Government grants for capital improvements	259,482	-	_	259,482
Private grants and contracts for capital improvements	9,222	-	_	9,222
Campaign contributions and major gifts	2,359,565	14,250	3,035,015	5,408,830
Campaign and major gift expenses	(1,881,138)	-	- ,, <u>-</u>	(1,881,138)
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps	12,223,219	_	_	12,223,219
Depreciation	(11,467,956)	_	_	(11,467,956)
Net assets released from restrictions for	(11,107,500)			(11,107,500)
Capital improvements	1,708,038	(1,708,038)	_	_
Capital campaign	2,894,039	(2,894,039)		
Reclassification due to change in law (see Notes 2 and 4)		17,224,699	-	-
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	(17,224,699) 1,013,439	17,224,699	-	1,013,439
Total non-operating items	26,143,497	20,713,590	3,035,015	49,892,102
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	29,159,956	23,786,996	3,035,015	55,981,967
Net assets at beginning of year as originally reported	196,720,103	46,880,383	60,650,262	304,250,748
Prior year restatement	(1,816,371)			(1,816,371)
Net assets at beginning of year as restated	194,903,732	46,880,383	60,650,262	302,434,377
Net assets at end of year	\$224,063,688	\$ 70,667,379	\$ 63,685,277	\$358,416,344

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Field Museum of Natural History Statement of Cash Flows Year ended December 31, 2009

Cook flows from anaroting activities	
Cash flows from operating activities Change in net assets	\$ 55,981,967
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net	φ 33,701,707
cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	11,467,956
Net realized/unrealized appreciation on investments	(50,485,644)
Change in fair value of interest rate swap liabilities	(12,223,219)
Contributions permanently restricted for endowment	(3,035,015)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(3,033,013)
Interest and dividends receivable	(102,311)
Accounts receivable	(888,897)
Pledges receivable	10,935,966
Museum stores inventories	111,639
Other assets	(951,660)
Accounts payable	364,263
Accrued expenses	(1,673,524)
Deferred revenue	(1,457,190)
Accrued pension cost	129,693
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Net cash provided by operating activities	8,174,024
Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchases of investments	(100,606,262)
Proceeds from sales of investments	94,107,352
Purchases of Museum property	(5,975,217)
Net cash used in investing activities	(12,474,127)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Contributions permanently restricted for endowment	3,035,015
Borrowings under line of credit	19,600,000
Repayment of line-of-credit borrowings	(18,740,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	3,895,015
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(405,088)
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Cash, beginning of year	926,721
Cash, end of year	\$ 521,633
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information	
Interest paid	\$ 7,624,543
Accounts payable for construction in progress	75,339
Accounts payable for construction in progress	13,339

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Field Museum of Natural History (the "Museum") is a private institution providing collection-based research, 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 24 million natural objects and man-made artifacts spanning the Museum's four disciplines — Anthropology, Botany, Geology, and Zoology. The Museum's collections are also the basis for the Environment, Culture, and Conservation and Biosynthesis Center endeavors.

The financial statements of the Museum for the year ended December 31, 2009, 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 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 functional categories 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 unrealized gain on interest rate swaps, and pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost, as these funds are not available for operating purposes.

Net assets released from restriction pledged to the capital campaign and for capital improvements are classified as non-operating items.

## Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets include the current operating, management designated, unrestricted long-term 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 or Museum administration for special projects and the changes in net assets related thereto. Unrestricted long-term investment accounts include assets that have been designated by the Board of Trustees 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).

## NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION – Continued

## Net Assets - Continued

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 transferred as net assets released from restrictions. Temporarily restricted net assets are principally restricted for the following purposes: scientific research, capital projects, exhibitions and educational programs.

Permanently restricted net assets include assets that are subject to restrictions of the gift requiring that the principal be invested in perpetuity and only the income be expended, as well as income that is similarly restricted. 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 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.

**Museum Stores Inventories** — Inventories 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 are valued based on dealer-supplied valuations. The investment in the limited partnership is stated at fair value, based on the Museum's share of the appraised value of the partnership as of the date of the gift. The fair value would be adjusted as appropriate if information were to become available suggesting an alternate estimated fair value.

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

## **Investments – Continued**

The estimated fair values of equity securities that do not have readily determinable fair values, and of other investments, are based on estimates provided by external investment managers and 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. Historically, the Board has approved a spending policy at a rate of 5.5% on a three-year moving average. However, this policy was suspended during the 2008 and 2009 economic downturn. In 2009, the Board approved a spending amount of \$12.0 million, which is first satisfied from interest and dividend income, and the remaining balance is provided from realized capital gains.

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

- a. Investment income on donor-restricted endowment funds is recorded as restricted based on 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"). Net earnings on the investment of donor-restricted endowment assets are recorded as temporarily restricted until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Board and until any donor-imposed restrictions have been satisfied. Donor stipulations on earnings to be retained in perpetuity are classified as permanently restricted. Net earnings on donor-restricted endowments that are 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.

**Properties** — Properties are stated at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their 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 equivalent accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts when an asset is retired.

**Deferred Revenue and Charges** — The Museum recognizes revenue and expenses of 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.

Collections — The Museum's collections are made up of artifacts 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 net assets. There were no sales of collection items in 2009.

Contributions — Contributions 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. The contributions are classified based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. 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 become uncollectible.

Contributed Services — The Museum records certain types of in-kind support, including professional services, 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. The amounts reflected in the accompanying financial statements as in-kind support are included in contribution revenue and are offset by like amounts included in expenses.

A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time in the furtherance of the Museum's programs. Such services do not meet the criteria for recognition as a contribution 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.

**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. However, the Museum does have a nominal tax expense due to business activities unrelated to its exempt mission, such as specific items sold in the Museum's stores. The tax years ending 2006, 2007 and 2008 are still open to audit for both Federal and state purposes.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** — The Museum's financial instruments include cash, interest and dividends receivable, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable, notes payable, pension assets, and swap liabilities. The fair values of cash, interest and dividends receivable, and investments are based upon market quotes (see Note 3). The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable, notes payable, pension assets and swap liabilities are estimated by management to approximate their carrying values at December 31, 2009.

**Institutional Advancement** — Institutional advancement consists of expenses related to fundraising activities, the membership program, and activities of Museum support groups.

**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.

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

Accounting Pronouncements — In December 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") released FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FAS 132(R)-1, "Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets," (now referred to as Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 715-20-65) ("ASC 715"), which requires enhanced disclosures about the plan assets of defined benefit pension and other post-retirement benefit plans. These disclosures include how investment allocation decisions are made, the factors pertinent to understanding investment policies and strategies, the fair value of each major category of plan assets for pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plans separately, the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets, the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs on changes in plan assets and significant concentrations of risk within plan assets. ASC 715 was adopted in the current year and the related disclosures are included in Note 8.

FSP FAS 117-1, "Endowments of Not-for-Profit Organizations: Net Asset Classification of Funds Subject to and Enacted Version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA"), and Enhanced Disclosures for All Endowment Funds," (now referred to as ASC 958-205-45). This guidance requires an organization subject to an enacted version of the 2006 UPMIFA to classify a portion of a perpetual donor-restricted endowment fund as permanently restricted net assets. The State of Illinois legislature enacted UPMIFA on June 30, 2009. See the impact of the Illinois enactment of UPMIFA in Note 4.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" (now referred to as ASC 815-10-65) ("ASC 815"). ASC 815 requires additional disclosures about the objectives of using derivative instruments, the method by which the derivative instruments and related hedge items are accounted for and the effect of derivative instruments and related hedged items on financial position, financial performance and cash flows. The Museum adopted ASC 815 as of December 31, 2009, and it had no impact on the financial position and results of operations (see Note 3).

## **Accounting Pronouncements – Continued**

In May 2009, ASC 855-10-15, "Subsequent Events," was issued and established standards of accounting for and disclosure of subsequent events that occur after the financial statement date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. ASC 855-10-15 requires entities to disclose the date through which they have evaluated subsequent events and whether the date corresponds to the release of their financial statements (see Note 13).

Effective December 31, 2009, the Museum adopted the ASC issued by the FASB. The ASC does not change generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("US GAAP"), but instead takes the numerous individual accounting pronouncements that previously constituted US GAAP and reorganizes them into approximately 90 accounting topics, which are then broken down into subtopics, sections and paragraphs. The intent is to simplify user access to authoritative US GAAP by providing all of the guidance related to a particular topic in one place. The ASC supersedes all previously existing non-SEC or non-grandfathered accounting and reporting standards. The adoption of the ASC did not have any impact on the Museum's financial statements.

## **NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS**

**Total** 

Under the Museum Articles of Incorporation and its By-Laws, the Board of Trustees Investment Committee has overall responsibility for the establishment of policies and general governance of the Museum is entrusted to its Board of Trustees. The Investment Committee reports to the Board and is responsible for recommending, reviewing and monitoring policies and programs affecting the finances of the Museum. There were no changes in 2009 to the Investment Policy.

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\$ 286,743,646

Investments at December 31, 2009, consisted of the following:

Money market funds	\$ 15,207,560
Equity securities funds	110,221,267
Fixed-income securities funds	70,666,165
Hedged equity funds	25,472,817
Absolute return funds	63,030,048
Other funds	385,789
Limited partnership	1,760,000

## **NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – Continued**

Following is a summary of the investment return and its classification for the year ended December 31, 2009, in the accompanying statement of activities:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Interest and dividends Net realized loss Change in net unrealized gains Investment manager fees	\$ 5,468,062 (15,782,761) 58,003,986 (712,459)	\$ 1,085,757 (1,647,174) 9,911,593	\$ - - - -	\$ 6,553,819 (17,429,935) 67,915,579 (712,459)
Total return reported in the accompanying statement of activities	\$ 46,976,828	\$ 9,350,176	\$ -	\$ 56,327,004
Classified as follows: Operating revenues Non-operating items	\$ 10,726,542 36,250,286	\$ 1,273,458 8,076,718	\$ - -	\$ 12,000,000 44,327,004
Total	\$ 46,976,828	\$ 9,350,176	\$ -	\$ 56,327,004

The Museum classifies its investments into the following levels:

- Level 1 refers to securities with quoted prices in an active market.
- Level 2 refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available. Some of these securities are measured using a net asset value ("NAV") per share, or its equivalent, that may be redeemed at the NAV at the date of the statement of financial position or in the near term, which is generally considered to be within 90 days.
- Level 3 refers to securities not traded in an active market and for which no significant observable market inputs are available. Some of these securities are measured using a NAV per share, or its equivalent, that can never be redeemed at the NAV or for which redemption at NAV is uncertain due to lock-up periods or other investment restrictions.

## **NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – Continued**

As of December 31, 2009, the Museum's portfolio investments were classified as follows, based on fair values:

Assets	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed income securities funds Hedged equity funds Absolute return funds Other funds Limited partnership	\$ 15,207,560 41,735,990 54,111,002	\$ - 65,931,373 - - - 385,789	\$ - 2,553,904 16,555,163 25,472,817 63,030,048 - 1,760,000	\$ 15,207,560 110,221,267 70,666,165 25,472,817 63,030,048 385,789 1,760,000
Total <b>Liabilities</b>	\$ 111,054,552	\$ 66,317,162	\$ 109,371,932	\$ 286,743,646
Interest rate swaps  Total	\$ - \$ -	\$ 8,587,219 \$ 8,587,219	\$ - \$ -	\$ 8,587,219 \$ 8,587,219

The following table sets forth a rollforward of the Level 3 assets and liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2009:

Balance at December 31, 2008	\$113,153,301
Purchases and sales, net	(25,830,599)
Change in realized/unrealized gains	20,289,230
Transfers in/out of Level 3	1,760,000
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$109,371,932

## **NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – Continued**

The following table discloses additional information about investments recorded at NAV at December 31, 2009:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitme	-	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Equity securities funds (a)	\$ 56,366,710	\$	-	None	0 - 120 days
Fixed income securities funds (b)	16,555,163		-	None	60 days
Hedged equity funds (c)	16,701,818		-	Quarterly and Annually	45 - 90 days
Absolute return funds (d)	45,267,150		_	Annually	45 - 90 days
Total investments recorded at NAV	\$134,890,841				

- (a) This category includes investments in equity securities funds primarily consisting of common stocks, real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, bonds, and depositary receipts which have readily available price data. The NAV of the funds are determined using the market value (or fair value, if market data is available) of the underlying securities. The funds have no commitments or redemption frequency limitations but do have a redemption notice period.
- (b) This category includes investments in fixed-income securities funds primarily consisting of treasury bills and interest rate swap agreements. The NAV of the funds are determined using the market value (or fair value, if market data is available) of the underlying securities. This category of fund has no commitments 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.
- (c) This category includes investments in hedge funds that invest both long and short term, primarily in U.S. common stocks. 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. Investments representing approximately 20% of the value of the investments in this category cannot be redeemed because the investments include restrictions that do not allow for redemption in the first 12 months due the lock-up period. The remaining restriction period for these investments ranged from two to six months as of December 31, 2009.

## **NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – Continued**

(d) This category includes a 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 targeting solid absolute risk-adjusted returns. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV share of the investments. As of December 31, 2009, the absolute returns can be redeemed on an annual basis at various redemption dates.

## **NOTE 4 – ENDOWMENT**

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

**Funds with Deficiencies** — The market 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, 2009, these deficiencies totaled \$1,483,196 and were reported as unrestricted net assets. These deficiencies resulted from extraordinary market conditions in 2008. In the latter part of 2009, the funds have been steadily recovering.

Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund as of December 31, 2009

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (1,483,196)	\$ 23,833,416	\$ 58,846,650	\$ 81,196,870
Board-designated endowment funds	183,598,644	11,140,683		194,739,327
Total funds	\$182,115,448	\$ 34,974,099	\$ 58,846,650	\$275,936,197

## **NOTE 4 – ENDOWMENT – Continued**

During 2009, the Museum had the following endowment-related cash activities:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$161,709,646	\$ 9,429,605	\$ 54,075,683	\$225,214,934
beginning of year	\$101,709,040	\$ 9,429,003	\$ 54,075,065	\$225,214,954
Investment return:				
Investment income  Net realized and unrealized	4,782,586	934,418	-	5,717,004
appreciation	45,137,582	8,079,585		53,217,167
Total investment return	49,920,168	9,014,003	-	58,934,171
Additions				
New cash gifts and pledge payments	53,720	579,250	4,770,967	5,403,937
Appropriation of endowment				
assets for expenditure	(10,726,542)	(1,273,458)	-	(12,000,000)
Other changes:				
Net asset reclassification	(4= == 4 == 8)			
based on change in law	(17,224,699)	17,224,699	-	-
Transfers from Board-	(1, (1, (0.45)			(1, (1, (0.45)
designated endowment funds	(1,616,845)	<u> </u>	<del>-</del> _	(1,616,845)
Endowment net assets,				
end of year	\$182,115,448	\$ 34,974,099	\$ 58,846,650	\$275,936,197

The endowment-related cash activities table above represents the endowment pool on a cash basis, consistent with the way management and the Board of Trustees manage and evaluate the endowment.

## **NOTE 5 – MUSEUM PROPERTY**

Museum property at December 31, 2009, consisted of the following:

Building and building improvements	\$ 284,853,730
Exhibit hall improvements	
(excluding artifacts and historical treasures)	92,458,983
Research and office equipment	 13,748,192
Total property and equipment	391,060,905
Less accumulated depreciation	 (122,528,437)
Net depreciable property and equipment	268,532,468
Construction in progress	 586,261
Net property and equipment	\$ 269,118,729

At December 31, 2009, the Museum has included \$5,246,285 of net capitalized interest in Museum property.

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.

At December 31, 2009, the Museum had construction in progress that will cost approximately \$3.8 million to complete.

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, 2009, the building is approximately 65% covered. The estimated remaining cost to complete is \$10 million and will be capitalized as incurred.

Asset retirement obligations at December 31, 2009, did not require any adjustments for 2009. The liability will be assessed annually.

## **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 of the expected future cash flows using discount rates ranging between 1.55% and 4.70%.

Due within one year  Due between two to five years	\$ 9,012,704 6,791,575
	15,804,279
Allowance for uncollectible accounts Present value discount	(293,959) (191,970)
Net pledges receivable	\$15,318,350

## **NOTE 7 – NOTES PAYABLE**

Notes payable at December 31, 2009, consist of the following amounts due to the Illinois Finance Authority, which issued bonds on the Museum's behalf:

	Original Principal	Principal Outstanding	Maturity Date
Series 2002	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 90,000,000	November 1, 2036
Series 2000	30,000,000	29,800,000	November 1, 2034
Series 1998	29,000,000	28,900,000	November 1, 2032
Series 1990	20,000,000	20,000,000	November 1, 2025
Series 1985	17,000,000	10,300,000	November 1, 2025
Total	\$186,000,000	\$ 179,000,000	

The Adjustable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, 1998, and 1990, have adjustable methods of interest rate determination, demand features, and interest payment dates. The Series 1990 Bonds are currently in a commercial paper rate mode, and the Series 1998 and 2000 Bonds are in a weekly rate mode. As of December 31, 2009, the Series 1990 Bonds bore interest of 0.25%. As of December 31, 2009, the Series 1998 Bonds bore interest of 0.24%. As of December 31, 2009, the Series 2000 Bonds bore interest of 0.22%.

## **NOTE 7 – NOTES PAYABLE – Continued**

The Variable Rate Demand Bonds, Series 1985, 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 1985 Bonds outstanding at December 31, 2009, bore interest of 0.22%.

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

The Series 2002 Bonds were issued September 12, 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, 2010 through November 1, 2017, and the Series 2002 Bonds bear interest at a rate of 3.90% to 4.75%, depending on duration. The current blended rate is 3.93% (weighted) and interest is payable each November 1 and May 1.

On September 1, 2009, the remarketing of an outstanding portion of the Series 2002 Bonds in the amount of \$6,825,000 occurred as required by the mandatory tender on November 1, 2009. The new adjustable interest rate on the outstanding principal amount was set at 4.125%. The new adjustable rate period began on November 2009 and ends on October 31, 2017.

Assets held for debt service totaled \$1,264,411 at December 31, 2009, and are reported with investments in the statements of financial position.

The total interest costs incurred on these bonds in 2009 was \$7,517,370. 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.

- The first swap was in 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, and 4.369% from November 1, 2008 to November 1, 2032.
- The second swap was in June 2008, is effective January 1, 2009, and expires 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 2008 swap.

## **NOTE 7 – NOTES PAYABLE – Continued**

These agreements are considered derivative financial instruments and are reported at their fair values as a liability of \$8,587,219 at December 31, 2009. The fair value is recorded in interest rate swaps in the accompanying statement of financial position. The unrealized gain on interest rate swaps for 2009 was \$12,223,219. The net change in fair value of the agreements is reported as a separate line item in the nonoperating section of the accompanying statement of activities. The differential to be paid is recognized as an adjustment to interest expense, and the related amount payable to the counterparty is included in the financial statements.

## **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 change in benefit obligation, change in plan assets, and the composition of the amounts recognized in the accompanying statement of financial position for the year ended December 31, 2009, are as follows:

## **NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN – Continued**

Change in benefit obligation: Benefit obligation — beginning of year Service cost Interest cost Actuarial loss Benefits paid	\$ 17,735,421 964,454 1,037,652 1,009,651 (2,151,144)
Benefit obligation — end of year	\$ 18,596,034
Change in plan assets: Fair value of plan assets — beginning of year Actual return on plan assets Employer contribution Benefits paid	\$ 10,208,860 2,584,025 658,039 (2,151,144)
Fair value of plan assets — end of year	\$ 11,299,780
Funded status Additional accrued pension cost	\$ (7,296,254) (360,000)
Net amount recognized — accrued pension cost	\$ (7,656,254)

Amounts that have not yet been recognized as a component of net periodic benefit cost consist of the following at December 31, 2009:

Net actuarial loss	\$3,660,762
Prior service cost	84,699_
	\$3,745,461

Net periodic benefits costs expected to be recognized in the next fiscal year are as follows:

Net actuarial loss	\$ 136,762
Prior service cost	9,602
	\$ 146,364

## **NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN – Continued**

The following table sets forth the rollforward of the pension liability for the year ended December 31, 2009:

Pension liability - beginning of year	\$ (7,526,561)
Net periodic pension cost	(1,441,171)
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost:	
Net actuarial gain	1,004,969
Amortization of prior service cost	8,470
Payment in 2009	658,039
Additional accrued in 2009	 (360,000)
Pension liability - end of year	\$ (7,656,254)

Other changes in pension plan assets and benefit obligation recognized in the year ended December 31, 2009, are as follows:

Net actuarial gain	\$ (806,779)
Items amortized	
Prior service credit	(8,470)
Net actuarial gain	(198,190)
Total recognized	\$(1,013,439)

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the year ended December 31, 2009, are as follows:

Service cost	\$ 964,454
Interest cost	1,037,652
Expected return on plan assets	(767,595)
Amortization of prior-service cost	8,470
Actuarial loss	198,190
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 1,441,171

The estimated net actuarial loss and prior service cost amortized into net periodic benefit cost during the year ended December 31, 2009, was \$8,470.

## **NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN – Continued**

The following table presents the key actuarial assumptions used in developing the data:

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at December 31, 2009:

Discount rate

Discount rate 5.75 % Rate of compensation increase 4.00

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic

benefit cost for the years ended December 31, 2009:

Discount rate	6.25
Expected return on plan assets	8.00
Rate of compensation increase	4.00

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:

Estimated future benefit payments:

2010	\$1,098,000
2011	635,000
2012	1,226,000
2013	1,224,000
2014	1,432,000
2015 - 2019	8,526,000

The following table presents the Museum's pension plan asset allocation at December 31, 2009, by asset category:

		Range
Cash and cash equivalents Equity securities Fixed-income securities High-yield funds	1 % 79 20	0 - 5% 50 - 90 20 - 40 0 - 10
Total	<u>100</u> %	

## NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

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 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, fixed-income securities, and high-yield funds. The allocation among equity securities, fixed-income securities, 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 Museum classifies its pension investments into the following levels:

- Level 1 refers to securities with quoted prices in an active market.
- Level 2 refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available. Some of these securities are measured using NAV per share, or its equivalent, that may be redeemed at the NAV at the date of the statement of financial position or in the near term, which is generally considered to be within 90 days.
- Level 3 refers to securities not traded in an active market and for which no significant
  observable market inputs are available. Some of these securities are measured using a NAV
  per share, or its equivalent, that can never be redeemed at the NAV or for which redemption
  at NAV is uncertain due to lock-up periods or other investment restrictions.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets		Significant Other Observable Inputs		Significant Unobservable Inputs		Total	
	(	Level 1)	(1	Level 2)	(Lev	vel 3)		
Money market funds Equity securities funds Fixed income securities	\$	150,982 1,308,814	\$	7,608,442	\$	-	\$	150,982 8,917,256
funds		2,231,542						2,231,542
Total	\$	3,691,338	\$	7,608,442	\$		\$1	1,299,780

The Museum contributed \$658,039 to the Plan in 2009.

## **NOTE 9 – LINE OF CREDIT**

The Museum has an agreement for an unsecured line of credit for \$20,000,000. The agreement bears interest at the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50% (0.55% at December 31, 2009). The Museum is not to exceed \$15,000,000 borrowed without Board of Trustee approval. Total interest costs incurred on the line of credit in 2009 were \$30,605. At December 31, 2009, \$7,600,000 was borrowed against the line of credit.

## **NOTE 10 – RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Museum Campus Corporation (the "Campus") is a tax-exempt organization consisting of the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and the Adler Planetarium, the purpose of which is to attract visitors to the Museum Campus' centrally located facilities. As of December 31, 2009, the Museum has no receivable due from or payable to the Campus.

## NOTE 11 – FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The Museum's operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2009, are classified functionally as follows:

Program costs	\$ 49,475,273
Supporting services	11,732,795

Total operating expenses \$ 61,208,068

## **NOTE 12 – RESTATEMENT**

Subsequent to the issuance of the Museum's 2008 financial statements, Museum management investigated an immaterial difference between the property sub-ledger and amounts in the general ledger and determined that certain capital assets were not being depreciated properly. Management determined that certain capital assets acquired back through 1998 had not been depreciated when placed in service. Consequently, the beginning unrestricted net assets and property of the Museum have been decreased by \$1,816,371.

# **NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 18, 2010, the date the financial statements were approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees and were available to be issued, and is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.



	Salaries	Pension and employee	Cost of		Postage, freight and	Travel, dues and	Printing and	Professional and outside		Repairs and	Interest and	Exhibits and	
	and wages	benefits	sales	Supplies	miscellaneous	meetings	publications	services	Utilities	maintenance	amortization	equipment	Total
Collections and research													
Anthropology	\$ 1,627,740	\$ 621,457	\$ -	\$ 131,158	\$ 240,879	\$ 167,493	\$ 3,435	\$ 203,671	\$ 407,352	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,403,185
Botany	869,679	305,805	-	103,285	143,308	98,878	6,481	108,206	123,225	-	-	-	1,758,867
Geology	970,891	376,648	-	51,800	67,256	56,867	122,782	76,201	182,801	-	-	145	1,905,391
Zoology	2,046,436	773,003	-	279,744	142,647	242,341	19,096	409,546	442,140	6,371	-	12,501	4,373,825
BioSynC	478,671	168,371	-	38,453	33,578	413,770	2,060	100,950	11,526	-	-	-	1,247,379
Scientific support	179,355	67,022		283,800	101,320	17,572	25,195	6,070	9,592	27,197			717,123
Total collections and research	6,172,772	2,312,306	-	888,240	728,988	996,921	179,049	904,644	1,176,636	33,568	-	12,646	13,405,770
Environment, culture and conservation	1,397,235	541,046	-	44,172	26,462	289,498	7,526	1,525,604	23,676	-	-	-	3,855,219
Exhibitions	2,060,008	798,447	-	389,677	305,440	964,968	33,219	673,799	939,902	3,891	-	56,997	6,226,348
Education and library													
Education	800,628	306,058	-	146,374	8,493	201,765	39,511	465,852	80,671	375	-	-	2,049,727
Library	273,608	109,984		6,329	20,840	18,675	161,775	45,756	37,544	320			674,831
Total education and library	1,074,236	416,042	-	152,703	29,333	220,440	201,286	511,608	118,215	695	-	-	2,724,558
Museum services													
Finance	705,535	282,704	-	4,616	21,665	25,784	1,244	7,904	12,756	-	-	-	1,062,208
Human resources	268,451	94,033	-	7,997	1,530	58,405	1,504	25,276	21,137	-	-	-	478,333
Protection services	897,434	352,911	-	25,742	184	10,922	1,166	246,417	11,988	56,443	-	-	1,603,207
Guest relations	559,079	206,114	-	20,529	1,435	4,528	8,703	135,064	39,282	-	-	-	974,734
Housekeeping	495,744	197,243	-	107,119	172	411	-	436,892	6,148	761	-	-	1,244,490
Facility, planning, and operations	956,342	380,045	-	195,656	6,418	7,756	165	852,697	269,046	436,321	-	-	3,104,446
Technology	547,058	195,431	-	125,859	208	15,352	84	188,530	26,569	4,982	-	-	1,104,073
General services	297,820	1,558,633	-	57,307	721,179	91,800	2,170	989,079	25,228	71,569	30,605		3,845,390
Total Museum services	4,727,463	3,267,114	-	544,825	752,791	214,958	15,036	2,881,859	412,154	570,076	30,605	-	13,416,881
Administration	1,223,149	563,234	-	15,895	6,581	83,114	12,855	125,633	11,870	3,792	-	-	2,046,123
Institutional advancement													
Development	388,905	176,870	-	21,518	24,120	18,324	76,157	302,307	22,740	38,168	-	-	1,069,109
Auxiliary groups	112,726	40,278	-	1,632	10,242	7,386	40,500	425,150	5,029	-	-	-	642,943
Membership	473,394	149,334		20,327	134,849	5,331	195,923	484,310	10,282				1,473,750
Total institutional advancement	975,025	366,482	-	43,477	169,211	31,041	312,580	1,211,767	38,051	38,168	-	-	3,185,802
Marketing and public relations	389,404	154,979	-	11,254	16,575	15,018	63,617	1,927,992	9,850	-	-	-	2,588,689
Business enterprises	1,462,394	520,806	1,929,156	72,714	217,445	47,108	3,497	752,312	120,173	476	-	1,151	5,127,232
Debt services							3,531	1,038,439			7,589,476		8,631,446
Total expenses	\$19,481,686	\$8,940,456	\$1,929,156	\$2,162,957	\$ 2,252,826	\$2,863,066	\$ 832,196	\$11,553,657	\$2,850,527	\$ 650,666	\$7,620,081	\$ 70,794	\$61,208,068