

Financial Statements
July 31, 2018 and 2017

Suzuki Association of the Americas,
Inc.



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors Suzuki Association of the Americas, Inc. Boulder, Colorado

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Suzuki Association of the Americas, Inc. which comprise the statements of financial position as of July 31, 2018 and 2017, 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Suzuki Association of the Americas, Inc., as of July 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Denver, Colorado November 27, 2018

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	2018		2017	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	218,211	\$	174,342
Investments		1,216,802		1,181,949
Accounts receivable		11,256		13,008
Prepaid expenses		5,747		6,248
Inventory		28,774		29,618
Property and equipment, net		1,142		677
Total assets	\$	1,481,932	\$	1,405,842
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Accounts payable	\$	15,283	\$	13,419
Accrued compensation		10,952		10,228
Deferred revenue		3,839		3,552
Total liabilities		30,074		27,199
Net Assets				
Unrestricted		1,427,674		1,362,303
Temporarily restricted		24,184		16,340
Total net assets		1,451,858		1,378,643
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	1,481,932	\$	1,405,842

	2018	2017
Unrestricted Revenue, Support, and Gains	.	
Membership dues	\$ 568,664	\$ 545,897
Course registration fees	165,050	153,891
Institutes	20,948	21,669
Biannual conference	321,419	5,950
Biannual retreat	40	119,840
Advertising	48,492	56,478
Contributions	73,732	67,807
Publications, net of cost of goods sold of \$8,491	2 202	<i>5.226</i>
and \$9,202, respectively Other income	2,203	5,336
	16,124	14,265
Net investment return Net assets released from restrictions	34,987	34,901 931
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Total unrestricted revenue, support, and gains	1,251,659	1,026,965
Expenses		
Program	819,656	729,322
Management and general	279,334	254,181
Membership development	50,074	44,306
Unallocated payments to international organization	37,224	41,088
Total expenses	1,186,288	1,068,897
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	65,371	(41,932)
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Temporarily Restricted Support	7.044	(25
Contributions	7,844	625
Net assets released from restrictions		(931)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	7,844	(306)
Change in Net Assets	73,215	(42,238)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,378,643	1,420,881
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 1,451,858	\$ 1,378,643

	 2018		2017
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Change in net assets	\$ 73,215	\$	(42,238)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets			
to cash from (used for) operating activities			
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	(6,172)		(6,372)
Depreciation	346		346
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Accounts receivable	1,752		6,579
Prepaid expenses	501		(526)
Inventory	844		(6,997)
Accounts payable	1,864		5,850
Accrued compensation	724		(1,100)
Deferred revenue	 287		360
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	 73,361		(44,098)
Net Cash used for Investing Activities			
Purchases of investments	(28,681)		(28,504)
Purchase of property and equipment	 (811)		
Net Cash used for Investing Activities	 (29,492)		(28,504)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	43,869		(72,602)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	174,342		246,944
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 218,211	\$	174,342

Note 1 - Principal Activity and Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Suzuki Association of the Americas, Inc. (the Association) is a nonprofit coalition of teachers, parents, educators, and others who are interested in making music education available to all children. The Association provides programs with services to members throughout North and South America. With the International Suzuki Association (ISA), and other regional associations, the Association promotes and supports the spread of Dr. Suzuki's Talent Education.

In addition to publishing the *American Suzuki Journal*, a quarterly magazine for members, the Association offers teacher development programs, scholarships, conferences, workshops, and retreats.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association considers all cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

Investments

Investment purchases are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Net investment return is reported in the statements of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

Receivables and Credit Policies

Accounts receivable consist primarily of non-interest bearing amounts due for the sales of advertising and performance of services provided to members, affiliated organizations and other organizations. All accounts receivable are due on demand. Management determines the allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and review of subsequent collections. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Management considers all accounts receivable to be fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established at July 31, 2018 and 2017.

Inventory

Inventory is comprised of published training materials and videos and is stated at the lower of average cost or net realizable value.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment additions over \$600 are recorded at cost, or, if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from five to seven years. When assets are sold, or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any remaining gain or loss is included in the statements of activities. Costs of maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the respective assets are expensed currently.

The Association reviews the carrying values of property and equipment for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There were no indicators of asset impairment during the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets – Net assets available for use in general operations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Net assets subject to donor restrictions that may or will be met by expenditures or actions of the Association and/or the passage of time.

The Association reports contributions by donors as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets – Net assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions that neither expire by the passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by action of the Association. The Association had no permanently restricted net assets as of July 31, 2018 and 2017.

Revenue and Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when earned. Membership dues are classified as contributions and are recognized in the period in which payment is received. Conference registrations and other program service payments received in advance are deferred to the applicable period in which the services are provided. Advertising income received in advance is deferred to the applicable period in which the related advertisements are published. Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, or an unconditional promise to give is received.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and totaled \$3,079 and \$2,996 for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Note 7 presents total expenses by function.

Unallocated Payments to International Organization

The Association remits quarterly fees to ISA for the right to promote the Suzuki method in the Americas. The Association remitted fees of \$37,224 and \$41,088 to ISA for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Association is organized as a Colorado nonprofit corporation and has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3), qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(viii), and has been determined not to be a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2). The Association is annually required to file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) with the IRS. In addition, the Association is subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to its exempt purpose. The Association files an Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990-T) with the IRS to report its unrelated business taxable income. During the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, the Association did not incur any income tax expense.

The Association believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken affecting its annual filing requirements, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. The Association would recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits and liabilities in income tax expense if such interest and penalties are incurred. The Association's federal and state filings are no longer subject to examination for years before 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of 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 and those differences could be material.

Financial Instruments and Credit Risk

The Association manages deposit concentration risk by placing cash, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit with financial institutions believed by management to be creditworthy. At times, amounts on deposit may exceed insured limits or include uninsured investments in money market mutual funds. To date, the Association has not experienced losses in any of these accounts. Credit risk associated with accounts receivable is considered to be limited due to high historical collection rates and because no significant balances are due from any single organization. Investments are made by management whose performance is monitored by the Board of Directors. Although the fair values of investments are subject to fluctuation on a year-to-year basis, management believes that the investment policies and guidelines are prudent for the long-term welfare of the Association.

Subsequent Events

The Association has evaluated subsequent events through November 27, 2018, that date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 - Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures

Certain assets are reported at fair value in the financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction in the principal, or most advantageous, market at the measurement date under current market conditions regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. Inputs used to determine fair value refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset based on the best information available. A three-tier hierarchy categorizes the inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that the Association can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset, and market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset. In these situations, the Association develops inputs using the best information available in the circumstances.

In some cases, the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset might be categorized within different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In those cases, the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to entire measurement requires judgment, taking into account factors specific to the asset. The categorization of an asset within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the asset and does not necessarily correspond to the Association's assessment of the quality, risk or liquidity profile of the asset.

Certain investments are classified within Level 1 because they are comprised of open-end mutual funds with readily determinable fair values based on daily redemption values. Certificates of deposit and corporate bonds are valued by the custodians of the securities using pricing models based on credit quality, time to maturity, stated interest rates and market-rate assumptions, and are classified within Level 2. Preferred stocks are valued based upon prices of similar assets recently sold on an exchange or inactive broker-dealer market, and are classified within Level 2. The Association had no Level 3 assets at July 31, 2018 and 2017.

The following table presents assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, except those measured at cost as identified below, at July 31, 2018 and 2017:

Fair Value Measurements at Report Date Using								
				Quoted				
			I	Prices in	S	ignificant		
			Acti	ive Markets		Other	Signi	ficant
			for	r Identical	О	bservable	Unobs	ervable
				Assets		Inputs	Inp	outs
		Total	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	-	rel 3)
July 31, 2018	_							
Money market funds (at cost)	\$	92,783	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Certificates of deposit	_	155,905	_	_	_	155,905	Ŧ	_
Mutual funds		155,505				155,505		
Large blend		132,644		132,644		_		_
Large growth		30,265		30,265		_		_
Large value		80,967		80,967		_		_
Moderate allocation		51,208		51,208		_		_
Preferred stock		124,749		-		124,749		_
Corporate bonds		548,281		_		548,281		_
corporate bonds		3 10,201				3 10,201		
	\$	1,216,802	\$	295,084	\$	828,935	\$	-
July 31, 2017	_							
Money market funds (at cost)	\$	34,427	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Certificates of deposit		210,801		-		210,801		-
Mutual funds								
Large blend		113,880		113,880		-		-
Large growth		26,447		26,447		-		-
Large value		71,286		71,286		-		-
Moderate allocation		46,864		46,864		-		-
Preferred stock		106,271		-		106,271		-
Corporate bonds		571,973				571,973		-
	\$	1,181,949	\$	258,477	\$	889,045	\$	-

Note 3 - Net Investment Return

Net investment return consists of the following for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017:

		\$ 28,815 6,172		2017	
Interest and dividends Net realized and unrealized gain	\$			28,529 6,372	
	\$	34,987	\$	34,901	

Note 4 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following at July 31, 2018 and 2017:

2018		2018			
Furniture and equipment Less accumulated depreciation	\$	\$ 44,071 (42,929)		43,260 (42,583)	
	\$	1,142	\$	677	

Note 5 - Leases

The Association leases office equipment and office space under various operating leases expiring through 2022.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Years Ending July 31,

2019	\$ 40,216
2020	25,013
2021	3,280
2022	2,733
	\$ 71,242

Rent expense for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 totaled \$40,848 and \$41,805, respectively.

Note 6 - Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are as follows for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018		2017	
Restricted by donors for				
Parent education course	\$ 13,280	\$	13,280	
Suzuki alumni project fund	3,560		3,060	
Hurricane relief fund	 7,344		-	
	\$ 24,184	\$	16,340	

Note 7 - Functionalized Expenses

Total expenses by function are as follows for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017:

	 2018		2017
Total program expenses (includes cost of goods sold of \$8,491 and \$9,202, respectively)	\$ 828,147	\$	738,524
Management and general	279,334		254,181
Membership development	50,074		44,306
Unallocated payments to international organization	 37,224		41,088
Total functionalized expenses	\$ 1,194,779	\$	1,078,099

Note 8 - Pension Plan

The Association sponsors a Savings Incentive Match Plan (Simple) IRA Plan (the Plan) available to all full-time and salaried employees. As a defined contribution plan, the Association matches employee voluntary salary reductions up to 3% of each employee's gross compensation. The Association's contributions to the Plan totaled \$7,224 and \$7,228 for the years ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.