

CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APRIL 30, 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of,
Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA):

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2015, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of 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 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as at April 30, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

OHCD LLP.

OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP
Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario
August 12, 2015

CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT APRIL 30, 2015

	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 650,560	\$ 253,865
Short term investments	-	433,368
Prepaid expenses	24,491	4,779
	675,051	692,012
CAPITAL ASSETS (NOTE 2)	4,747	7,605
	\$ 679,798	\$ 699,617
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 24,121	\$ 31,092
Deferred revenue (note 3)	3,136	3,136
	27,257	34,228
DEFERRED LEASE INDUCEMENT (NOTE 4)	10,108	12,996
	37,365	47,224
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	142,831	544,933
Invested in capital assets	4,747	7,605
Internally restricted net assets	494,855	99,855
	642,433	652,393
	\$ 679,798	\$ 699,617

CONTINGENCY (NOTE 8)

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Director

Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2015

	2015	2014
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 544,933	\$ 553,960
Net revenue (expense) for the year	(9,960)	17,957
Investment in capital assets	2,858	(1,984)
Transfer to internally restricted net assets (note 7)	(395,000)	(25,000)
Balance - end of year	\$ 142,831	\$ 544,933
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 7,605	\$ 5,621
Purchase of capital assets	-	4,913
Amortization of capital assets	(2,858)	(2,929)
Balance - end of year	\$ 4,747	\$ 7,605
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED (NOTE 7)		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 99,855	\$ 74,855
Transfer from unrestricted net assets	395,000	25,000
Balance - end of year	\$ 494,855	\$ 99,855

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2015

	2015	2014
REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$ 493,014	\$ 577,621
Conference fees and other	7,191	13,660
	500,205	591,281
EXPENSE		
Amortization of capital assets	2,858	2,929
Bank charges and interest	400	324
Board retreat	3,730	5,995
Conferences	42,735	49,464
Campaign	4,895	-
Hiring	1,866	1,733
Insurance	4,201	3,673
Moving - staff	-	2,451
Office supplies and services	9,154	15,385
Postage and courier	396	450
Public relations	37,664	48,793
Professional fees	11,839	19,071
Rent	50,828	48,204
Research	3,411	14,695
Salaries and benefits	307,241	323,674
Security	473	463
Subscriptions and research documents	2,291	2,668
Telecommunications	8,052	7,456
Translation	5,177	17,941
Travel and meetings	12,954	7,955
	510,165	573,324
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE) FOR THE YEAR	\$ (9,960)	\$ 17,957

CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2015

	2015	2014
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net revenue (expense) for the year	\$ (9,960)	\$ 17,957
Items not requiring cash:		
Amortization of deferred lease inducement	(2,888)	12,996
Amortization of capital assets	2,858	2,929
	(9,990)	33,882
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	-	10,177
Prepaid expenses	(19,712)	1,788
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,971)	(5,925)
Deferred revenue	-	(500)
	(36,673)	39,422
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	-	(4,913)
Redemption (purchase) of short term investments	433,368	(5,019)
	433,368	(9,932)
CHANGE IN CASH FOR THE YEAR	396,695	29,490
Cash beginning of the year	253,865	224,375
CASH END OF YEAR	\$ 650,560	\$ 253,865

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. It is the mission of the Alliance to ensure that the students of Canada are full participants in defining the future of post-secondary education in Canada. The Alliance is a not-for-profit organization and is not subject to income taxes.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Computer equipment is amortized using the declining balance method at the rate of 45% per annum. Furniture equipment is amortized using the declining balance method at the rate of 20% per annum.

(b) Revenue recognition

The Alliance follows the deferral method of recognizing revenue. Membership dues are recognized as revenue in the year to which they apply. Conference fees and other revenue are recognized when received or can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(c) Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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. These estimates are reviewed annually and as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the financial statements in the period in which they become known.

(d) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value and are subsequently measured at cost, amortized cost or cost less appropriate allowances for impairment.

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2. CAPITAL ASSETS

			2015		2014	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net		
Computer equipment	\$ 22,167	\$ 19,225	\$ 2,942	\$ 5,347		
Furniture equipment	4,989	3,183	1,806	2,258		
	\$ 27,156	\$ 22,408	\$ 4,748	\$ 7,605		

3. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue consists of contributions received for the travel cost sharing program. These amounts are recognized as revenue when the related travel subsidies are awarded.

	2015		2014	
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,136	\$ 3,636		
Less: amount recognized as revenue in the year	-	(500)		
Plus: amount received related to the following year	-	-		
Balance, end of year	\$ 3,136	\$ 3,136		

4. DEFERRED LEASE INDUCEMENT

The Alliance received a lease inducement of \$14,440 in 2014. This amount was deferred and is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Amortization is recorded as a reduction in rent expense. Total amortization for 2015 is \$2,888 (2014 - \$1,444).

5. COMMITMENTS

The Alliance rents office space under a lease agreement that extends to October 31, 2018. Annual lease payments are as follows:

2016	\$ 24,500
2017	24,900
2018	25,300
2019	12,600

Current annual operating costs are approximately \$27,000 per year.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Alliance's financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Alliance is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency, credit, liquidity or market risks arising from its financial instruments and the carrying amount of the financial instruments approximate their fair value.

7. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	Balance beginning of year	Restricted in year	Used in year	Balance end of year
Contingency Fund	\$ 40,593	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 240,593
Federal Election Fund	35,262	75,000	-	110,262
Capital Fund	9,000	35,000	-	44,000
Campus Tour Fund	15,000	-	15,000	-
Campaign Fund	-	50,000	-	50,000
Legal Contingency	-	50,000	-	50,000
	\$ 99,855	\$ 410,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 494,855

The Contingency Fund is reserved for instances of unforeseen financial spending. CASA is funded 100% by membership dues. While this is a contractual agreement between members and the Alliance, there is a risk associated with such an arrangement.

The Federal Election Fund is reserved for Federal Election or on-campus referendums of a similar election type event. This fund is used for the purchasing of advertising, document preparation, consultations and other election related costs.

The Capital Fund is reserved for asset/capital purchases. This fund is used for the purchase of various items related to the maintenance and furnishing of the office.

Campus Tour Fund is reserved for home office staff to visit current members of CASA to build stronger relationships with all the executives and governing bodies of their organizations.

Campaign Fund is reserved for the purposes of funding national campaigns on post-secondary student issues.

Legal Contingency is reserved for unforeseen legal costs or expenses.

8. CONTINGENCY

CASA has been served with two third party claims by former employees. These former employees are defendants in an action that alleges defamation and claims \$350,000 in damages plus interest and costs. The Alliance is defending these actions and is of the opinion that the actions are without merit. The outcome of these actions is not determinable. As a result the loss, if any, has not been recorded in the financial statements and is expected to be covered by insurance.