Financial Statements **March 31, 2014**



June 21, 2014

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Directors and Members of Canadian Hearing Society

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Hearing Society (the Society), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2014 and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes, which comprise 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 (ASNPO), 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.

Auditor's 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 qualified audit opinion.



Basis for qualified opinion

Commencing in fiscal 1998, the Society decided to expense certain purchases of property, plant and equipment in the year in accordance with instructions received from certain government agencies. ASNPO requires asset purchases to be capitalized and amortized on a continuing basis over their useful lives. In the current year, the Society expensed in the operating fund - occupancy and office and program costs, property, plant and equipment of \$1,410,956 (2013 - \$651,024), which should have been capitalized. Amortization expense for the year ended March 31, 2014 is understated by \$799,616 (2013 - \$685,678). The accumulated effect of this policy is to understate the net book value of property, plant and equipment as at March 31, 2014 by \$2,218,995 (2013 - \$1,607,654), and to understate the property plant and equipment fund balance as at March 31, 2014 by \$1,607,654 (2013 - \$1,642,308 and April 1, 2012 - \$1,548,285).

The Society has recorded its land and buildings acquired prior to 2003 at cost and does not have an historical depreciated cost or fair value. Since the information is not available to separate the cost of the land and buildings, the Society chooses not to amortize these amounts and we were unable to quantify the effect of this departure from ASNPO. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to amortization of property, plant and equipment, deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013, property, plant and equipment and total assets as at March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013 and fund balances as at beginning and end of the years ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Society derives revenue from fundraising and gaming activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these fundraising and gaming revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising and gaming revenue, deficiency of revenue over expenses and cash flows from operating activities for the years ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013, current assets as at March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013 and fund balances as at beginning and end of the years ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013.

Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2013 was modified due to the above-noted matters.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects and possible effects of the matters described in the basis for qualified opinion paragraphs, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2014

Operating fund \$	Designated funds \$	Endowment fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
1,625,033	-			
1,625,033	-			
518,663 96,332 626,586	- - - - - 963,053	- - - - -	291,082 1,625,033 518,663 96,332 626,586 963,053	116,230 202,556 1,693,525 499,297 294,593 193,315 900,000
3,157,696	963,053	-	4,120,749	3,899,516
-	3,568,113	342,660	3,910,773	4,224,448
4,144,272	-	-	4,144,272	4,176,090
7,301,968	4,531,166	342,660	12,175,794	12,300,054
1,369,172	-	-	1,369,172	-
1,235,362 201,479 1,286,444	- - - 626,586	- - - -	1,235,362 201,479 1,286,444 626,586	1,684,179 479,446 1,679,168 193,315
4,092,457	626,586	-	4,719,043	4,036,108
1,210,040	-	-	1,210,040	1,136,015
5,302,497	626,586	-	5,929,083	5,172,123
4,144,272 (2,144,801)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	4,144,272 (2,144,801)	4,176,090 (1,979,292)
	3,904,580	342,660	4,247,240	4,931,133
1,999,471	3,904,580	342,660	6,246,711	7,127,931
7,301,968	4,531,166	342,660	12,175,794	12,300,054
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31, 2014

				2014	2013
	Operating fund \$	Designated funds \$	Endowment fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
Revenue					
Grants	24 452 040			04 450 040	20 252 400
Province of Ontario (notes 8 and 11) Federal and other (note 11)	21,152,819 525,445	-	-	21,152,819 525,445	20,352,489 384,410
Sales of goods and services (note 8)	10,026,768	_	-	10,026,768	10,713,713
Regional United Way contributions	, ,			, ,	, ,
_ (note 8)	1,640,666	-	-	1,640,666	1,644,082
Fundraising and gaming activities	1,705,305	-	- 0.205	1,705,305	1,504,668
Interest and dividends		109,188	8,385	117,573	93,672
	35,051,003	109,188	8,385	35,168,576	34,693,034
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Expenses Salaries and benefits	23,963,428	165,805	_	24,129,233	24,273,446
Cost of sales	4,182,499	105,805	- -	4,182,499	4,537,880
Office and program costs	1,915,982	133,770	-	2,049,752	1,733,085
Occupancy (note 4)	2,325,299	692,354	-	3,017,653	1,907,786
Service costs (note 4)	1,033,465	149,247	-	1,182,712	1,101,853
Professional development and travel	1,124,999	6,200	-	1,131,199	1,064,199
Promotion and gaming Amortization of property, plant and	430,828	2,799	-	433,627	447,381
equipment	82,006	_	_	82,006	77,627
Bad debts	13,396	-	-	13,396	15,886
Client assistance and other	38,428	121,946	-	160,374	64,859
	35,110,330	1,272,121	_	36,382,451	35,224,002
	33,110,330	1,272,121		30,302,431	33,224,002
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses from					
operations	(59,327)	(1,162,933)	8,385	(1,213,875)	(530,968)
Fair value change in investments		310,324	22,331	332,656	223,487
(Definional) expect of revenue					
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year	(59,327)	(852,609)	30,716	(881,220)	(307,481)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended March 31, 2014

						2014	2013
		Оре	erating fund				
	General \$	Property, plant and equipment \$	Total \$	Designated funds \$	Endowment fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
Balances - Beginning of year	(1,979,292)	4,176,090	2,196,798	4,619,189	311,944	7,127,931	7,435,412
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year Appropriation (note 5) Purchase of property, plant and equipment	22,679 (138,000) (50,188)	(82,006) - 50,188	(59,327) (138,000)	(852,609) 138,000	30,716 - -	(881,220) - -	(307,481)
Balances - End of year	(2,144,801)	4,144,272	1,999,471	3,904,580	342,660	6,246,711	7,127,931

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year Adjustments for non-cash items Amortization of property, plant and equipment Interest and dividends reinvested Net loss (gain) on investments	(881,220) 82,006 (117,573) (332,655)	(307,481) 77,627 (93,672) (223,487)
Increase in sick leave benefit liability	74,025	131,015
Change in non-cash working capital balances	(1,175,417)	(415,998)
Grants receivable Accounts receivable Inventory Other assets Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Amount repayable to funders Deferred revenue	(88,526) 68,492 (19,366) 198,261 (448,817) (277,967) (392,724) (2,136,064)	(3,338) (52,013) (48,149) (144,887) 40,803 17,187 236,101
Investing activities Net sale of investments Purchase of property, plant and equipment	700,850 (50,188)	159,236 (64,358)
	650,662	94,878
Decrease in cash during the year	(1,485,402)	(275,416)
Cash - Beginning of year	116,230	391,646
(Bank indebtedness) cash - End of year	(1,369,172)	116,230

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1 The organization

The Canadian Hearing Society (the Society):

- has a vision where all people are respected, have full access to communication, and are able to participate without social, economic, or emotional barriers; and
- has a mission to be the leading provider of services, products and information that:
 - remove barriers to communication;
 - · advance hearing health; and
 - promote equity for people who are culturally deaf, oral deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing.

The Society is registered as a charity under the Income Tax Act and therefore is not subject to income taxes provided expenditures meet a certain threshold.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Fund accounting

These financial statements include the operations of the head office of the Society and its 28 locations, and the Society uses the restricted fund method of reporting restricted contributions. These financial statements include the following funds:

- Operating fund Invested in property, plant and equipment includes funds that have been used for the purpose of purchasing property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated amortization and financing costs.
- Operating fund General includes the cumulative net excess of operating expenses over revenue.
- Designated funds include bequests and specific donations designated for a particular purpose by the
 donor and also include funds that have been internally designated by the Board.
- Endowment fund includes donations that are required to be maintained by the Society on a permanent basis, and also includes investment income earned on these funds.

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Revenue recognition

Federal and provincial grant revenue and regional United Way contributions are recognized using the restricted fund method of accounting. Restricted grant revenue contributions for which no corresponding restricted fund is presented are recognized in the operating fund in accordance with the deferral method. Goods and services revenue is recognized when the goods are sold or the service is rendered by the Society. Fundraising and gaming activities revenue is recognized when the donations are received.

All contributions are generally considered unrestricted contributions to the Society unless a donor specifies otherwise and would be reflected as revenue of the operating fund. If a donor specifies the contribution is for an existing endowed fund or specifies it is to be retained permanently, it is recognized as revenue of an endowment fund.

Deferred revenue

Revenue is deferred in the operating fund when it relates to funding received that is related to subsequent periods.

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost, calculated on a first-in, first-out basis, and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a specific item basis for Hearing Aid Program inventory, and a weighted average basis for Communicative Device Program inventory. Included in the cost of inventory is the purchase cost, transportation, handling and other costs directly attributable to the acquisition of inventory. An inventory valuation provision is estimated by management based on historical and expected future sales and is included in the cost of goods sold for the year ended March 31, 2014. The Society recognized a writedown of approximately \$nil (2013 - \$nil).

Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings acquired prior to 2003 are recorded at cost and no amortization is provided on the basis that the necessary financial information is not reasonably determinable.

The property, plant and equipment purchased from operating funds are recorded at cost, less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed on the straight-line basis based on the estimated useful lives of the particular assets over the following periods:

Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	5 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Automobiles	5 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Telephone equipment	6 years
Video conferencing equipment	6 years

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Impairment of long-lived assets

The Society reviews its long-lived assets for impairment. An impairment charge is recognized for long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Society's ability to provide services. The impairment loss is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the residual value, if any. The amount of the writedown is recognized as an impairment loss in net income.

Donated materials and services

Contributions, to the extent recognized in the fund accounts, are recorded at an approximation of fair value. Due to system restrictions, the Society is not able to provide the fair value of the recorded contributions. The Society is dependent on the ongoing support of volunteers, the value of which has not been quantified in these financial statements.

Expenditures

Direct expenditures have been charged to programs and services, fundraising and administration according to the activity to which they relate or benefit.

Financial instruments

The Society initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Society subsequently measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity investments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, grants receivable, accounts receivable and guaranteed investment certificates.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and the amount repayable to funders.

Financial assets, other than those measured at fair value, are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indicators the asset may be impaired.

Transaction costs are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the related financial instrument.

Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. For all estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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3 Investments

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Guaranteed investment certificates held with Royal Bank of Canada Short-term restricted investments		
One-year cashable, 0.80%, maturity October, 1, 2013	-	900,000
Non-redeemable, 1.20%, maturity April 2, 2014	207,200	-
Non-redeemable, 1.25%, maturity September 30, 2014	455,853	-
Non-redeemable, 1.15%, maturity July 2, 2014	300,000	-
	963,053	900,000
Equity instruments held in pooled funds with Leith Wheeler		
Investment Counsel Ltd. quoted in an active market Guaranteed investment certificates held with Royal Bank of Canada	3,910,773	3,474,448
Non-redeemable, 1.38%, maturity December 31, 2013	-	300,000
Non-redeemable, 1.40%, maturity April 1, 2013		450,000
	3,910,773	4,224,448

4 Property, plant and equipment

			2014
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net
Land and buildings (prior to 2003)	3,476,574	-	3,476,574
Land (post 2002)	100,000	-	100,000
Buildings (post 2002)	241,429	71,423	170,006
Building improvements (post 2002)	48,597	48,597	-
Furniture and equipment	290,132	254,526	35,606
Automobiles	59,618	52,493	7,125
Computer equipment	32,117	22,960	9,157
Telephone equipment	100,212	, <u>-</u>	100,212
Video conferencing equipment	384,404	138,812	245,592
	` 4,733,083	588,811	4,144,272

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			2013
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$
Land and buildings (prior to 2003) Land (post 2002) Buildings (post 2002) Building improvements (post 2002) Furniture and equipment Automobiles Computer equipment Telephone equipment Video conferencing equipment	3,476,574 100,000 241,429 48,597 295,923 59,618 32,117 44,233 384,404	65,387 48,597 254,526 45,368 18,182 - 74,745	3,476,574 100,000 176,042 41,397 14,250 13,935 44,233 309,659
	4,682,895	506,805	4,176,090

During the year, \$791,613 of head office parking garage repairs has been incurred which has been included in the occupancy and service costs expenses.

5 Interfund receivables and payables

The interfund loan amount represents an amount owing between the operating and designated funds. The amount is non-interest bearing and payable on demand.

The Society's Board approved an appropriation relating to fiscal 2014 of \$10,000 (2013 - \$10,000) to regional funds and \$128,000 (2013 - \$128,000) to building funds from the operating fund to the internally restricted fund for various building costs.

6 Bank indebtedness

The Society has a line of credit with a chartered bank of up to \$2,030,000 bearing interest at prime plus 0.35% per annum, which is secured by a collateral first mortgage on 271 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario. As at March 31, 2014, \$790,000 (2013 - \$nil) of the line of credit had been utilized.

7 Amount repayable to funders

The amount repayable to funders represents funds received that were not spent prior to the year-end. Under the terms of the contract, the funder has the right to ask for any unspent funds to be repaid.

8 Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue reported in the operating fund relates to funding received that is related to specific programs in subsequent periods.

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Changes in the deferred revenue balance in the operating fund are as follows:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Balance - Beginning of year Less: Amounts recognized as revenue in the year Add: Amounts received	1,679,168 (1,301,956) 909,232	1,443,067 (815,374) 1,051,475
Balance - End of year	1,286,444	1,679,168

9 Sick leave benefit

In accordance with the Society's sick leave defined benefit plan, employees receive a maximum of 18 sick days per annum and unused days accumulate. Employees are entitled to a cash payment equal to 50% of the value of the unused sick days on retirement at 65 years of age or older, or death.

The liability for the accumulated sick leave represents management's best estimate as to the Society's future liability pertaining to all employees. In 2014, the Society undertook an actuarial valuation of the sick leave benefit and based on the results of the actuarial report, increased the liability by \$75,000 to \$1,210,040 (2013 - \$1,136,015).

Sick day benefit payments during the year amounted to \$975 (2013 - \$19,257).

10 Designated funds

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Externally restricted by donor Allison Cochlear Implant Fund CHS Children's Fund Dorothy O'Neill Research Fund Durham Area Fund Hamilton Steele Children's Fund IMO Monica Price Bursary London Regional Fund Niagara Area Fund	31,404 69,037 28,456 23,809 357,905 3,429 145,946 223,089	29,864 74,021 25,905 21,675 345,040 3,607 132,863 203,091
Nicole Majorose Fund Peel Regional Fund Waterloo Building Occupancy Fund Waterloo Children's Fund	225,069 6,477 30,907 37,087 7,706	5,897 30,919 33,763 8,391
Board restricted - unrestricted by donor Award Fund Chatham Area Fund Hamilton Access Fund Hamilton Building Fund Kortwright Fund Ottawa Regional Fund	18,693 - 3,820 69,779 20,388 306,519	17,017 20,744 12,581 72,627 18,560 298,543

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Peterborough Regional Fund Sault Ste. Marie Regional Fund Head Office Building Fund Strategic Initiatives Fund Sudbury Regional Fund Thunder Bay Regional Fund Toronto Regional Fund Training and Development Fund Waterloo Regional Fund Waterloo Stork Family Fund Windsor Regional Fund	196,863 43,587 1,222,813 532,670 22,477 26,813 47,370 388,255 29,756 9,525	199,370 39,680 1,480,283 825,534 203,491 24,410 43,123 387,652 29,987 25,098 5,454
	2,939,328	3,704,154
	3,904,580	4,619,190
Endowment fund Donald & Anne C. McLean Fund*	342,660	311,943

^{*} This fund is a restricted fund and only the investment income earned on the fund balance can be used by the Society.

11 Grants

The Society has received the following grants:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Provincial		
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	10,098,952	10,074,189
Ministry of Community and Social Services (note 12)	7,779,408	7,334,156
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Ministry of Community and Social Services - Ontario	2,267,397	2,320,914
Disability Support Program	453,549	441,160
Other	378,513	107,070
Ontario Trillium Foundation	175,000	75,000
	21,152,819	20,352,489
Federal and other		
Human Resources and Social Development Canada	35,177	58,902
Citizenship Immigration Canada	438,825	281,175
Other	51,443	44,333
	525,445	384,410
	21,678,264	20,736,899

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12 Grants from the Ministry of Community and Social Services

The Society has a number of contracts with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. One requirement of the contracts is the production by management of a transfer payment annual report, which shows a summary of all revenue and expenditures and any resulting surplus or deficit that relates to that contract. Surplus amounts, if any, are reflected in amounts repayable to funders. The deficit amounts below include the cost of property, plant and equipment purchased during the year, and exclude amortization, in accordance with the contracts:

Region	Detail code	ТРВЕ	Service name	Grant \$	Other revenues \$	Expenses \$	Surplus (deficit) \$
Provincial Ontario Interpreting Services Provincial	8783 9295 9295 9295 9295 9295 9295 9295 929	109702 109702 1000162 1000163 1000164 1000165 1000166 1000167 1000168 1000169	BPS - Other Adult Social Services ASL Interpreter Services Interpreter Interpreter Services	260,153 703,848 705,107 662,282 427,978 677,957 548,647 510,609 319,067 509,992 858,637	420,530 186,393 305,006 135,558 271,117 128,610 169,448 32,502 84,724	260,153 881,436 931,986 928,062 596,298 996,417 759,104 607,697 374,838 710,108 822,828	242,942 (40,486) 39,226 (32,762) (47,343) (81,847) 72,360 (23,269) (115,392) 35,809
	8753 8752 9295	109702 109702 109702	Langue de Québecoise (LSQ) Interpreter Services After-Hours Health Related Interpreting Services Infrastructure improvement - Toronto	279,808 692,833 85,600	40,930 78,481	322,123 818,974 71,037	(1,385) (47,660) 14,563
Broader Public Sector and Intervenors Service Funding Sudbury	8757 8783	052686 052686	Intervenors Services BPS - Other Adult Social Services	7,242,518 478,568 4,197	1,853,299 - -	9,081,061 478,911 4,197	(343)
Less: Repayables for 2013 - 2014 Plus: Prior year's adjustments Total grants from Ministry of Community and Social Services				7,725,283 (14,756) 68,881 7,779,408	1,853,299	9,564,169	14,413

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13 Break-open ticket sales

As required by government regulation, the following summarizes revenue and expenses with respect to the sale of Nevada break-open ticket lotteries under provincial licence:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue	251,191	182,715
Expenses Cost of tickets sold and promotion fees - retail Promotion fees - agent Licence fees and other	34,494 78,489 60,893	25,128 57,433 48,887
	173,876	131,448
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	77,315	51,267

14 Lease commitments

The Society is committed under operating leases for office space and office equipment over the next five fiscal years and thereafter as follows:

	\$
2015 2016	1,068,800 665,309
2017 2018	391,146
2019	285,270 174,144
Thereafter	260,353
	2,845,022

15 Community service grant

The Society received a community service grant of \$16,345 (2013 - \$15,715) from the City of Toronto.

16 United Way contribution

The Society received a contribution of \$39,097 (2013 - \$40,956) from the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton.

17 Financial instruments

The main risks to which the Society's financial instruments are exposed are interest rate risk, market risk and credit risk. It is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk and cash flow risk.

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Interest rate risk

The bonds and guaranteed investment certificates bear interest at fixed rates and as such the risk resulting from fluctuations in interest rates is low.

Market risk

Market risk arises from the possibility that changes in market prices will affect the value of the financial instruments of the Society. The Society manages its risk by investing only in high quality bonds. In addition, the Finance Committee reviews any significant changes to the investment mix.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Society to credit risk consist principally of cash and short-term investments. The Society places its cash and short-term investments with high quality institutions to mitigate this risk.

The Society is exposed to credit risk on accounts receivable from the public. The Society's accounts receivable risk is considered to be low as receivables are recognized only if it is certain the monies will be received.

18 Contingencies

From time to time, lawsuits and claims have been brought against the Society. The Society vigorously contests such lawsuits and claims, and management believes any resulting outcome would not have a material effect on the financial position or the statement of operations of the Society.

19 Subsequent event

The Society received an unrestricted bequest on April 11, 2014 for \$475,000.