

990
Form
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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2019
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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019, and ending 12-31-2019

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
 AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 5501 MERCHANTS VIEW SQUARE NO 202

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 HAYMARKET, VA 20169

D Employer identification number
 47-2208981

E Telephone number
 (703) 608-4649

G Gross receipts \$ **1,141,232**

F Name and address of principal officer:
 PETER CANDLAND
 5501 MERCHANTS VIEW SQUARE NO 202
 HAYMARKET, VA 20169

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ AMERICANKRATOM.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2014

M State of legal domicile: VA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
 THE AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION ADVOCATES TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF CONSUMERS TO SAFELY CONSUME NATURAL KRATOM AS A PART OF THE PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING REGIMEN.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	3
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0

	Prior Year	Current Year	
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,247,025	1,141,232
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0	
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0	
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0	
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,247,025	1,141,232	
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0	
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	86,400	48,000	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	24,561	22,654	
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶22,654			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	869,514	1,425,294	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	980,475	1,495,948	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	266,550	-354,716	
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	396,788	42,072
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0	0
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	396,788	42,072	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: PETER CANDLAND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 Date: 2020-08-24

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00923579
Firm's name ▶ HOLLINS ASSOCIATES CPAS PLLC			Firm's EIN ▶ 37-1570580	
Firm's address ▶ 5501 MERCHANTS VIEW SQ NO 730 HAYMARKET, VA 20169			Phone no. (571) 222-4765	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FORMED FOR THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE NATURAL RIGHT OF ALL AMERICANS TO USE THE PLANT KRATOM (MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA) FOR THE PURPOSE THEY CHOOSE

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **430,355** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 LEGAL FEES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE LEGAL ANALYSIS OF KEEPING KRATOM LEGAL, AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEGAL ADVICE.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **489,050** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 LOBBYING EXPENSES TO EDUCATE LEGISLATORS AND THEIR STAFF REGARDING PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNING KRATOM.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **53,083** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH RELATING TO KRATOM AND THE USAGE OF THE PLANT.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ **377,055** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 OTHER VARIOUS PROGRAM EXPENSES.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ **377,055** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **1,349,543**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements, such as political activities, lobbying, and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding tax-exempt bond issues, excess benefit transactions, and controlled entities.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V []

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and gaming winnings.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Main form area containing questions 2a through 16, with sub-questions and input fields for amounts and 'Yes/No' responses.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee...

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe in Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower... 14 Did the organization have a written document... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023... 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents... 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Main table with columns (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts; Program Service Revenue; Other Revenue; and Miscellaneous Revenue.

Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts

Program Service Revenue

Other Revenue

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	48,000	48,000		
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	77,500		77,500	
b Legal	430,355	430,355		
c Accounting	750	750		
d Lobbying	489,050	489,050		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	22,654			22,654
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion	7,764	7,764		
13 Office expenses	14,091	14,091		
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	128,693	128,693		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	32,232	32,232		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,482	2,482		
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PUBLIC RELATIONS	143,043	143,043		
b SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH	53,083	53,083		
c DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	36,159		36,159	
d MISCELLANEOUS OTHERS	8,957		8,957	
e All other expenses	1,135		1,135	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,495,948	1,349,543	123,751	22,654
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	396,788	1	42,072
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	396,788	16	42,072	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	0
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	30	0
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	396,788	31	42,072
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	396,788	32	42,072
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	396,788	33	42,072	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,141,232
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,495,948
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-354,716
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	396,788
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	10	42,072

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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2019

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

47-2208981

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
b Internet and email solicitations
c Phone solicitations
d In-person solicitations
e Solicitation of non-government grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization. Row 1: SHERRY ANN CHIEBOWSKI, SEE ABOVE, No, 1,095, 0, 1,095.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a)Event # 1	(b) Event # 2	(c)Other events	(d) Total events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶					

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col.(a) through col.(c))
		1 Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % .. <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % .. <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % .. <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶					
8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ -----

Description of services provided ▶ -----

- Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization
AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

47-2208981

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE ORGANIZATION EMAILED COPIES OF THE 990 AND ITS SCHEDULES TO EACH BOARD MEMBER FOR AN AFFIRMATION VOTE PRIOR TO FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THROUGH AN AFFIRMATION VOTE PRIOR TO FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	USE SIMILAR DOCUMENTS FOUND FROM OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS.
FORM 990 PART I SUMMARY LINE 17	AMENDED RETURN DETAILS: FORM 990 PART IX, LINE 11B LEGAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN \$430,355 FORM 990 PART IX, LINE 17 TRAVEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN \$128,693

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