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Related Parties Statement

There are instances when the board of trustees believes that it is in the best interest of the Foundation to involve individuals or organizations that have relationships with trustees, officers, or employees of the Foundation. These situations are governed by the Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy. Two consultants to the Foundation are related to key employees of the Foundation.

Penny Barr is the wife of the president of the Foundation, John Barr. Ms. Barr has been a Trustee of Poet's House for a decade and served as board chair for Story Line Press, which was an independent publisher of serious poetry. Ms. Barr became a volunteer for the Foundation in February 2004. As part of her continuing unpaid work for the Foundation, in the spring of 2006 she developed the idea of a Children's Poet laureate. Upon the recommendation of the staff, The Foundation Board asked her to develop and run the program associated with the Children's Poet Laureate. Beginning in December, 2006 Ms. Barr was contracted as an independent consultant to the Foundation, working about 3 days a week with a one-year term at a rate of \$50 per hour. She reports to Caren Skoulas, the Foundation's CFO. Payment for work in 2006 was not made until 2007.

Danielle Chapman was the consulting editor of Poetry magazine. She is married to Christian Wiman, editor of *Poetry* magazine. From 2003 through 2005, prior to her marriage to Mr. Wiman, she served as editorial consultant and editorial assistant of *Poetry*. Her work has appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *New York Times*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Poetry Review (England)*, *Threepenny Review*, and *TriQuarterly*. In the fall of 2005, Ms. Chapman was contracted as an independent consultant to the Foundation, working about three days a week at a rate of \$50 per hour. She reports to the Foundation's President, John Barr. Ms. Chapman resigned from the Foundation in August 2007.

These are the only instances where the Foundation is paying related individuals directly. Other related party activities are noted in the response to question 75C in the Foundation's 990 filing.