Letter to our Supporters

Dear Friends,

The New England Aquarium has some major accomplishments to report for 2006. We are particularly excited about earning accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, after a year-long application and inspection process. The review committee praised our terrific staff, our ability to make good use of limited resources, and our ongoing commitment to marine conservation.

Visitors enjoyed some new experiences in 2006. In May, we welcomed three fur seals, a new species for the Aquarium. We installed fun, hands-on activities throughout the exhibits and made webcams and podcasts available on our website. In November, we launched the program Walk Like a Penguin, resulting in an upsurge in attendance. We ended 2006 with a healthy operating surplus that allowed us to make a substantial bond payment and continue modernizing the building—both behind the scenes and along the visitor path.

Meanwhile, the Aquarium continued to lead marine conservation efforts around the globe. In March, the nation of Kiribati announced the world’s third largest Marine Protected Area for its Phoenix Islands. The Aquarium spearheaded this initiative, exploring the region, forming key partnerships, and helping plan the area’s long-term conservation. Closer to home, Aquarium Senior Scientist Dr. Moira Brown received the International Fund for Animal Welfare’s Lifetime Achievement Award for her instrumental work in protecting the North Atlantic right whale.

While we look back at a very successful year, we also have reason to be excited about the future. Throughout 2006, staff and governance worked to develop a strategic action plan to steer the Aquarium through 2011. The plan identifies key program priorities and presents the action steps, financial resources and infrastructure required to achieve institutional goals. We kick off 2007 with this new plan as a guide.

All of the Aquarium’s 2006 accomplishments were possible because of our extremely talented staff, our dedicated volunteers who provided more than 75,000 hours of service, our enthusiastic board and our generous members and supporters, for whom we are tremendously grateful.

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**New Shark in Town**

In November of 2006, juvenile sand tiger shark Galilee joined the other two sand tiger sharks, Judith and Papoose, and the nurse shark Bimini in the Giant Ocean Tank. Named after a fishing village in Point Judith, RI, where she was found, Galilee has been delighting visitors and acting as an ambassador for all shark species, which need our help.

**Deep Sea 3D Opens in the Simons IMAX Theatre**

Now in its fifth year of operation, the Simons IMAX Theatre continues to entertain and educate hundreds of thousands of moviegoers each year. In addition to showing major Hollywood movies like *Happy Feet*, the theatre features animals too large, small, dangerous or endangered to be shown inside the Aquarium itself. Audiences are clearly responding—in April, the theatre welcomed its 2 millionth guest.

*Deep Sea 3D*, which opened March 3 and continues to wow audiences, was one of many standout films this year. Directed by world-renowned underwater filmmakers Howard and Michele Hall, the film highlights both the beauty and dangers of the deep. In one scene, 6-foot-long squid flash like lightning during a nighttime frenzy. In another, a seaturtle receives “spa treatments” when fish eat the algae from its shell.

**New Fishes Swimming in the Aquarium**

A dragon fish began patrolling the Ancient Fishes exhibit for the first time this past spring, and a school of African pompanos, three trumpet fish, a chain moray and a new porcupine fish joined the Giant Ocean Tank community. African pompanos sport long, silvery streamers that trail from their fins, adding a touch of elegance to the Giant Ocean Tank. The three new trumpet fish are extremely curious, and often follow the divers around the exhibit. The chain moray is a reclusive eel with yellow-gold chain-like markings, and is the first of its kind at the Aquarium. Spike, the newest and smallest porcupine fish, joined longtime residents Puffy and Fugu. These new fishes join the more than 44,000 other Aquarium residents.
Penguin Chicks Born
The Aquarium’s penguin population swelled to 65 birds during the fall of 2006 after five African penguin chicks and one rockhopper penguin chick hatched. The rockhopper chick, Falkland, hatched on May 24 from an egg donated by the Detroit Zoo. The Aquarium’s penguin biologists were thrilled when tests revealed Falkland is a female. The Aquarium’s only other female rockhopper penguin—Chile—is well past her breeding days, and Falkland may help revitalize the Aquarium’s geriatric rockhopper population. All of these penguins are now swimming in the Aquarium’s penguin exhibit. Since 1968, the Aquarium has successfully hatched and raised 60 African, rockhopper and little blue penguin chicks.

Fur Seals Arrive
The Aquarium welcomed some sleek new residents this past May when female northern fur seals Ursula, Cordova and Chainsaw arrived on loan from the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut. The seals represent a brand new species for the institution, and are already participating in visitor programs Trainer for an Afternoon and Come Play with the Seals. Northern fur seals have an important conservation story to tell regarding the commercial fishing of their primary food sources and entanglement in fishing gear.

**Instill a sense of wonder about the waters of the world and the life within them. Show marine animals in interesting habitats to create a sense of curiosity.**
Harbor Discoveries Camp
2006 a Huge Success
Each year, the Aquarium offers summer camp programs for kids entering grades 4 through 9 on a variety of themes, from exploring tidepools to observing marine mammal training sessions to spending a week at sea aboard a schooner. Mayor Thomas Menino officially kicked off the 2006 camping season by speaking to the campers on July 18. The Mayor’s office distributed scholarships (made possible through generous gifts and grants) to half of the approximately 300 campers. The Harbor Discoveries program was also highlighted in the Aquarium’s first annual Corporate Conservation Night, and several campers joined in the festivities to share their experiences.

INSPIRE discovery
OF THE WORLD OF WATER TO
TURN VISITORS INTO EXPLORERS,
UNLEASH PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN
PASSIONS, AND CREATE THE NEXT
GENERATION OF OCEAN STEWARDS.

Aquarium Lecture Series
The Aquarium Lecture Series—which featured dozens of speakers and is sponsored by the Lowell Institute—had a standout year in 2006. Award-winning journalist David Helvarg spoke about conservation and his new book, *50 Ways to Save the Ocean*. Writer and former director of the Baltimore Aquarium William Sargent discussed the rich past, embattled present and uncertain future of a post-Katrina New Orleans. Aquarium scientist Scott Dowd told the story of how a tiny Amazonian fish means so much to the pet industry and people of Brazil during a special open house. And several other Aquarium staff members also gave lectures, including Vice President of Global Marine Programs Greg Stone, Senior Rescue and Rehabilitation Biologist Connie Merigo and Head Veterinarian Dr. Scott Weber.
**Walk Like a Penguin Continues**

**Penguin Craze**

From marketing campaigns to the silver screen, penguins were everywhere in 2006, and the Aquarium gave visitors the opportunity to learn even more about them with the *Walk Like a Penguin* theme program. Featuring special interactive components such as the Penguin Periscope and the Hear a Penguin Station, live presentations in the penguin exhibit, a guided Penguin Path throughout the Aquarium, penguin podcast episodes, a 10-foot penguin ice sculpture and of course, a world-class penguin exhibit with three species of penguins, this program truly engaged visitors and has been extended to run through Labor Day 2007.

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**Stars of the Sea Brings a Taste of Celebrity**

This theme program—which ran from April through August—featured some of the Aquarium’s most popular animals, including the sand tiger shark, green seaturtle, giant Pacific octopus, barracuda and more. All of these animals also starred in the IMAX film *Deep Sea 3D*. Visitors received a special Autograph Book and followed a guided path to eight Star Stops, where they could see the animals, stamp their Autograph Book, and read an exclusive animal interview to learn about the animals’ homes, favorite foods, best friends and biggest fears about the ocean. The program also introduced an “Animal Interview Special” podcast.

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**Mercury Exhibit Reveals Dangers and Solutions**

The Aquarium installed a new permanent exhibit on mercury in the spring of 2006. Through clear illustrations and straightforward interactives and explanation, this exhibit sheds light on the dangers of mercury pollution and gives visitors tangible ways they can help and keep themselves safe.
Harbor and Islands Cruises
The Aquarium began offering cruises of Boston Harbor and the Harbor Islands. Narrated by National Park Service rangers, the cruises bring participants to all of the breathtaking sights of Boston Harbor via a brand new high-speed catamaran. Cruisers see the USS Constitution, historic lighthouses, the Boston waterfront and city skyline and more.

Teen Program a Major Success
The New England Aquarium’s Teen Program employed 71 teen interns from a cross-section of Boston, Cambridge and Revere neighborhoods during the summer of 2006. These teens worked in ten different Aquarium departments, including Visitor Education, Fishes and Community Outreach. The Aquarium partners with the Boston Youth Fund and the Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program of Cambridge to pay the teens for their time.

Animal Rescues of 2006
The Aquarium’s Rescue and Rehabilitation (R&R) and Animal Health departments had another busy year in 2006. Seven multiple dolphin strandings took place in January alone, surpassing the previous 10-year record of four incidents in an entire winter. Thanks to the team’s experience and dedication, 18 stranded dolphins were safely returned to the ocean. Seven dolphins that stranded over two days in July were also all safely released off Provincetown. Information retrieved from satellite tags attached to several of the released dolphins is used to ensure rescue methods are effective, and hopefully to discover what contributes to strandings.

In August, R&R staff members helped organize the largest seaturtle release ever in the Northeast, when 14 critically endangered rescued turtles were returned to the Atlantic.

Rescued grey seal pup Mona represented another success for both R&R and the Animal Health Department. Despite suffering from a bevy of medical problems when admitted in April, including a conjunctivitis infection that led to the loss of her right eye, Mona passed two live fish hunting tests with flying colors and was released into the wild on August 1.
Aquarium Educators Teach in Canada
Among an impressive year of bringing educational programming to schools and communities throughout New England, some Aquarium educators also went the extra mile—to New Brunswick, Canada. They set up stations about whale anatomy, intelligence, conservation and more for several hundred students at St. John the Baptist-King Edward School, and wowed the students with Calvin, a 42-foot-long inflatable right whale model. The Whale Day program is sponsored by such companies as the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel and Irving Oil.

Whale Watch Season Best In Years
The Aquarium Whale Watch experienced one of its best seasons on record in 2006, with passengers regularly sighting more than 20 whales in a single trip. This was due in large part to the return of high numbers of humpback whales to feeding grounds in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. The return of the humpbacks is directly tied to a spike in the population of their favorite food—sand lance. Both sand lance and humpbacks are expected to return in force next season.

Be a gateway for visitors and program participants to enter the natural world of water. Reach beyond the Aquarium’s walls to play a critical role in protecting the aquatic world.
Celebrating Seafood
This was an exciting year for the Aquarium’s Sustainable Fisheries Initiative. As the seafood industry has begun to embrace sustainable practices, ChoiceCatch is broadening its reach within the seafood buying industry to help buyers worldwide source environmentally responsible seafood. At the Aquarium, Celebrate Seafood launched an ocean-friendly seafood menu for catered events, and highlighted smart seafood choices—including Pacific halibut, farmed littleneck clams and tilapia—in the Harbor View Café.

Collecting and Conserving in the Bahamas
Aquarium divers collect many of the fishes in the Giant Ocean Tank during their annual trip to the Bahamas. During 2006, they also collaborated with others to help protect the Bahamas’ reefs. They taught other divers to identify Caribbean fishes and completed population surveys for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation. New England Aquarium also partnered with other aquariums and Blackbeard Cruises to install mooring buoys near popular diving spots. The buoys allow ships to hold position without dropping heavy anchors on the live reef.

Research Projects Continue
New England Aquarium scientists continue to ask challenging questions about ocean health and conservation. Ongoing research projects in 2006 considered such varied issues as best practices in aquaculture, bycatch reduction, lobster shell disease and the sustainable harvest of wild cardinal tetras in Brazil’s Rio Negro River. The Aquarium has also begun to study the potential ecological impacts associated with the proposed Northeast Gateway and Neptune LNG deepwater ports 10 miles off the coast of Massachusetts.

Be a force for lasting change in the world of water. Develop new solutions to protect the oceans and balance human impacts on them.
Paradise Protected
The Aquarium was central to one of the most important conservation stories worldwide this year: the creation of the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA). With eight coral atolls and two submerged reef systems, the nearly uninhabited PIPA is the third-largest marine protected area in the world at 184,700 square kilometers—twice the size of Portugal. Some of the most pristine and primal ocean lies within its borders.

The Aquarium and the Republic of Kiribati, the Pacific Islands nation of which the Phoenix Islands are a part, developed the project with Conservation International and other donors and partners. Aquarium Vice President for Global Marine Programs Greg Stone was at the center of negotiations, acting not only as a scientist and conservationist, but also as a diplomat and fundraiser. His hard work and remarkable success were recognized by news outlets the world over, including National Geographic Adventure Magazine, which named him one of their “Heroes of 2006.”

Right Whale Research Takes Interesting Turn
The secret to saving North Atlantic right whales may be hiding in an unusual place—their poop. With the help of some specially trained dogs, right whale researchers have collected more than 300 samples since 2003. Laboratory tests performed on whale poop can reveal stress levels, parasites, illness and whether the whale had been exposed to biotoxins associated with red tides. Researchers also run laboratory tests to determine whether a whale is sexually mature and if females are pregnant or nursing.
PETER BENCHLEY
1941-2006
Peter Benchley was a longtime friend of the New England Aquarium and a collaborator on numerous conservation projects. After the blockbuster film based on his novel *Jaws* was released, Benchley became an unofficial spokesperson for sharks. He worked with his friend, Aquarium Vice President of Global Marine Programs Greg Stone, to create the World of Water film series. These 15 to 20-minute conservation films reach an estimated 33 million viewers a year. Benchley also spoke publicly and worked with conservation groups to restrict longline fishing and stop shark finning. He supported the creation of Marine Protected Areas, and he encouraged those interested in helping sharks to join local conservation groups and write to their representatives. “Peter always exuded grace and wit,” recalls Aquarium spokesperson Tony LaCasse. “He attended the Aquarium’s 2005 gala to receive the David B. Stone Award. He literally stole the show with a humorous speech that was filled with verve, insight and passion. He will be greatly missed.”

ANN WICKES BREWER
1922-2006
Ann Brewer of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, was an Aquarium Trustee from 1969 to 2002 and was a member of the Magellan Society from 2002. A well-versed sailor and racer known along the Atlantic coast, winning multiple sailing trophies, she passed along her passion for the sea to generations of young people, taking voyages aboard sailing classroom ships. Ann was one of the first women to be accepted as a member of the New York Yacht Club in the early 1980s. Independent, with a taste for adventure, she learned how to sail as a young girl at her family’s summer home in Newport, RI, sailing into her eighties and sailing solo on her 32-foot ketch, *Jacques Coeur*, into her seventies. “She had just an insatiable love for the natural world. She grabbed as much of life as she could. She always knew what phase the moon was in, whether the tide was going in or the tide was going out,” her daughter, Priscilla Danforth, said. As a Charter and Navigator Society member of the Aquarium, Betty was a Trustee from 1979 to 2002 and served as a member of the Magellan Society from 2002. Within the last year, she had joined the Aquarium on a trip to the Right Whale Research Station in Lubec, Maine. As a Charter and Navigator Society member of the Aquarium, Betty was a Trustee from 1979 to 2002 and served as a member of the Magellan Society from 2002. Within the last year, she had joined the Aquarium on a trip to the Right Whale Research Station in Lubec, Maine. As a Charter and Navigator Society member of the Aquarium, Betty was a Trustee from 1979 to 2002 and served as a member of the Magellan Society from 2002. Within the last year, she had joined the Aquarium on a trip to the Right Whale Research Station in Lubec, Maine.

ELIZABETH BURROUGH PERRY
1928-2006
A lover of all things oceanic, Betty Perry of Marblehead, MA, sailed her 35-foot sloop *Redstart* almost every day from Eastern Yacht Club, went swimming and scuba diving, and volunteered in many capacities at the Aquarium from its opening in 1969. Known to rescue stranded seals near her home, she was the first woman to ever dive in the Aquarium’s Giant Ocean Tank and early on volunteered hours of curatorial and fundraising work. As a young sailor, she raced and later cruised near the Elizabeth Islands off Cape Cod and along the coast of Maine. “She had just an insatiable love for the natural world. She grabbed as much of life as she could. She always knew what phase the moon was in, whether the tide was going in or the tide was going out,” her daughter, Priscilla Danforth, said. As a Charter and Navigator Society member of the Aquarium, Betty was a Trustee from 1979 to 2002 and served as a member of the Magellan Society from 2002. Within the last year, she had joined the Aquarium on a trip to the Right Whale Research Station in Lubec, Maine. As a Charter and Navigator Society member of the Aquarium, Betty was a Trustee from 1979 to 2002 and served as a member of the Magellan Society from 2002. Within the last year, she had joined the Aquarium on a trip to the Right Whale Research Station in Lubec, Maine.

“The more I learned, the more I came to see that we had to begin paying attention to the ocean.” –Benchley
Global Marine Programs Committee, “She was very committed to the ocean and the animals that live in the ocean,” said Greg Stone, Vice President of Global Marine Programs. “She had a wonderful presence, a great sense of humor, and she was keenly interested in following ocean conservation issues. Her death is a terrible loss for us all.”

Betty Perry had just an insatiable love for the natural world.

**JOHN LARKIN THOMPSON 1931-2006**
A former New England Aquarium Chairman of the Board and President, John Thompson of Scituate, MA, formerly of Cohasset, MA, held numerous leadership positions and served with his wife, Adrienne, as a tireless advocate and philanthropist at the Aquarium for more than 30 years. Professionally as the President of Blue Shield of Massachusetts, he oversaw the merger of the healthcare providers that became Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts. He was more recently Of Counsel at the Boston law firm Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, which has a long business association with the Aquarium. John was first elected as an Aquarium Trustee in 1971 and was named an Aquarium Life Trustee in 2000. Besides his involvement with the Aquarium, he served as a Director of Boston Private Bank & Trust Co., and Chairman of the Board of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Boston Public Library Foundation. John once described himself as “a lifelong recreational fisherman with special interest in the restoration of fish stocks.” Always mindful of the Aquarium’s mission, he left the Aquarium in his will, giving back to an institution he cared deeply about and helped shape from the very beginning. Adrienne Thompson remains an active member of the Aquarium family, as part of the Navigator Society.

John Thompson held numerous leadership positions and served as a tireless advocate and philanthropist at the Aquarium for more than 30 years.

**STETSON WHITCHER 1919-2006**
New England Aquarium Charter and Navigator Society member, Stetson Whitcher of Boston, originally from New Bedford, MA, had a lifelong quest for knowledge and appreciation for educational and cultural institutions. An alumnus of Dartmouth College ’40 and the Amos Tuck School of Business ’41, he spent his professional career as a banker in Boston. When he retired in the 1980s, he stayed involved at his alma mater and pursued his interest in education, establishing scholarships at the secondary, college and graduate levels. He also pursued his interest in the arts, supporting such venerable institutions as the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, as well as Dartmouth College’s Friends of Figure Skating and the Boston Ballet. He remarked once that he had a particular affection for the Aquarium, “The staff know me and hand me my nametag instead of me having to find it for myself.” Supporting Aquarium teen interns during his lifetime, Stetson generously remembered the Aquarium’s teen intern program in his estate plans through a donor advised fund at the Boston Foundation, with the Aquarium being one of the beneficiaries.
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In 2006, the Aquarium launched Corporate Conservation Night to recognize and celebrate its research, conservation and education programs. This first year, the Aquarium selected Harbor Discoveries Camp as the focus of the celebration and recipient of corporate support. These week-long marine science camps operate in partnership with the Mayor and City of Boston. In 2006, corporations invested almost $200,000 and provided scholarships for 110 children.

Membership
More than 20,000 households held Aquarium memberships in 2006, raising nearly $2 million. Member benefits include free express admission; discounts on special programs, parking and purchases; a monthly e-newsletter (Sea-Mail) and quarterly magazine (Aqualog); and invitations to members-only events.

The Sea Glass Gala
On Saturday, October 28, the New England Aquarium hosted The Sea Glass Gala. Co-chaired by Overseer Barbara Burgess and Katie Fagan, the gala raised more than $220,000 through ticket sales, donations, the Aquarium’s first-ever online auction, and a live auction the night of the event. Thank you to the entire gala committee, the 275 attendees, the hundreds of online bidders and our in-kind donors.

Hybrid Car Raffle
Thanks to the generosity of the New England Lincoln Mercury Dealers, the Aquarium made one visitor very happy. During the summer of 2006, Collette Snoonien purchased the lucky ticket to win a 2007 Mercury Mariner Hybrid SUV. Collette arrived in December with her family to pick up the beautiful, environmentally friendly vehicle.
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- USW Local 9360
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David B. Stone Fund (1970)

To award individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation and protection of the environment.

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For tropical exhibit live specimen acquisitions.


To recognize staff members for exemplary commitment and extraordinary service to the New England Aquarium.


For aquatic research at the New England Aquarium and making known the findings.

New England Aquarium Education Trust at The Boston Foundation (1983)


To promote public awareness and understanding of the New England Aquarium’s aquatic research activities.

Animal Care Fund (1985)

To provide funds for the ongoing care of the Aquarium’s living creatures.

Weston Howland Fund for Admissions (1988)

Made possible by a grant from Joseph F. and Clara Ford. To provide admissions for needy groups and children who would not otherwise be able to visit.


To fund scientific research dedicated to marine biological conservation, in honor of John Prescott’s contributions to the health of our oceans.

Edmund C. Toomey Endowed Education Fund (2005)

To provide meaningful and engaging programs for people of all ages to learn about the world of water.

Akiko Shiraki Dynner Fund for Ocean Exploration and Conservation (2005)

To support ocean exploration, research and conservation activities.

The Buttrick Fund for Volunteer Programs (2006)

To support the Aquarium’s volunteer programs and to encourage other departments to collaborate with the Aquarium’s active corps of volunteers who donate thousands of hours of time to the institution each year.
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The following companies and individuals donated goods or services valued at $500 or more in 2006.

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Year-End Financial Summary

New England Aquarium had an absolutely terrific year in 2006—operationally and financially. Although our overall attendance was down slightly from the prior year and only near our average of the past four years, we were very satisfied with the outcome given local transportation and construction challenges. Overall attendance totaled 1.3 million visitors compared to our record year of 1.56 million in 2002, the first year of the new Simons IMAX Theatre. Although theatre attendance declined in 2006 due principally to product availability, we were quite pleased that nearly 60% of IMAX’s 400,000 ticket sales were purchased in combination with an Aquarium admission.

Operating revenue and support of $33.9 million in 2006 was 2% more than 2005, driven by increases in admission, membership and fundraising. Overall operating expenses of $31.9 million actually decreased 2% in 2006 despite increased interest and administrative costs. As a result, cash flow was very strong throughout 2006—and more than sufficient to fund all operations, pay for important capital expenditures and continue to reduce liabilities. Also, for the first time in five years, the Aquarium was able to substantially reduce the principal on its outstanding bonds.

Our excellent financial performance in 2006 coupled with our achievements over the last several years has resulted in a much stronger balance sheet. Total liabilities were at $31.0 million at year-end 2006 compared to $41.8 million at year-end 2002. The ratio of net assets (equity) to total liabilities improved again to 114% in 2006, compared to 79% in 2002.

Our staff and Board of Trustees and Overseers are proud of our performance in 2006 and look forward to even better years in 2007 and beyond.

WALTER J. FLAHERTY

Executive Vice President
Chief Operating Officer & Treasurer
# New England Aquarium Corporation

Financial Results *(in thousands of dollars)*

## Operating Revenue & Support

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<td>Admissions – Individuals &amp; Groups</td>
<td>$14,511.9</td>
<td>$12,820.5</td>
<td>$1,691.4</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Retail Sales – Food, Gift Shop &amp; Events</td>
<td>9,644.6</td>
<td>9,387.3</td>
<td>257.3</td>
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<td>Memberships – Individual &amp; Corporate</td>
<td>2,403.7</td>
<td>2,211.5</td>
<td>192.2</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Gifts &amp; Pledges</td>
<td>2,316.0</td>
<td>1,744.5</td>
<td>571.5</td>
<td>33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grants &amp; Contracts</td>
<td>3,511.4</td>
<td>5,505.7</td>
<td>(1,994.3)</td>
<td>-36</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>1,492.9</td>
<td>1,418.6</td>
<td>74.3</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Operating Revenue &amp; Support</strong></td>
<td>$33,880.5</td>
<td>$33,088.1</td>
<td>$792.4</td>
<td>2%</td>
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## Operating Costs & Expenses

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<td>Research, Conservation &amp; Education</td>
<td>$4,853.5</td>
<td>$4,882.4</td>
<td>(28.9)</td>
<td>-1%</td>
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<td>Exhibit Development &amp; Maintenance</td>
<td>4,415.9</td>
<td>5,495.2</td>
<td>(1,079.3)</td>
<td>-20</td>
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<td>Plant Operations</td>
<td>4,828.1</td>
<td>5,155.5</td>
<td>(327.4)</td>
<td>-6</td>
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<td>Cost of Retail Sales</td>
<td>8,164.5</td>
<td>7,862.1</td>
<td>302.4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>General Administration &amp; Supporting Services</td>
<td>7,486.6</td>
<td>6,966.9</td>
<td>519.7</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>898.9</td>
<td>982.1</td>
<td>(83.2)</td>
<td>-8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>1,209.5</td>
<td>1,119.9</td>
<td>89.6</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Operating Costs &amp; Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$31,857.0</td>
<td>$32,464.1</td>
<td>$(607.1)</td>
<td>-2%</td>
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**Operating Surplus***                                    | $2,023.5  | $624.0    | $1,399.5   | 224%     |

*Operating surplus, as defined by management, excludes depreciation and amortization charges and non-recurring transactions. Audited financial statements, with an unqualified opinion by Tofias, PC, are available on request.*

## Changes in Net Assets

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<td>Non-Operating Revenues (Bequests &amp; Capital Funding)</td>
<td>905.7</td>
<td>1,074.8</td>
<td>(169.1)</td>
<td>-16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Realized &amp; Unrealized Gains (Losses), Net</td>
<td>(326.1)</td>
<td>168.3</td>
<td>(494.4)</td>
<td>-294</td>
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<td>Gain on Sale of Assets</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>243.2</td>
<td>(243.2)</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation &amp; Amortization Expense</td>
<td>(3,067.8)</td>
<td>(2,724.4)</td>
<td>(343.4)</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Write-off of Existing Fixed Assets</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>(1,268.8)</td>
<td>1,268.8</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>Loss on Valuation of Rate Swap Agreement</td>
<td>(11.7)</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>(11.7)</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Non-cash Pension Related Changes</td>
<td>164.8</td>
<td>(129.2)</td>
<td>294.0</td>
<td>-228</td>
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**Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets**        | $(311.6)  | $(2,012.1)| $1,700.5   | -85%     |

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<td>Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets</td>
<td>$656.9</td>
<td>$619.3</td>
<td>$37.6</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in restricted net assets</td>
<td>$345.3</td>
<td>$(1,392.8)</td>
<td>$1,738.1</td>
<td>-125%</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets - beginning of year</strong></td>
<td>$35,052.5</td>
<td>$36,445.3</td>
<td>$(1,392.8)</td>
<td>-4%</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets - end of year</strong></td>
<td>$35,397.8</td>
<td>$35,052.5</td>
<td>$345.3</td>
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As of December 31, 2006.

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