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Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A

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The Annual Benefit Report covers the 12 month period ending on December 31 of the previous year.
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2. Corporate Name: (Required) NEW AGE COMEDY CLUB, SBC

3. The public benefit corporation's board of directors has reviewed and approved this report.

4. In the field below, enter the information required by section 304A.301 subd. 2 or 3 for the period covered by this report, (see instructions for further information): Note: Use additional sheets if needed. (Required)

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5. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the chief executive officer of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer

03/18/2026

Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

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Enter an email address to which the Secretary of State can forward official notices required by law and other notices:

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List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

ARNOLD LEE — Contact Name

773-807-6403 — Phone Number

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Yes ☐ No ☒

First Annual Benefit Report

Of

New Age Comedy Club, SBC

A Minnesota Specific Public Benefit Corporation

For the Year Ending in December 31st, 2025

"It was all started by a yellow electric mouse who came to an obscure museum through some mysterious force." ™

History of the New Age Comedy Club

The root of the club begins in 2016 during Arnold Lee's semester-long comedic theater training with The Second City in Chicago, as part of the capstone project for his MBA program at the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC). He founded New Age Comic Relief, LLC shortly after graduation, and began content creation coincide with the initial Pokémon GO mobile game craze in the summer of 2016. In July 2016, a few weeks after earning his MBA, Arnold was sent by the Dean of the UIC College of Education to Minneapolis, in order to settle a vendor contract dispute with a technology provider involving state-of-the-art Augmented Reality devices for education. For the first time since arriving in the U.S. in 2001 from Hong Kong, Arnold would embark on the journey outside the boundary of the state of Illinois.

During his 8-day journey in Minneapolis, Arnold has caught over 1,000 Pokémon, along with stepping foot into the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Centennial Convention as guest attendee, marching in protest related to the murder of Philando Castile, visiting dozens of local landmarks, and spent over 2 days catching Pokémon in Mall of America. As part of his content creation project, he recorded over two dozen hours of video footage strapping a GoPro on his head. His original plan was to only stay there for 6 days. A weather issue causing Amtrak to cancel two consecutive Empire Builder train ending up delaying his return to home by another 48 hours. On the very last day of his trip, he ventured into the University of Minnesota campus and trying to fill up his Pokémon collection (Pokédex). He was looking to add Pikachu, an iconic yellow electric-type mouse, to his Pokédex since he doesn't have one yet. Suddenly the game radar shows up a silhouette of a Pikachu, pointing to the direction of a small and relatively obscure museum on campus grounds. Arnold has no interest on visiting the Bell Museum of Natural History, but because he wants to add Pikachu to the Pokédex, he paid the entrance fee and entered the museum building.

While he was looking for the iconic yellow mouse, he heard a distinctive voice coming from a summer camp group. He thought the instructor of the camp looks and sounds very familiar, but he didn't want to get distracted and focus on his phone to see where the mouse is. He successfully located that Pikachu and added to his Pokédex as his first. He return to the front desk and attempt to chat with the camp instructor, Laura, and turned out it was the same girl from his very first date from high school in Chicago, 12 years prior to this encounter! The entire sequence leading up to the encounter was captured on the GoPro, and uploaded to YouTube as part of the "#AFT100 #PokemonGO" series. This entire journey, also known as the "Gen 1 campaign trail" and "The Original Campaign Series", has shaped the direction of the Official Campaign System, the guiding principles of the New Age Comic Relief.

With the vendor contract settled successfully, upon returning from his historical trip, Arnold received a major promotion and reassignment to be the inaugural director of the UIC Pokémon Research Lab, under the College of Education. Being that said, he would never forget what happened in Minneapolis. They remain in contact throughout the years, maintaining the long-distance relationship and create comedy material for New Age Comic Relief's YouTube channel.

During the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the murder of George Floyd in May 2020, he saw the need to combat systemic racism which threaten the wellbeing of BIPOC communities. Couple with concerns of safety for his long-distance partner, he knew he need to made the move to Minnesota a top priority.

Over the next few months and some 200 resumes later, on January 2021, Arnold successfully seek employment within the Minnesota Department of Human Services, as an information security analyst. He subsequently moved to Saint Paul two months later. He and Laura were finally reunited. Over the next few years, they travel together to many in-person Pokémon GO events around the country, including Seattle, Los Angeles, and New York City. These events have combined over 500 hours of game play and GoPro footages that were subsequently edited and uploaded to YouTube. Laura also share her passion about agriculture, farming and sustainable food systems in the same channel, and with her connections, the couple were able to made contact with numerous Pokémon GO communities throughout rural lands of Central and Southern Minnesota.

Unfortunately, in the spring of 2024, Laura was diagnosed with rare, chronic illness that has impact her mental health, the couple had decided the time has come to go part ways. She would seek refuge and healing in the woods on the west coast, while Arnold remained in Minnesota to manage the rest of the project. Without a major contributor and traveling partner, New Age Comic Relief was dissolved in November 2024.

With the decennial anniversary of the legendary Pikachu encounter at the Bell Museum coming in 2026, and to honor Laura's legacy in the field of promoting agriculture among youth as well as contributing to sustainable and equitable food systems, New Age Comedy Club, SBC, was incorporated as a Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation on September 2025, as the spiritual successor of New Age Comic Relief.

Mission of the New Age Comedy Club

The five main objective as stated in the articles of incorporation are follows:

1. Discover, nurture and empower aspiring comedic actors from Asian American and other underrepresented communities through training, mentorship, and opportunity;
2. Foster the growth and appreciation of comedic theatre as a mean to combat mental health crisis epidemic;
3. Celebrate and de-stigmatization of intercultural, interracial relationships (AMXF) and families across faith communities;
4. Showcase Minnesota as a premier travel destination by highlighting its natural beauty, landscapes, and biodiversity including the vast species of Pokémon;
5. Serving as a hub for connecting people who are working towards building a secure, healthy, and equitable food system, through sustainable agricultural practices.

Executive Biography

Arnold Lee, Founder and President of Campaign Operations

A technology leader, educator and project manager working to impact lives in the underrepresented communities through cutting-edge technology and innovative solutions. Arnold has more than 15 years of experience directing project management efforts and technical activities aligning with organizational goals amid bureaucratic challenges. He has mentored and supervised more than 50 capstone projects for students in computer science, engineering and education. He has actively fostering environments that value people and inspire individuals to contribute their personal best.

Before he came to Minnesota, Arnold had a 13-year tenure with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) College of Education, starting from being a research data scientist, to being the deputy chief information officer and inaugural Director of UIC Pokémon Research Lab. Some of his major accomplishments including a multi-million dollar grant to partner with GiGi's Playhouse, an educational and therapeutic organization for individuals with Down syndrome and their families, to develop an in-house information technology career training program. Arnold also had led a development team for the Educational Software Review Database for teachers in the Chicago Public Schools, currently holding over 1,000 software titles for review after 10 years in service. Furthermore, Arnold was selected as a finalist for the University of Illinois – Robert Sandusky IT Manager of the Year Award 2020, specifically citing his exemplary leadership in the college COVID-19 task force. Arnold has Masters in Business Administration (Business Analytics and Non-Profit Management concentration), Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, and Master of Science in Computer Science, from the University of Illinois Chicago. He also holds over a dozen IT certifications including the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and Project Management Professional (PMP).

Highlights of the Year

As being in the first few months since incorporation, we put out a call to create our new logo for the club. We have attempted to contact several local artists our design to no avail. We continue to seek out designs that can properly reflect our multi-ethnic identity as well as our mission.

Capital raising efforts and awareness drive has been severely impacted due to the federal immigration enforcement efforts, otherwise known as "Operation Metro Surge". We are hopeful that during between late spring and early summer 2026 we can start scouting for local prospective talent. A small documentary is planned for July 2026 to coincide our founder's 10 year anniversary since he first set foot in Minnesota. The New Age Comedy Club will also enter the 2026 MN Cup entrepreneur competition under the "Impact Ventures" division.

1. **With regard to the period covered by this report, September 9th to December 31st, 2025, New Age Comedy Club, SBC pursued the specific benefit purpose stated in its articles in the following ways:**

   We have established banking relationships with four regional banks, and preparing the regulatory paperwork necessary to begin barebones operation. We have established a new domain name, www.newagecomedyclub.org, and the following social media handles:

   - Instagram: NewAgeComedyClub / AMXFvanlife
   - X: NewAgeComedyMN

   Along with the design of our logo, we will also recruit a part time web designer and social media manager within the year.

2. **The following is a description of how we believe we succeeded in achieving the goals of our specific benefit purpose.**

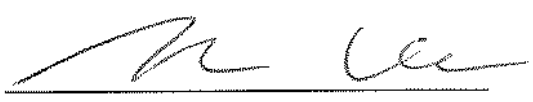
   We began our outreach to local ethnic inter-faith organizations, such as the Twin City Chinese Christian Church (TCCCC) and local Pokémon GO communities, to bring awareness of the comedy club, as well as volunteer opportunities. It is important that we are inclusive of emerging comedians and partners because it provides opportunities for them to expand their skill set, and to be proud of their cultural identity.

3. **The following is a description of what prevented us from achieving the specific benefit purpose, to the extent that we did not pursue of create the specific benefit purpose in this reporting year.**

   As of December 2025 we were still in the process of establish our online identity. We are in need of a logo, a website and social media presence, before we can start discussing about establishing a physical location. "Operation Metro Surge" has taken a major toll in the BIPOC business community throughout the Twin Cities, and that has severely impact our ability to establish a presence as well as ability to raise capital. Being that said, we remain hopeful that we will have a fully functioning website in 2026, with a potential opening of a physical location by spring of 2028.

CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned, being all the directors of New Age Comedy Club, SBC, hereby acknowledge and certify that we have reviewed and approved the enclosed First Annual Report.



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Arnold Lee — **Date**

Founder and President of Campaign Operations

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