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References herein to Lutz Financial as a "registered investment adviser" or any reference to being "registered" does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Item 2 Material Changes

There have been no material changes made to Lutz Financial's disclosure statement since last year's Annual Amendment filing on March 12, 2014.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

- A. Lutz Financial (the “Registrant”) is a limited liability company formed on February 2, 2000 in the State of Nebraska. The Registrant became registered as an Investment Adviser Firm in June 2003. The Registrant is principally owned by Ectart, LLC. James P. Boulay is the Registrant’s Managing Member and Chief Compliance Officer.
- B. As discussed below, the Registrant offers to its clients (individuals, high net worth individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, charitable organizations, business entities, etc.) pension consulting and investment advisory services, and, to the extent specifically requested by a client, financial planning and related consulting services.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

The client can engage the Registrant to provide discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee* basis. The Registrant’s annual investment advisory fee is based upon a percentage (%) of the market value of the assets placed under the Registrant’s management. Prior to engaging the Registrant to provide investment advisory services, clients are required to enter into an *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), describing the scope of the services to be provided, and the fee that is due from the client.

The Registrant provides investment advisory services specific to the needs of each client. Prior to providing investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client’s investment objective(s). Thereafter, the Registrant shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The Registrant primarily allocates client investment assets among various mutual funds (including the various mutual fund offerings from Dimensional Fund Advisors including DFA) and exchange traded funds, on both a discretionary and non-discretionary basis, in accordance with the investment objectives of the client.

Registrant’s annual investment advisory fee shall include investment advisory services, and, to the **extent specifically requested** by the client, financial planning and consulting services. In the event that the client requires extraordinary planning and/or consultation services (to be determined in the sole discretion of the Registrant), the Registrant may determine to charge for such additional services, the dollar amount of which shall be set forth in a separate written notice to the client.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES (STAND-ALONE)

To the extent requested by a client, the Registrant *may* determine to provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on a stand-alone separate fee basis. Prior to engaging the Registrant to provide planning or consulting services, clients are generally required to enter into a *Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), describing the scope of the services to be provided, and the portion of the fee that is due from the client prior to Registrant commencing services. If requested by the client, Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for

implementation purposes, including the accounting services of Registrant's affiliate, Lutz & Company, PC (*See* disclosure at Item 10 C). The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from the Registrant. **Please Note:** If the client engages any such recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. **Please Also Note:** It remains the client's responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in his/her/its financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

PENSION CONSULTING

Registrant acts as pension consultant for various pension plans on a non-discretionary basis and pooled accounts on a discretionary basis. In providing pension consulting services, Registrant assists the client in determining and establishing the investment objectives and requirements that are appropriate for each plan, supports the client with the client's decisions to effect transactions, and provides ongoing consulting services. With respect to Registrant's non-discretionary pension consulting services, Registrant has entered into a contractual agreement with a third-party service provider, Retirement Plan Consultants, Inc., to provide assistance with Registrant's back-office, administrative-related responsibilities relative to pension consulting clientele. In addition, through Retirement Plan Consultants, Inc., Registrant has access to certain investment vehicles for advisory accounts, including the various mutual fund offerings from Dimensional Fund Advisors ("DFA"). Although DFA may frequently be considered as an investment option for client investment assets, it may not be the sole investment vehicle considered.

For non-discretionary accounts only, Registrant will advise plan sponsors and may communicate client instructions to the plan administrator, but will not effect client transactions. If the client requests for Registrant to effect client transactions, such services may be provided through a service provider other than Registrant. Prior to engaging Registrant for pension consulting services, the client will generally be required to enter into an *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement, describing the scope of the services to be provided, the fee arrangement, and the portion of the fee that is due from the client prior to Registrant commencing services.

MISCELLANEOUS

Non-Investment Consulting/Implementation Services. To the extent requested by the client, the Registrant *may* provide consulting services regarding non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Neither the Registrant, nor any of its representatives, serves as an attorney and no portion of the Registrant's services should be construed as same. To the extent requested by a client, the Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for certain non-investment implementation purposes (i.e. attorneys, accountants, insurance, etc.), including the Registrant's affiliated Certified Public Accounting firm, Lutz & Company, PC as discussed below. The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from the Registrant. **Please Note:** If the client engages any such recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to

such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional.

Retirement Plan Rollovers. A client leaving an employer typically has four options (and may engage in a combination of these options): i) leave the money in his former employer's plan, if permitted, ii) roll over the assets to his new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, iii) rollover to an IRA, or iv) cash out the account value (which could, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). The Registrant may recommend an investor roll over plan assets to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) managed by the Registrant. As a result the Registrant and its representatives may earn an asset-based fee. In contrast, a recommendation that a client or prospective client leave his or her plan assets with his or her previous employer or roll the assets to a plan sponsored by a new employer will generally result in no compensation to the Registrant (unless you engage the Registrant to monitor and/or manage the account while maintained at your employer). The Registrant has an economic incentive to encourage an investor to roll plan assets into an IRA that the Registrant will manage or to engage the Registrant to monitor and/or manage the account while maintained at your employer. There are various factors that the Registrant may consider before recommending a rollover, including but not limited to: i) the investment options available in the plan versus the investment options available in an IRA, ii) fees and expenses in the plan versus the fees and expenses in an IRA, iii) the services and responsiveness of the plan's investment professionals versus the Registrant's, iv) protection of assets from creditors and legal judgments, v) required minimum distributions and age considerations, and vi) employer stock tax consequences, if any. No client is under any obligation to rollover plan assets to an IRA managed by the Registrant or to engage the Registrant to monitor and/or manage the account while maintained at your employer.

Please Note: Non-Discretionary Service Limitations. Clients that determine to engage the Registrant on a non-discretionary investment advisory basis **must be willing to accept** that the Registrant cannot effect any account transactions without obtaining prior verbal consent to any such transaction(s) from the client. Thus, in the event of a market correction during which the client is unavailable, the Registrant will be unable to effect any account transactions (as it would for its discretionary clients) **without first obtaining the client's verbal consent.**

Client Obligations. In performing its services, Registrant shall not be required to verify any information received from the client or from the client's other professionals, and is expressly authorized to rely thereon. Moreover, each client is advised that it remains his/her/its responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in his/her/its financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

Disclosure Statement. A copy of the Registrant's written Brochure as set forth on Part 2A of Form ADV shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the *Investment Advisory Agreement* or *Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement*.

- C. The Registrant shall provide investment advisory services specific to the needs of each client. Prior to providing investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client's investment objective(s). Thereafter, the Registrant shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets

consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The client may, at anytime, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant's services.

- D. The Registrant does not participate in a wrap fee program.
- E. As of December 31, 2014, the Registrant had \$537,213,633 in assets under management on a discretionary basis and \$158,169,645 in assets under management on a non-discretionary basis.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

- A. The client may engage the Registrant to provide discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee* basis.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

If a client determines to engage the Registrant to provide discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services on a negotiable *fee* basis, the Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value and type of assets placed under the Registrant's management, generally between 0.25% and 1.00%, to be charged quarterly in advance, as follows:

<u>Market Value of Portfolio</u>	<u>% of Assets</u>
First \$500,000	1.00%
Next \$500,000	0.75%
Next \$4,000,000	0.50%
Next \$5,000,000	0.35%
Over \$10,000,000	0.25%

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES (STAND-ALONE)

To the extent specifically requested by a client, the Registrant *may* determine to provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on a stand-alone fee basis. Registrant's planning and consulting fees are negotiable, but generally range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 on a fixed fee basis, and from \$100 to \$300 on an hourly rate basis, depending upon the level and scope of the service(s) required and the professional(s) rendering the service(s).

PENSION CONSULTING

For non-discretionary accounts only, Registrant will advise plan sponsors and may communicate client instructions to the plan administrator, but will not effect client transactions. If the client requests for Registrant to effect client transactions, such services may be provided through a service provider other than Registrant. Registrant will receive a negotiable fee, based on a percentage (%) of the assets within the plan, from the client for pension consulting services, generally as follows:

<u>Market Value of Portfolio</u>	<u>% of Assets</u>
\$0- \$500,000	1.00%
\$500,001-\$1,000,000	0.80%
\$1,000,001-\$2,000,000	0.75%
\$2,000,001-\$3,000,000	0.65%
\$3,000,001-\$4,000,000	0.55%
\$4,000,001-\$5,000,000	0.45%
>\$5,000,000	0.40%

- B. Clients may elect to have the Registrant's advisory fees deducted from their custodial account. Both Registrant's *Investment Advisory Agreement* and the custodial/clearing agreement may authorize the custodian to debit the account for the amount of the Registrant's investment advisory fee and to directly remit that management fee to the Registrant in compliance with regulatory procedures. In the limited event that the Registrant bills the client directly, payment is due upon receipt of the Registrant's invoice. The Registrant shall deduct fees and/or bill clients quarterly in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter.
- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise or an individual client's circumstances require, the Registrant shall generally recommend that Charles Schwab and Co., Inc. ("*Schwab*") TD Ameritrade, Inc. ("*TD*") Jefferson National Life Insurance Company ("*Jefferson National*") and/or TIAA CREF ("*TIAA*") (collectively, the "*Custodians*"), as applicable, to serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment advisory assets. The Custodians charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions (i.e. transaction fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and fixed income securities transactions). In addition to Registrant's investment advisory fee, brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses). When beneficial to the client, individual debt and/or equity transactions may be effected through broker-dealers with whom Registrant and/or the client have entered into arrangements for prime brokerage clearing services, including effecting certain client transactions through the Custodians (in which event, the client shall incur both the transaction fee charged by the executing broker-dealer and a "tradeaway" fee charged by the Custodians).
- D. Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. The Registrant does not generally require an annual minimum fee or asset level for investment advisory services. However, Registrant, in its sole discretion, may charge a lesser investment advisory fee based upon certain criteria (i.e. anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, negotiations with client, etc.).

The *Investment Advisory Agreement* between the Registrant and the client will continue in effect until terminated by either party by written notice in accordance with the terms of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Upon termination, the Registrant shall refund the pro-rated portion of the advanced advisory fee paid based upon the number of days remaining in the billing quarter.

- E. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives accept compensation from the sale of securities or other investment products.

Item 6 Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management

Neither the Registrant nor any supervised person of the Registrant accepts performance-based fees.

Item 7 Types of Clients

The Registrant's clients shall generally include individuals, high net worth individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, charitable organizations, and business entities. The Registrant does not generally require an annual minimum fee or asset level for investment advisory services. However, Registrant, in its sole discretion, may charge a lesser investment advisory fee based upon certain criteria (i.e. anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, negotiations with client, etc.).

Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

- A. The Registrant may utilize the following methods of security analysis:
- Fundamental - (analysis performed on historical and present data, with the goal of making financial forecasts)

The Registrant may utilize the following investment strategies when implementing investment advice given to clients:

- Long Term Purchases (securities held at least a year)
- Short Term Purchases (securities sold within a year)

Please Note: Investment Risk. Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by the Registrant) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

- B. The Registrant's methods of analysis and investment strategies do not present any significant or unusual risks. However, every method of analysis has its own inherent risks. To perform an accurate market analysis the Registrant must have access to current/new market information. The Registrant has no control over the dissemination rate of market information; therefore, unbeknownst to the Registrant, certain analyses

may be compiled with outdated market information, severely limiting the value of the Registrant's analysis.

The Registrant's primary investment strategies - Long Term Purchases and Short Term Purchases - are fundamental investment strategies. However, every investment strategy has its own inherent risks and limitations. For example, longer term investment strategies require a longer investment time period to allow for the strategy to potentially develop. Shorter term investment strategies require a shorter investment time period to potentially develop but, as a result of more frequent trading, may incur higher transactional costs when compared to a longer term investment strategy.

- C. Currently, the Registrant primarily allocates client investment assets among various mutual funds (including the various mutual fund offerings from Dimensional Fund Advisors including DFA) and exchange traded funds, on both a discretionary and non-discretionary basis, in accordance with the investment objectives of the client.

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

The Registrant has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

- A. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.
- B. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or a representative of the foregoing
- C. **Licensed Insurance Agent.** Certain investment adviser representatives, in their individual capacity, are licensed insurance agents, and may recommend the purchase of certain insurance-related products on a commission basis. Mr. Boulay may be engaged in his individual capacity to effect insurance transactions on a commission basis.

Conflict of Interest: As of the date of this Brochure, no investment adviser representative of Lutz Financial or Lutz Financial has accepted any commissions. The recommendation by an investment adviser representative that a client purchase an insurance commission product presents a conflict of interest. The recommendation to purchase an insurance commission product is a conflict because the receipt of commissions or fees may provide an incentive for the recommendation rather than a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from any Lutz Financial investment adviser representative. Clients are reminded that they may purchase insurance products recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated insurance agents. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James P. Boulay, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

Certified Public Accounting Firm. Registrant's majority member (76%) is Ectart, LLC ("Ectart"). Ectart is owned by the individual shareholders of Lutz & Company, PC ("Lutz"), a certified public accounting firm principally located in Omaha, Nebraska. The individual shareholders of Lutz are certified public accountants and devote the substantial majority of their professional time to accounting-related services. Registrant and Lutz share the same principal place of business. To the extent that Lutz provides accounting and/or tax preparation services to any clients, including clients of the Registrant, all such services shall be performed by Lutz, in its individual professional capacity, independent of the Registrant, for which services Registrant shall not receive any portion of the fees charged by Lutz, referral or otherwise.

It is expected that the members of Lutz, solely incidental to their respective practices as Certified Public Accountants with Lutz, shall recommend the Registrant's services to certain of Lutz's clients. Although Lutz shall not receive referral fees from the Registrant, Lutz shall be entitled to receive distributions relative to its ownership interest in Ectart, the majority member of Registrant. Neither Lutz, nor any shareholder of Lutz, is involved in providing investment advice on behalf of the Registrant, nor does Lutz or any other shareholder of Lutz, hold itself/himself/herself out as providing advisory services on behalf of the Registrant.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James P. Boulay, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest such arrangement may create. Please Note: No client of Registrant is required to engage Lutz's services.

- D. The Registrant does not receive, directly or indirectly, compensation from investment advisors that it recommends or selects for its clients.

Item 11 Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

- A. The Registrant maintains an investment policy relative to personal securities transactions. This investment policy is part of Registrant's overall Code of Ethics, which serves to establish a standard of business conduct for all of Registrant's Representatives that is based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty and trust, a copy of which is available upon request.

In accordance with Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Registrant also maintains and enforces written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material non-public information by the Registrant or any person associated with the Registrant.

- B. Neither the Registrant nor any related person of Registrant recommends, buys, or sells for client accounts, securities in which the Registrant or any related person of Registrant has a material financial interest.
- C. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities that are also recommended to clients. This practice may create a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a potential conflict of

interest. Practices such as “scalping” (i.e., a practice whereby the owner of shares of a security recommends that security for investment and then immediately sells it at a profit upon the rise in the market price which follows the recommendation) could take place if the Registrant did not have adequate policies in place to detect such activities. In addition, this requirement can help detect insider trading, “front-running” (i.e., personal trades executed prior to those of the Registrant’s clients) and other potentially abusive practices.

The Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of each of the Registrant’s “Access Persons”. The Registrant’s securities transaction policy requires that an Access Person of the Registrant must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of their current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person’s current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date the Registrant selects; provided, however that at any time that the Registrant has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

- D. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities, at or around the same time as those securities are recommended to clients. This practice creates a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a potential conflict of interest. As indicated above in Item 11.C, the Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transaction and securities holdings of each of Registrant’s Access Persons.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

- A. In the event that the client requests that the Registrant recommend a broker-dealer/custodian for execution and/or custodial services (exclusive of those clients that may direct the Registrant to use a specific broker-dealer/custodian), Registrant generally recommends that investment advisory accounts be maintained at *Schwab* and/or *TD* Prior to engaging Registrant to provide investment advisory services, the client will be required to enter into a formal *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions under which Registrant shall manage the client’s assets, and a separate custodial/clearing agreement with each designated broker-dealer/custodian.

Factors that the Registrant considers in recommending *Schwab* and/or *TD* (or any other broker-dealer/custodian to clients) (collectively, the “Custodians”) include historical relationship with the Registrant, financial strength, reputation, execution capabilities, pricing, research, and service. The Custodians enable Registrant to obtain many no-load mutual funds without transaction charges and other no-load and load waived funds at nominal transaction charges. The Custodians charge commission rates, which are generally considered discounted from customary retail commission rates. Although the commissions and/or transaction fees paid by Registrant’s clients shall comply with the Registrant’s duty to obtain best execution, a client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where the Registrant determines, in good faith, that the commission/transaction fee is reasonable. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible

cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Registrant will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Registrant's investment advisory fee. The Registrant's best execution responsibility is qualified if securities that it purchases for client accounts are mutual funds that trade at net asset value as determined at the daily market close.

1. Research and Additional Benefits

Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Registrant may receive from the Custodians (another broker-dealer/custodian, investment platform and/or mutual fund sponsor) without cost (and/or at a discount) support services and/or products, certain of which assist the Registrant to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such institutions. Included within the support services that may be obtained by the Registrant may be investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by Registrant in furtherance of its investment advisory business operations.

As indicated above, certain of the support services and/or products that *may* be received may assist the Registrant in managing and administering client accounts. Others do not directly provide such assistance, but rather assist the Registrant to manage and further develop its business enterprise.

Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at the Custodians as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to the Custodians or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James P. Boulay, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest such arrangement may create.

2. The Registrant does not receive referrals from broker-dealers.
3. The Registrant does not generally accept directed brokerage arrangements (when a client requires that account transactions be effected through a specific broker-dealer). In such client directed arrangements, the client will negotiate terms and arrangements for their account with that broker-dealer, and Registrant will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to "batch" the client's transactions for execution through other broker-dealers with orders for other accounts managed by Registrant. As a result, client may pay higher commissions or other

transaction costs or greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the account than would otherwise be the case.

Please Note: In the event that the client directs Registrant to effect securities transactions for the client's accounts through a specific broker-dealer, the client correspondingly acknowledges that such direction may cause the accounts to incur higher commissions or transaction costs than the accounts would otherwise incur had the client determined to effect account transactions through alternative clearing arrangements that may be available through Registrant.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James P. Boulay, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement.

- B. To the extent that the Registrant provides investment advisory services to its clients, the transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless the Registrant decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. The Registrant may (but is not obligated to) combine or "bunch" such orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among the Registrant's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. The Registrant shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of such aggregation.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

- A. For those clients to whom Registrant provides investment supervisory services, account reviews are conducted on an ongoing basis by the Registrant's Managing Member, James P. Boulay and/or representatives, Anthony L. Cerone, Justin B. Vossen, Stephen R. Patterson, Nick Hall or Joe Hefflinger. All investment supervisory and financial planning clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to advise the Registrant of any changes in their investment objectives and/or financial situation. All clients (in person or telephonically) are encouraged to review financial planning issues, investment objectives and account performance with the Registrant on an annual basis, as applicable.
- B. The Registrant *may* conduct account reviews on an other than periodic basis upon the occurrence of a triggering event, such as a change in client investment objectives and/or financial situation, market corrections and client request.
- C. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. The Registrant may also provide a written quarterly report summarizing account activity and performance.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A.1 above, the Registrant may receive an indirect economic benefit from *Schwab* or *TD* or other custodians/broker-dealers. The Registrant, without cost (and/or at a discount), may receive support services and/or products from those entities.

Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at these custodians as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to these custodians or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James P. Boulay, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.

- B. The Registrant does not compensate, directly or indirectly, any person, other than its representatives, for client referrals.

Item 15 Custody

The Registrant shall have the ability to have its advisory fee for each client debited by the custodian on a quarterly basis. Clients are provided with transaction confirmation notices and regular summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian for the client accounts. Those clients to whom Registrant provides investment supervisory services will also receive a quarterly report from the Registrant summarizing account activity and performance.

Please Note: To the extent that the Registrant provides clients with periodic account statements or reports, the client is urged to compare any statement or report provided by the Registrant with the account statements received from the account custodian. **Please Also Note:** The account custodian does not verify the accuracy of the Registrant's advisory fee calculation.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide investment advisory services on a discretionary basis. Prior to the Registrant assuming discretionary authority over a client's account, the client shall be required to execute *Investment Advisory Agreement*, naming the Registrant as the client's attorney and agent in fact, granting the Registrant full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the assets in the client's name found in the discretionary account.

Clients who engage the Registrant on a discretionary basis may, at anytime, impose restrictions, **in writing**, on the Registrant's discretionary authority (i.e. limit the types/amounts of particular securities purchased for their account, exclude the ability to

purchase securities with an inverse relationship to the market, limit or proscribe the Registrant's use of margin, etc).

Item 17 Voting Client Securities

- A. The Registrant does not vote client proxies. Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities beneficially owned by the client shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the client's investment assets.
- B. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian. Clients may contact the Registrant to discuss any questions they may have with a particular solicitation.

Item 18 Financial Information

- A. The Registrant does not solicit fees of more than \$1,200, per client, six months or more in advance.
- B. The Registrant is unaware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments relating to its discretionary authority over certain client accounts.
- C. The Registrant has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

ANY QUESTIONS: The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, James P. Boulay, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.