

The562 Network Inc

Executive Director / CEO

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CA · NTEE A33

FY ending 2023-12-31

June 9, 2026

This analysis benchmarks the total compensation of **Michael Guardabascio, Executive Director / CEO** (\$68,992) against **every comparable organization** that fit the selection criteria — **49** in total — drawn systematically from IRS Form 990 filings, not a hand-picked subset.

Compensation sits at approximately the **53rd** percentile of comparable organizations within the typical range

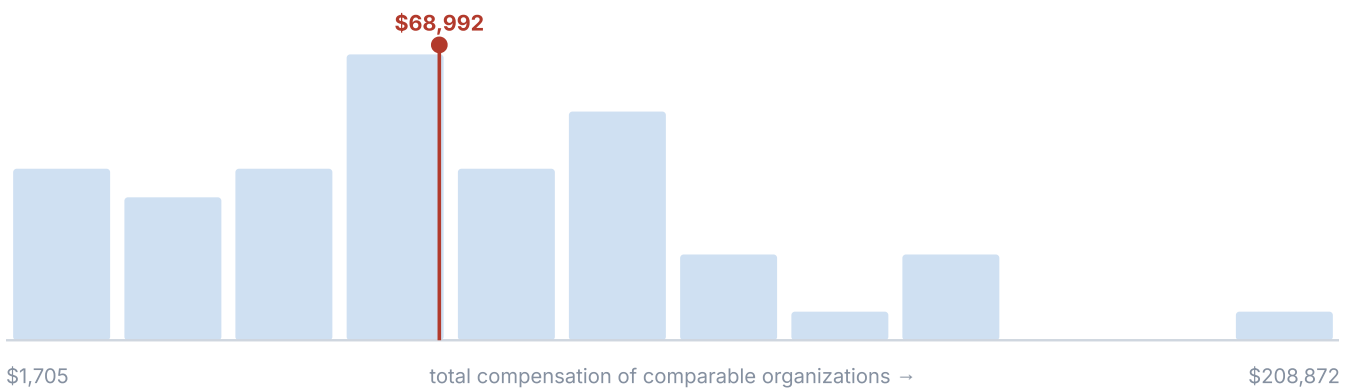
Benchmarked executive: Michael Guardabascio — reported title “Founder Editor”, selected as the organization's **highest-paid individual** — no exact title match, so confirm this is a comparable role.

How comparable organizations were selected

SECTOR	Organizations sharing the subject's NTEE classification (A33).
BUDGET	Total revenue between \$202,551 and \$453,474 — 0.67x to 1.50x the subject's \$302,316 (the band tightens as size grows).
GEOGRAPHY	Same NTEE sector (A33), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5x revenue.

49 organizations qualified on sector, size, and geography → **49** within the band form the benchmarked peer set.

Distribution of comparable compensation



\$14,067	\$38,505	\$68,230	\$95,189	\$118,947	\$68,992
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● Comparable organizations

Each figure is Form 990 Part VII columns D + F (reportable pay plus other compensation and benefits; column F may include amounts from related organizations), normalized to CA cost of living (BEA RPP, 2023) and to its filing year (CPI-U); the reported amount is on each linked 990.

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Arcata Press	MN	\$305,326	Executive Director	\$84,000	\$93,364	2024
The Io Foundation	WI	\$296,207	Secretary/ed	\$90,687	\$103,789	2025
Carlisle Communications Inc	MA	\$308,493	President	\$1,731	\$1,705	2025
Spectator Publishing Company Inc	NY	\$296,078	Editor In Chief	\$4,250	\$4,320	2024
Ashland News	OR	\$295,181	Executive Editor	\$54,600	\$58,720	2023
Skeptic Society	CA	\$309,510	President	\$143,323	\$143,323	2023
Abba A Womens Resource Center	ME	\$311,069	Executive Director	\$66,576	\$77,203	2023
Capital Region Community Media Inc	VT	\$311,307	Editor In Chief	\$60,584	\$68,593	2024
Dignity Usa Inc	MA	\$288,091	Executive Di	\$112,921	\$114,141	2024
County Economic Research Institute Inc	KS	\$317,331	President	\$171,880	\$208,872	2024
In Black Ink	MN	\$319,183	Executive Director	\$37,606	\$43,033	2023
Bellevue Literary Review Inc	NY	\$284,941	Executive Dir.	\$39,600	\$40,251	2024
Nightboat Books Inc	NY	\$320,727	Executive Director	\$30,841	\$32,274	2023
Mars Hill Audio Inc	VA	\$323,706	President	\$129,079	\$140,192	2024
The Food Alliance	OR	\$326,179	Past Exec. Dir.	\$78,378	\$81,873	2024
American Heritage Education Foundation Inc	TX	\$278,273	President	\$64,011	\$70,169	2025

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Public Multimedia Inc	NJ	\$326,796	President	\$112,615	\$113,100	2024
Oklahoma Media Center Inc	OK	\$272,439	Executive Dir	\$94,344	\$116,855	2024
Providence Foundation	VA	\$332,489	President	\$92,500	\$100,463	2024
Gospel Tract Society Inc	MO	\$263,217	President	\$49,879	\$61,181	2023
Reconciliation An Intl Network Of Churches And	PA	\$262,893	President	\$12,500	\$14,021	2024
The Massachusetts Review Inc	MA	\$262,636	Managing Editor	\$36,864	\$38,363	2023
Cavankerry Press Ltd	NJ	\$343,702	Executive Director	\$46,518	\$45,515	2025
Louisville Story Program	KY	\$345,966	Executive Di	\$69,960	\$84,547	2024
Bibliographical Society Of America	NY	\$254,548	Executive Director	\$84,584	\$85,975	2024

Comp (reported) is the figure on each organization's Form 990 (columns D + F); **Comp (adjusted)** normalizes it to CA cost of living and 2023 dollars. Click any organization to verify the figure on ProPublica.

● Methodology

Comparable organizations were drawn from electronically filed IRS Form 990 returns and matched on sector (NTEE code), budget (a size-adaptive revenue band that tightens as the organization grows), and geography (same-state first, broadening only when too few peers qualify); every organization within the band forms the peer set. To compare fairly across regions and years, peer compensation is normalized to CA cost of living (BEA Regional Price Parities, 2023) and to the subject's filing year (CPI-U). The figure benchmarked is Form 990 Part VII, Section A, columns D + F — reportable pay plus other compensation, benefits, and deferred amounts (column F may include amounts from related organizations) — with the chief executive matched by role. Related-organization amounts (column E) and institutional trustees are excluded. Full methodology: peerbasis.org/methodology.

● Sample, role match & sensitivity

PEER COUNT 49 organizations. Compensation range \$1,705–\$208,872; filing years 2023–2025.

SIZE BASIS Matched on total revenue (\$302,316); for reference, expenses \$269,393 and assets \$58,486.

ROLE MATCH Michael Guardabascio, reported title *"Founder Editor"*, benchmarked as Executive Director / CEO. **Selected as the organization's highest-paid individual without an exact title match — the board should confirm this is a comparable role.**

OUTLIERS 1 peer fall outside 1.5× the interquartile range — consider whether any reflect one-time payments (severance, deferred-comp payouts).

Sensitivity — the subject's percentile under alternative compensation definitions:

BASIS	SUBJECT PERCENTILE
Total compensation (D + F), cost-of-living + inflation adjusted — the PeerBasis default	53 rd
Total compensation (D + F), as reported (no adjustments)	57 th
Reportable pay only (column D), adjusted	57 th
All sources (D + E + F), adjusted	53 rd

If the percentile moves materially across these definitions, the result is sensitive to methodology choices, and the board should weigh which basis best fits its facts.

● **Rebuttable presumption of reasonableness · 26 CFR 53.4958-6**

Compensation paid by a tax-exempt organization is presumed reasonable — shifting the burden to the IRS — when three requirements are met. This report supplies the comparability data for the second. The board should record the following in its minutes *concurrently* with its decision:

Draft board minutes – executive compensation

1. The compensation of the Executive Director / CEO (Michael Guardabascio) was approved in advance by [the Board / Compensation Committee], composed of members with no conflict of interest with respect to the arrangement.
2. Prior to its determination, the authorized body obtained and relied upon appropriate comparability data, namely the PeerBasis Compensation Comparability Determination dated June 9, 2026, comparing compensation against 49 similarly situated organizations (Same NTEE sector (A33), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5× revenue).
3. The authorized body determined that total compensation of \$68,992 is reasonable (approximately the 53rd percentile of comparable organizations) and documented the basis for this determination concurrently, on [date], by a vote of [__ for / __ against].

Sources: IRS Form 990 e-file data (apps.irs.gov); IRS Business Master File (NTEE classification). Every figure traces to an original public filing — click any organization above to verify it on ProPublica. PeerBasis is a service of Prismind Analytics; its [methodology is published](#), was commissioned for independent adversarial review, and discloses its own limitations. This report is comparability data to support a board's good-faith determination under IRC 4958; it is not legal or tax advice. Generated by PeerBasis on June 9, 2026.