

SPAR GROUP INC  
Form 11-K  
July 18, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

---

**Form 11-K**

---

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017

---

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Commission file number** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPAR Group, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**

333 Westchester Avenue, South Building, Suite 204,

White Plains, New York 10604

Telephone (914) 332-4100

(Exact name of the Plan and its address and phone number)

**SPAR Group, Inc.**

333 Westchester Avenue, South Building, Suite 204,

White Plains, New York 10604

Telephone (914) 332-4100

(Exact name of the Plan's Sponsor and its address and phone number)

(a) The following financial statements and reports, which have been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 11-K:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Financial Statements:

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits at December 31, 2017 and 2016

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

Notes to Financial Statements

Supplemental Schedule:

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), December 31, 2017

(b) **Exhibits**

23.1 Consent of BDO USA, LLP (as filed herewith).

---

**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS PAGE**

<b>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</b>	1
<b>Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016</b>	
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits	2
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits	3
Notes to Financial Statements	4-11
<b>Supplementary Information as of December 31, 2017</b>	
Form 5500 Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)	12

All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Note: Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

---

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

SPAR Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

SPAR Group, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

White Plains, New York

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the SPAR Group, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the “Plan”) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the

Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan's management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Supplemental Information**

The supplemental information in the accompanying schedule(s) of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2017 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but included supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

We have served as the Plan's auditor since 2013.

Troy, Michigan

July 18, 2018



**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN****STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Investments at fair value</b>		
Mutual funds	\$4,256,729	\$6,109,985
Money market fund	-0-	781,945
<b>Total Investments at fair value</b>	<b>4,256,729</b>	<b>6,891,930</b>
<b>Investments at net asset value</b>		
Pooled Separate Accounts	1,860,619	-0-
Common Stock Fund	977,757	786,163
<b>Total Investments at net asset value</b>	<b>2,838,376</b>	<b>786,163</b>
<b>Investment at Contract Value</b>		
Guaranteed Investment Contract	1,755,550	-0-
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>8,850,655</b>	<b>7,678,093</b>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Employer contribution	-0-	50,000
Notes receivable from participants	123,088	122,904
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>123,088</b>	<b>172,904</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8,973,743</b>	<b>7,850,997</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Excess contributions payable	16,594	15,126
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$8,957,149</b>	<b>\$7,835,871</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.





## SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEARS ENDED

	<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Additions to net assets attributed to</b>		
<b>Contributions</b>		
Participant	\$688,361	\$641,490
Employer	63,783	60,444
Rollover	103,242	-0-
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>855,386</b>	<b>701,934</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Dividend and interest income	121,258	79,661
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	1,010,052	381,315
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>1,131,310</b>	<b>460,976</b>
<b>Interest income - notes receivable from participants</b>	<b>4,084</b>	<b>5,075</b>
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>1,990,780</b>	<b>1,167,985</b>
<b>Deductions from net assets attributed to</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	841,207	528,336
Administrative and other expenses	28,295	4,530
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>869,502</b>	<b>532,866</b>
<b>Net increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<b>1,121,278</b>	<b>635,119</b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year</b>	<b>7,835,871</b>	<b>7,200,752</b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits, end of year</b>	<b>\$8,957,149</b>	<b>\$7,835,871</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



## SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following description of the *SPAR Group, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan* (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

##### Description of the Plan

###### *General*

The Plan is a voluntary multiple employer defined contribution plan covering employees of *SPAR Group, Inc., SPAR, Inc., SPAR Marketing Force, Inc., SPAR Infotech, Inc., SPAR Administrative Services, Inc. (f/k/a SPAR Management Services, Inc.), SP/R, Inc.,* and *SPAR Assembly & Installation, Inc. (f/k/a SPAR National Assembly Services, Inc.)*, (the “Companies” or individually the “Employer”) aged twenty-one years, or older, who have completed 30 days of service as defined by the Plan agreement. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). During 2017, the Plan changed the custodian/recordkeeper from Ascensus Trust Company to Principal Trust Company.

###### *Contributions*

Participants may elect to contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation as defined in the Plan agreement up to a maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined contribution plans. The Employer shall contribute a Matching Employer Contribution on behalf of each participant who has elected to make deferral contributions during the Plan year and, at its discretion, may make an additional profit sharing contribution to the Plan at an amount allocated at a percentage of the participants’ annual compensation for each eligible participant who is employed on the last day of the Plan year and who has completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year. The matching employer contribution is also allocated to the matching contribution account of each eligible participant who (a) died during the year while an employee, (b) terminated employment during the Plan year as a result of a total and permanent disability, or (c)

terminated employment during the Plan year after attaining his or her normal retirement date. Matching employer contributions made by the Employer for a given Plan year must be deposited to the Trust no later than the end of the twelve-month period immediately following the Plan year to which the contribution relates. The Employer, in its sole and absolute discretion, may make such contributions to the Plan in cash or other property acceptable to the Trustee.

There were no additional profit sharing contributions for the years ended December 31, 2017 or 2016. Participants direct the investment of their contributions and any employer matching or discretionary contributions, into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers several mutual funds, a money market fund and SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund as investment options for participants. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Contributions received from participants for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are net of payments of \$16,594 and \$15,126, respectively, to certain active participants to return to them excess deferral contributions as required to satisfy the relevant nondiscrimination provisions of the Plan. Those amounts are recognized in the Plan's Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as "excess contributions payable" as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

#### ***Participant Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution, if any, and an allocation of (a) the Company's profit sharing contribution (when made), (b) Plan earnings, and (c) forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts and charged with Plan losses and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401 (k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

***Vesting***

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Employer matching or discretionary contributions vest at a rate of 20% per year, beginning after the second year of service. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

***Notes Receivable from Participants***

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The minimum amount of any loan shall not equal less than \$1,000. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest ranging from 3.25% to 5.50% which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions and the term of loan shall not exceed five years.

***Payment of Benefits***

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the participant's vested interest in his or her account or installment payments, as defined by the Plan agreement. For termination of service or for other reasons, a participant will receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. In-service withdrawal of vested balances may be elected by participants who have reached 59 ½ years of age. The Plan also permits withdrawals of active participants' elective contributions and rollover contributions in amounts necessary to satisfy financial hardship as defined by the Plan agreement.

***Forfeited Accounts***

Forfeited nonvested accounts are used to pay plan administration expenses and to reduce future employer cash contributions with any remaining amounts allocated among the accounts of participants. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeitures of \$13,783 and \$-0-, respectively, were used to offset the employer match contribution. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$5,372 and \$6,778, respectively.

*Administrative Expenses*

The Plan's administrative expenses, including an allocation of salaries, accounting and legal, are paid by the Companies and qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Fees for custodial and recordkeeping services are paid by the Plan and the Companies. Participants are charged directly for notes receivable fees and fees related to certain distribution types.

**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of Accounting*

The Plan's financial statements are prepared using the accrual method of accounting and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Plan management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisor and custodian. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in aggregate fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.



Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of net appreciation or an addition to net depreciation in the aggregate fair value of such investments.

### ***Notes Receivable from Participants***

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan agreement.

### ***Payment of Benefits***

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### ***New Accounting Pronouncements***

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, "Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities." It requires equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. However, an entity may choose to measure equity investments that do not have readily determinable fair values at cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. It also requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements. This guidance is effective for interim and fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company does not expect this guidance to have a material impact on the Plan Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2. INVESTMENTS**

Participants may invest in certain investments offered by Principal Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, including a unitized common stock fund containing common stock of Spar Group, Inc. and interest-bearing cash. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Plan held 1,305,063 and 1,290,908 unitized shares of Spar Group, Inc. stock fund with fair values of \$977,757 and \$786,163, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Spar Group, Inc. stock fund consisted of 782,131 and 769,202 shares, respectively, of Spar Group, Inc. common shares valued at \$962,021 and \$769,202, respectively. Also, at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, the fund contained \$15,736 and \$16,961 of interest bearing cash.

For risks and uncertainties regarding investment in Spar Group, Inc. common stock, participants should refer to the Spar Group, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

Gains and losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are reported in net appreciation/(depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments.

## SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy under FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, are described as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 : Inputs to the valuation methodology include:  
quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;  
quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;  
inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and  
inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 : Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset’s or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurements. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. For financial assets recorded at fair value, the description includes an indication of the level of the fair value hierarchy in which the assets are classified. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

*Mutual funds:* Shares held in mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices in an active market that represent the net asset value “NAV” of shares held by the Plan at year-end and are classified as Level 1. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities then divided by the number of shares outstanding.

*Pooled Separate Accounts (“PSAs”):* Investments in pooled separate accounts are valued using the unadjusted NAV as of the reporting date, which is the basis for current transactions. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. PSAs are valued based on the underlying investments (i.e., common stock, mutual funds, and short-term securities) in the separate account as reported by Principal Life Insurance Company (“Principal Life”). While the majority of the underlying assets values are based on quoted prices, NAV of the PSAs are not publicly quoted. The NAV is reported by Principal Life as of the financial statement date based on recent transaction prices. The PSAs held by the Plan provide for daily redemptions by the Plan at reported NAV with no advance notice requirement. The Plan is permitted to redeem investment units at NAV on the measurement date.

*Guaranteed Interest Account:* The value of this fund is based on the value of invested principal plus daily credited interest as of December 31, 2017. This fund is subject to a guaranteed minimum interest rate (“GMIR”) as defined by the investment contract but may credit interest that exceeds the GMIR at any time. There are no specific securities in the general account that back the liabilities of this investment contract, and Voya assumes the risk of the gain and loss of underlying investments by guaranteeing the principal and daily credited interest that become part of the principal.

**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*Common stock fund:* SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund is valued at the unitized value, or NAV, as of year-end. The unitized value is computed based upon the daily closing market value of the security plus cash holdings divided by the outstanding units of the Plan.

*Money market fund:* Shares held in the money market fund invests in a variety of money market instruments to seek current income are comprised of high-quality dollar-denominated debt securities with individual maturities of 13 months or less and an average maturity of 75 days or less. The composition of securities is structured to maintain a value of \$1 per share and are classified as Level 1 since it is in the active market.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

<b>2017</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Mutual funds</b>	4,256,729	-	-	4,256,729
<b>Investments at net asset value</b>				
Pooled Separate Accounts (1)	-	-	-	1,860,619
SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund (1)	-	-	-	977,757
<b>Total Investments at net asset value</b>	-	-	-	<b>2,838,376</b>
<b>Total Plan Assets</b>	<b>\$4,256,729</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$7,095,105</b>

<b>2016</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
-------------	----------------	----------------	----------------	--------------

Mutual funds	6,109,985	-	-	6,109,985
Money market fund	781,945	-	-	781,945
SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund (1)	-	-	-	786,163
<b>Total Plan Assets</b>	<b>\$6,891,930</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$7,678,093</b>

(1) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The following tables set forth additional disclosures for the fair value measurement of investments in certain entities that calculate NAV per share (or its equivalent) as of December 31:

Investment Type	2017	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption	
	Fair Value		Frequency	Notice Period
SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund	\$977,757	\$ -	Daily	Daily
Pooled Separate Accounts	1,860,619		Daily	Daily

**SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

	<b>2016</b>				
<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>	<b>Redemption Frequency</b>	<b>Redemption Notice Period</b>	
SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund	\$786,163	\$ -	Daily	Daily	

**4. GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT**

The Plan invests in the Principal Guaranteed Fund Contract (GFC), a guaranteed investment contract. The GFC is a benefit responsive contract entered into with Principal Life Insurance Company (Principal). Principal maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The GFC is valued at contract value for presentation in the Plan's net assets available for benefits. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to fully benefit responsive investment contracts, because contract value is that amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The contract has a surrender fee should the Plan discontinue without proper notification as prescribed in the contract. Currently, Plan management believes that the occurrence of an event that would cause the Plan to transact at less than contract value is not probable. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

**5. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by Principal Trust Company and Recordkeeping services are provided by Principal Trust Company. Therefore, as defined by the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for custodial services amounted to \$28,295 and \$4,530 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Fees paid by the Plan Sponsor for recordkeeping services amounted to \$-0- and \$2,070 in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The Plan's SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 represents a party-in-interest investment. The 782,131 and 769,202 shares of Spar Group Inc. common stock held by the fund as of December 31,

2017 and 2016, respectively, represent approximately 3.3% of the Company's total outstanding shares of common stock as of those dates.

## **6. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The IRS has determined and informed the Companies by a letter dated January 8, 2013, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's legal counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability or asset if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2017, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or asset or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan may be subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for the years prior to 2014.



## **SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **7. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Companies have the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts. Upon termination of the Plan, participant accounts will be distributed either in a lump sum or subject to the Plan provisions as if the Plan had not been terminated.

#### **8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in a money market fund, PSAs and mutual funds, with underlying assets in various investment securities. The Plan also has an investment option in SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund that has underlying assets of common stock and cash. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The Plan is subject to review by certain regulatory authorities. Management does not believe that the effect of such reviews, if any, will have a significant impact on the Plan.

#### **9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 18, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Plan has determined there are no material subsequent events occurring in this period that required disclosure in or adjustment to the accompanying financial statements.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## SPAR GROUP, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

## SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2017

PLAN #001

EIN #33-0684451

(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or (a) Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Mutual funds</b>			
Franklin	Franklin Income R6 Fund, 8,015 shares	a	\$ 18,914
Ivy	Ivy Asset Strategy R6 Fund, 2,154 shares	a	52,123
MFS	MFS Total Return R6 Fund, 2,195 shares	a	41,997
AllianceBernstein	AB Global Bond Z Fund, 125 shares	a	1,053
PIMCO	Pimco Total Return Institutional Fund A, 5,817 shares	a	59,745
PIMCO	Pimco Real Return Institutional Fund A, 1,630 shares	a	18,030
Vanguard	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund, 166,363 shares	a	1,788,403
Allianz	Allianz NFJ International Value R6 Fund, 1 shares	a	27
Blackrock	Blackrock Equity Dividend K Fund, 9,306 shares	a	211,798
Franklin	Franklin Growth R6 Fund, 6,160 shares	a	582,348
Neuberger	Neuberger Genesis R6 Fund, 856 shares	a	49,181
Capital	American Funds Newworld R6 Fund, 1,583 shares	a	105,901
Oppenheimer	Oppenheimer International Bond I Fund, 110 shares	a	656
Prudential	Prudential Jennison Mid-Cap Growth Fund Q, 3,760 shares	a	144,738
Vanguard	Vanguard Group Equity Income Admiral Shares Fund, 10,419 shares	a	812,195
Vanguard	Vanguard Midcap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares Fund, 5,960 shares	a	344,111
Virtus	Virtus Emerging Markets Opportunities R6 Fund	a	25,509

<b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b>			
* Principal Global Investors	Midcap S&P Index Separate Account, 4,819 shares	a	288,847
* Principal Global Investors	Large Cap S&P 500 Index Separate Account, 4,127 shares	a	554,333
* Principal Global Investors	International Equity Index Separate Account, 62,791 shares	a	991,620
* Multiple Sub-Advisors	SAM Flexible Income Separate Account, 655 shares	a	25,819
<b>Investment Contract</b>			
* Principal	Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option, 130,223 shares	a	1,755,550
<b>Common stock fund</b>			
* SPAR Group, Inc.	SPAR Group, Inc. common stock fund, 1,290,908 units	a	977,757
* Notes receivable from participants	Loans to participants with interest rates ranging from 3.23% to 5.50% secured by participants' remaining account balances, maturing through 2022	-	123,088
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 8,973,743</b>
* - a party-in-interest as identified by ERISA			

a - the cost of participant directed investments is not required to be disclosed

**SIGNATURES**

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized, in the City of White Plains, State of New York on July 18, 2018.

**SPAR Group, Inc. 401(k)  
Profit Sharing Plan**  
(Name of Plan)

By: /s/ Kori Belzer  
Name: **Kori Belzer**  
Title: Trustee

By: /s/ James R. Segreto  
Name: **James R. Segreto**  
Title: Trustee