Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine’s nonprofit sector. Once we receive your response, your answers will be posted on our website at www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates. Please respond no later than Friday, September 30, 2016.

Did you know nonprofits:

- **Employ 1 in 7 workers** in Maine.
- **Contribute $10 billion per year** to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted.
- **Pay $3.6 billion annually in wages**, which translates to approximately **$206 million in personal income tax revenue**.
- **Mobilize 350,000 volunteers each year** to improve communities.

1. Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations.

   I am a community organizer. I have had a number of contracts specifically for state collaborative partnerships in education, business, and schools. For the past 13 years, I have served on the Knox County Homeless Coalition Board and as an ASP program service in numerous WP Boards.

2. Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to advance policies that strengthen Maine.

   I think we need to learn from them, listen to them, learn from them, and work with them to help our communities.

Survey continues on back page
3. What is your position on property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners?

I believe it should remain. But I believe an option for a fee structure, as others have already voluntarily paid. The fee would know the emergency health/safety issue. But it would be a reasonable fee.

4. Do you have any specific questions or need further information on any particular issue regarding Maine’s nonprofit sector that we can help you with?

I have consulted with MANP for years. I appreciate its leadership and resources. I share our social, cultural, and economic values.

If you would like a list of Board of Directors I have worked with, I would be happy to send if you!

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org

Online: www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates

Via mail to:
Mary Erin Casale
Maine Association of Nonprofits
565 Congress Street, Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

MANP is a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c)(3) and therefore cannot endorse candidates for elected office. Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.