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Maine Association of Nonprofits Hosts Nonprofit Finance Conference

Essential Fiscal Oversight Training for Staff and Board Members

Portland, ME - Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), the largest membership organization in the state dedicated to working with Maine's nonprofits, is hosting their annual [Nonprofit Finance Conference](#) this Thursday in Augusta. This one-day conference provides important resources and best practices to help staff and board members become effective stewards for their organizations. Over 140 individuals representing 88 organizations will attend the day-long training.

"Nonprofits face a challenging and constantly shifting financial environment which makes it all the more critical for both board and staff to share ownership in building a sustainable organization," said Katrina Ruffner, MANP Program Director. "Nonprofits face considerable scrutiny when it comes to financial management. Organizations with strong financial policies and leaders equipped to analyze information and develop realistic strategies will be more successful in fulfilling their missions."

The event will feature two keynote presentations that focus on developing financial leadership and the unique challenges that nonprofits face. John Rogers, from Sage Data Security, will discuss the likelihood and cost of a data breach, and the elements of a cost-effective well-designed cybersecurity program that integrates with business strategy to support strategic goals. Melanie Lockwood Herman, from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center, will focus on nonprofit boards and risk oversight.

According to the Nonprofit Finance Fund's [2015 State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey](#), recovery of the U.S. economy hasn't addressed the systemic and perpetual funding challenges facing nonprofits. While there are some positive economic indicators, in many cases nonprofits are still hampered by insufficient funding and a lack of investment in long-term sustainability.

MANP offers ongoing education and resources designed to provide nonprofit leaders, staff, board members and volunteers with the necessary knowledge and skills to help their organizations become more effective and well-run. The Nonprofit Finance Conference will offer [multiple breakout sessions](#) that cover a diverse range of topics to allow attendees to create an individualized training day.

For more information on upcoming educational opportunities or to register for events, visit <http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/learn/> or call (207) 871-1885.

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