

MANP Candidate Questionnaire 2018

Through this questionnaire Maine offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency and let them know how you would partner with them to advance policies that would strengthen Maine. Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Did You Know?

Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 workers in Maine;
- Contribute approximately \$11 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted;
- Pay \$4.3 billion annually in wages, which translates to approximately \$264 million in personal income tax revenue; and
- Mobilize 345,000 volunteers each year to improve communities!

Your Name *

Paul Stearns

Office Running For *

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State House

District

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

As a Superintendent of Schools I had the opportunity to partner with several non-profits over the years. I serve on the Executive Board of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Committee, and as a local board member for Eastern Maine Health Care Services.

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

I have been working with Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance and Project Login, submitting two bills on their behalf. I will continue to advocate for the DOE to partner with these and other groups to increase the scope of computer science in our K-12 schools.

What is your position on property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners?

I don't mind the exemption. What I DO mind, is the number of non-profits that are providing duplicative services, and sometimes at a marginal level of effectiveness, or with competing missions.

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