

# 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 \*

Shawn A Babine

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## Office Running For \*

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

## District

29 (Coastal Scarborough)

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

Past Chief Executive Officer of an international nonprofit HQ in Indiana (the organization has 250 local chapters in USA, Canada and Germany) with 275,000 lifetime members, and nearly a volunteer corp of 1,500), former executive board member of two international nonprofits, President/Member of several local and Maine state wide nonprofit organizations. Certified/Trained in the Policy Governance Model for chief executive and chief elected officers (re: John & Mariam Carver Policy Governance Model.)

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

Several Maine leaders - mostly at the local non-elected municipal level (e.g. MMA) have continued to focus on changing nonprofit tax exemption laws; specifically regarding real estate assets owned, or standards with hope that it will cause local "reimbursement" or bigger "fees in lieu of tax" payments that will support local revenue streams. Luckily the bigger issues in Maine have garnered the most attention, but as local property taxes continue to carry the burden for failed state funding solutions more communities are feeling the crunch. As a CEO for a large nonprofit that held significant commercial real estate assets its a fight I'm familiar with (In Indy - it was county government that came after the nonprofits).

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

See above. I actually answered the above question before I read this question.

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