

# 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 \*

Janice Cooper

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## 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. \*

I was a founder, officer and board member of Firehouse Arts in Yarmouth Maine, a non-profit educational arts center located in Yarmouth, ME.

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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.

Non-profits play a vital role in filling in the blanks that government services are unable or unwilling to fill. Their vast diversity of interests enrich our lives and provide an essential way for people, communities and other organizations to connect and work together. As their representative, I would continue to sponsor the legislative fixes needed by my local non-profits, help resolve disputes with state agencies, and otherwise be helpful to non-profits.

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

I would continue to support property tax exemptions on non-profits, and I favor eliminating the limit on charitable deductions under the Maine tax code. I also would encourage and promote sharing of information on state websites and other means.

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