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Maine Association of Nonprofits Selects Jennifer Hutchins as New Executive Director

Portland, ME – Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) is pleased to announce the selection of its new Executive Director, Jennifer Hutchins. Hutchins brings more than 20 years of experience serving the nonprofit community both in Maine and Washington, DC, most recently heading Creative Portland. Hutchins is replacing Scott Schnapp, who is stepping down after 14 years of service. Hutchins will join the organization on July 18.

“We are thrilled to have Jennifer as our next Executive Director,” said Doug Woodbury, MANP Board President. “She brings the skills, talent and passion necessary to lead MANP. Jennifer has a unique blend of experience with the creative economy, workforce development and entrepreneurship, all of which will help MANP expand its offerings and increase value for the sector. She’s a proven cross-sector leader, a disciplined manager and a champion for Maine.”

As Executive Director of MANP, Hutchins will oversee an organization dedicated to advancing, connecting and strengthening Maine’s nonprofits. Founded in 1994, MANP is a membership organization that advocates on behalf of the sector and provides guidance on best practices, management training, research and assessment tools, and cost-savings programs.

“It is an honor to join the team at the Maine Association of Nonprofits,” said Hutchins. “Maine’s nonprofit sector is not only a significant employer and economic stimulator, it supports all aspects of healthy, happy and prosperous communities. Maine’s future depends on nonprofits being active partners with business, philanthropic and government leaders to find innovative solutions to our most pressing issues. I am looking forward to applying my passion for Maine and experience as a community strategist to help MANP and the sector lead positive change.”

Prior to leading Creative Portland, a non-profit established by the City of Portland in 2008 to capitalize upon and grow Portland’s creative economy, she had been employed as the director of communications and external affairs for the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service. Hutchins had been marketing director of Portland Stage Company and an Artsave representative for People For the American Way in Washington D.C.

Hutchins’ community involvement has included serving as marketing chair of the Greater Portland Economic Development Corporation, sitting on the board of the Greater Portland Convention & Visitors Bureau and as a member of the steering committee of Maine Startup and Create Week. In 2015, on behalf of Creative Portland, she received the Creative Economy award from the New England Foundation for the Arts.

Hutchins received her undergraduate degree from Union College and earned her Master’s in Public Policy and Management from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. She resides in Portland with her husband and two children.

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*Since 1994, MANP has grown to become Maine’s comprehensive resource for the tools, knowledge, and connections nonprofits need to be effective and well-run. With a growing statewide membership of almost 800 nonprofit and 135 for-profit organizations, MANP **advances** the public profile of Maine nonprofits by highlighting their vital contribution to the quality of life in our state, **connects** people, organizations and resources from all sectors to foster collaborative problem solving, and **strengthens** nonprofits by providing management training and leadership development programs, resources and services to help staff and board leaders enhance their community mission impact.*

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