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MANP Bringing Suite of National Experts to Maine

Portland, ME – This fall, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) is bringing a suite of national experts to Maine to provide information and inspiration to Maine’s nonprofits. MANP and the Quimby Family Foundation are hosting two events with internationally recognized speaker, author and founder of *Grassroots Fundraising Journal*. A tax policy and fundraising expert, Kim Klein is making rare Maine appearances October 25 and 26 in Portland for the Fall 2017 Executive Leadership Forum and Focus on Fundraising.

Known for her practical and humorous approach, Klein has worked in all aspects of fundraising and has helped thousands of grassroots organizations survive and thrive through tough political and economic realities. Klein is the author of five books including *Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times*, which won the McAdam Book Award in 2010. She co-founded the *Grassroots Fundraising Journal* in 1981 and was its publisher for 25 years. She has provided training and consultation in all 50 United States, five Canadian provinces and 21 other countries and is a lecturer in the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley.

“Nonprofit leaders have asked us to provide them with the highest quality in terms of information and inspiration and we’re delivering this fall with this suite of high caliber nationally renowned speakers,” said Jennifer Hutchins, MANP Executive Director. “We are delighted to partner with the philanthropic and corporate communities to bring these speakers’ insights to Maine and to share their wide range of expertise with our colleagues and friends.”

Camden National Bank is partnering with MANP to offer Dr. Judy Freiwirth of Nonprofit Solutions Associates, at the 2017 Focus on Board Innovation event on November 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport. Dr. Freiwirth, Psy.D, is an organization development consultant, trainer, and national speaker. She is the primary developer and researcher for a new, innovative governance approach, Community-Engagement Governance™, a framework in which community stakeholders are engaged in shared governance decision-making.

Then, in December, MANP is bringing Steven Zimmerman to Portland’s Holiday Inn by the Bay for the 2017 Nonprofit Finance Conference: Developing Financial Leadership on December 5. Zimmerman is a principal of Spectrum Nonprofit Services where he provides training and consulting in the areas of finance and strategy for community-based organizations, foundations and government agencies throughout the country. Steve is co-author of *The Sustainability Mindset: Using the Matrix Map to Make Strategic Decisions* with Jeanne Bell of CompassPoint and the best-selling book *Nonprofit Sustainability: Making Strategic Decisions for Financial Viability* with Jeanne Bell and Jan Masaoka of Blue Avocado.

Registration for the events is available at www.nonprofitmaine.org/events. A limited number of scholarships are available by application.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of the speakers are available upon request.