

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 *

Ned Claxton

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 have been on the boards of several nonprofit organizations - e.g. ICL, Hanley Health Leadership, Central ME Medical Center, and participate in several other nonprofits - Stanton Bird Club, ME Appalachian Trail Club, First Universalist Church of Auburn, White Mountains Trailhead Stewards program, Androscoggin Land Trust, for example. In several of these organizations I have had leadership roles. Prior to joining the boards I was the beneficiary of important program content and education from each of them.

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

Nonprofits might be closer to many voters than their elected officials are and could be a source of valuable information in shaping policy goals and methods. Looking for effective partnerships in the creation of legislation and in the delivery of services is a crucial step if efforts are to be successful and sustainable. I would look for any opportunity to include nonprofits in formative discussions, program development and policy delivery.

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

They should continue if, on periodic review, they are found to be meeting their mission and serving Maine residents.

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