

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 *

Sue Mackey Andrews

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 served on boards, committees, done fund raising, pro bono consulting and personal monetary contributions to many non-profits in my region over the past 40 years. The training that I currently am responsible for in Maine involves many non-profits.

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

Non-profits are not only significant employers throughout Maine, but they are giving a tremendous level of service locally. They have experienced too many challenges in the LePage administration - late contracts, reduced rates of reimbursement, retraction of funding (to where we don't know!) - all of which has left them short-funded, short-staffed yet they are doing what their communities need them to do. They are now doing many of the functions that state government "should" be doing but without the funding. Once elected, I will advocate for equitable reimbursement, an open RFP process, timely and fair contracts and access to all available state and federal funds while recognizing the valuable and impact of locally raised in-kind and monetary contributions without punishing folks for raising these.

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

Their properties should be fully tax-exempt.

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