

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 *

Bev Uhlenhake

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. *

My educational background and first career was in higher education administration, so I started with educational non-profits. From there I went to fundraising/development/marketing work (Bangor Humane and OHI) and served as the Executive Director of the Bangor Humane Society. Since 2004, I've been working in the for-profit world, which allows me to serve in non-profit roles after 5 pm. I've served on multiple boards, including the Pine Tree Red Cross, Rape Response Services, Bangor Rotary, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, etc... I choose to limit myself to two "extracurricular activities" at any given time to ensure that I am able to meet the fiduciary requirements of the role.

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

First, for those organizations that are contracted with the government to provide services in our communities, I'd support appropriate funding to allow non-profits to fulfill their missions. This includes appropriate pay scales for staff. Although these organizations are non-governmental by definition, they are doing the work of government and we should give them the tools to do the work we ask of them.

Second, for all non-profits, I think it's important that we support business policies, such as those around employee requirements, that are workable and reasonable. While most of these policies are not non-profit specific, we need to keep them in mind as we do our work in the legislature.

I know there are many struggles in the non-profit world, and with my experience working in the sector, I would be very open to discussions.

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

I believe in the exemption.

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