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Maine Association of Nonprofits Hosts Board Boot Camp
Essential Training for New and Experienced Board Members

Portland, ME - Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), the largest membership organization in the state dedicated to working with Maine's nonprofits, is hosting their semi-annual Board Boot Camp this Wednesday in Auburn. Over 50 individuals representing 27 organizations will attend the day long training. MANP's Board Boot Camps offer essential training for new and experienced board members, providing them with practical information, resources, and tools they can put to use right away to further their organizations' missions.

"Nonprofit boards are responsible for the governance of thousands of organizations in Maine," said Katrina Ruffner, MANP Program Director. "Dedicated board members feel a responsibility to strengthen their organizations and safeguard their missions amid increasing demands. By investing in board development, board members strengthen their skills, increase engagement and build the leadership capacity necessary to adapt in a rapidly evolving environment. Our Board Boot Camps help organizations operate in an ethical and accountable manner to build public confidence around their missions."

MANP offers ongoing education and resources designed to provide nonprofit leaders, staff, board members and volunteers with the necessary knowledge and skills to help their organizations become more effective and well-run. Board Boot Camps are designed to meet the needs of all board members by offering two distinct tracks: Basics – The Core Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards and Advanced – Making Your Good Board Great.

"Attending the Board Boot Camp before becoming President was the best preparation I could possibly have received," said the Board President of a local land trust. "I think it got me ready personally to take on this task and I would venture that the entire board of directors has benefited immensely from my training."

For more information on upcoming educational opportunities or to register for events, visit <http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/learn/> or call (207)871-1885.

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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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