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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 Augusta. Over 70 individuals representing 34 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 provide essential governance to thousands of organizations in Maine," said Katrina Ruffner, MANP Program Director. "Board members need to strengthen their skills and enhance engagement and leadership to adapt to increasing demands in this rapidly evolving environment. This event quickly reached maximum capacity, which speaks volumes about the strength of the sector in Maine."

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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