2022 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine’s nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Please complete the questionnaire no later Friday, September 30, 2022. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Did you know?
Did you know nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 18% of the state's total payroll
- Generate $300+ million in state tax revenue
- Contribute nearly $14 Billion to the nation's economy

Email *

Candidate's Full Name *

W. Scott Rocknak
Office Running For: *

- Governor
- U.S. House
- State House
- State Senate
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Other: 

District *

District 12

Campaign website:

www.scottrocknak.com
Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations.

I thought about this question and figured best to list the organizations I have interacted with professionally and personally over the years.

501(c)(3) organizations
The Salvation Army – Worked with leadership in support of disaster relief.
Unicef – Volunteer when attending University of Maine
World Ocean School – Organized Fund Raising
Owls Head Transportation Museum – Various over the years
Maine Public Broadcasting – Created artwork, motion graphics, and animation for an MPB TV series, 26 episodes.

Farnsworth Art Museum – Created educational programming
Brandywine Museum at Chadds Ford – Created educational programming
Center for Maine Contemporary Art – Created educational programming
Penobscot Marine Museum – Created educational programming

Island Institute – Boat Donations
Penobscot Language School – Italian Classes
Camden Childrens House Montessori School – Son was a student, donations
Association of Homeschoolers of Maine – Homeschooled kids, donations
PAWS Animal Adoption – Where get our pets
Pope Memorial Animal Shelter – Where we get our pets

Penobscot Bay YMCA – Long term member, boat donation coordination
Coastal Opportunities -- Donations
Boy Scouts of America – Scout
Hurricane Island Outward Bound – Assistance
Rotary International – Step-daughter attended foreign exchange program

Private Non-Profit
PBS – Television content provider

Chartered Organizations
American Red Cross -- Worked with leadership in support of disaster relief.

Additional
National Museum of the American Indian – Assisted in a design competition for a new monument
US National Archives -- Presentation
American Museum of Natural History – Developed prototype educational programming in a bid for a contract
Museum of Modern Art – Educational programming bid
Metropolitan Museum of Art – Educational programming bid
National Gallery of Art – Educational programming bid, Temple of Dendur
Please describe your top 3 policy goals.

1. Foster economic development to create an environment that entices businesses and industry to grow. Increase job opportunities to attract people to stay in Maine and thrive.
2. Support and enhance the infrastructure (education, health care, municipal and social services) of which we live.
3. Reduce federal and state over-reach both on the individual, commercial fishing, and farmers, and businesses when appropriate.

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign.

My experience with disaster relief is that in a time of emergency, non-profits carry the day. In terms of an effective way to capture the interest of our youth, and providing broad educational opportunities, non-profit organizations are a vital component. This applies to the second point in the previous question. I also see support of nonprofits in regards to point 1 and point 3 above. The nonprofits I have worked with serve a specific function that is generally community based and play an integral part of our society.