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 *

Nathan Burnett
I'm the treasurer for my local grange (#569) which I believe is a slightly nonstandard nonprofit, but we are also a member of the Friend of Porter 569 which is a standard 501(c)3. I'm also on the board of the Francis Small Heritage Trust (which is a not-for-profit) and I work in public education, which certainly doesn't have a profit motive.

So I'm certainly aware of the importance of this type of work in our communities.
1. Rural internet expansion. There are many parts of rural Maine that have limited-to-nonexistent high speed internet access and that is prevent participation in the modern world and also limits the abilities of some residents to right-size their living situations, since no one will buy a home without internet access.

2. Incentivizing and encouraging residential and municipal self-sufficient power efficiencies. Whether that's heat pumps or solar panels or smart grid improvements, there is money to be saved by making investments in modernizing our electrical grid.

3. Ensuring that this upcoming generation who have been through a less-than-perfect learning experience with COVID have proper voice in Augusta. I've been teaching for 11 years now, and "kids these days" are not where they are "supposed" to be, and they are going to need assistance going forward. I want to be in Augusta to make sure that this upcoming generation, who cannot speak or vote for themselves yet, have someone there on their behalf.

Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

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

I'm not sure, really, but if you see something that I've said that makes sense to you, I'd love to work with you on it! My experiences in life have taught me that it just takes work. I've knocked on over 2200 doors over the summer and had productive and positive conversations with over 1000 voters. That's not the whole job of a legislator, but it's certainly a part of it. After a decade of making children learn mathematics, I've developed a willingness and ability to talk and work with anyone.