Maine Association of Nonprofits Selects Mary Alice Scott as Public Affairs Manager

Portland, ME – Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) is pleased to announce the selection of Mary Alice Scott as Public Affairs Manager. Scott has been Executive Director of Portland Buy Local for the past four years.

“Advocating for the work and worth of Maine nonprofits effectively requires using a collective voice to affect change.” said Jennifer Hutchins, MANP Executive Director. “Mary Alice’s prior leadership experience will enable us to amplify how valuable nonprofits are to Maine’s future prosperity.”

In addition to increasing awareness of nonprofit impact, Scott will help forge partnerships with government and business that are critical to addressing the unprecedented challenges currently facing Maine communities. “I am thrilled to be joining MANP’s team,” said Scott. “Nonprofits play a critical role in Maine’s economy and communities, and I am looking forward to advocating for the sector.”

While at Portland Buy Local, Scott increased the organization’s annual budget by 25%; created new events, including a city-wide gift swap to support local businesses; developed relationships with community partners throughout the region; and, most recently, led the organization’s COVID-relief efforts, including a virtual Town Hall with Senator Angus King to advocate for changes to the PPP, earning national media coverage on PBS NewsHour and in Bloomberg Business.

MANP’s mission is to enrich the quality of community and personal life in Maine by strengthening the leadership, voice, and organizational effectiveness of our state’s nonprofits. The organization represents more than 1,000 nonprofit organizations from across Maine of all sizes and mission areas.

Scott lives in Portland with her husband and dog, where they all enjoy hiking in the woods, frolicking in the snow, and eating tasty treats from local restaurants.

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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 more than 1,000 nonprofit and 145 partners in government, business and philanthropy. 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.