

# 2024 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 6, 2024. We will post responses to our website the following week.**

Email \*

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## ***Did you know?***

Did you know Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 17% of the state's total payroll
- Generate an estimated \$350 million in state tax revenue
- Contribute \$14+ billion to the nation's economy

Candidate's Full Name \*

W. Scott Rocknak

Office Running For: \*

U.S. Senate

U.S. House

State House

State Senate

Other: .....

District \*

12 .....

Campaign website:

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

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.
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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.

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