



**Nonprofit Digest** | January 10, 2019

NEWS AND HEADLINES

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**Gratitude**

One of the most powerful and rewarding aspects of working in the nonprofit sector is the daily experience of gratitude. Nonprofits are found in almost every corner of Montana: groups of citizens who have come together with a can-do spirit to solve local problems. And, we have a host of partners who work with us to bring ideas from imagination to reality. Join us in saying thank you...[...](#)

**Microvolunteering: The Magic of Engaging Time-Strapped Supporters in Meaningful Nonprofit Tasks** *via GuideStar Blog*

Many of our best volunteers—or potential volunteers—are busy and may hesitate to commit to frequent meetings or big blocks of volunteer time. There is a trend toward “microvolunteering” that allows volunteers to stay engaged with nonprofits they care about through brief one-off opportunities. If done well, this can lead to a dynamic volunteer force...[...](#)

**Members of Congress Opening Wallets During Closed Government** *via The Nonprofit Times*

Several members of Congress have pledged their salaries to nonprofit organizations during the partial government shutdown. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass), Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Sen. Catherine Corez Masto (D-Nev), and others have already donated their salaries to specific causes...[...](#)

**Montana Bank Helping Federal Employees During Government Shutdown** *via MTPR*

Mile City-based Stockman Bank is offering federal employees assistance during the partial government shutdown. The bank will work with federal employees to make accommodations, restructure debt, protect their credit, and aim to reduce stress...[...](#)

**Funding Innovations That Break the Mold** *via Stanford Social Innovation Review*

The Leading Edge Fund, highlights the importance of four essential funding practices in a recent report: Give Leaders Space and Opportunity to Think and Act Big, Give Leaders Time to Try and Fail, Support the Lead, Not Just the Organization, and Remember That Movements Thrive on Connections...[...](#)

**U.S. 2020 Census** *via National Council of Nonprofits*

Results of the U.S. 2020 Census will influence individuals, communities, governments, for-profit entities, and nonprofit organizations throughout the next decade. The National Council of Nonprofits is concerned that without an accurate count, billions of dollars will not flow to where resources are most needed. To that end, they are encouraging nonprofits to get engaged and help ensure a fair and accurate count...[...](#)

TRAINING AND EVENTS

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**Nonprofit Day at the Capitol | How to make your voice heard...**



**Step 1** [Register](#) for Nonprofit Day at the Capitol on January 17th. Remember, the event is free but we need to ensure space and food for all -- and a name badge.

**Step 2** Invite your colleagues to make the trip to Helena for the event.

**Step 3** [Invite your Legislators](#) to the event – whether you are able to attend or not.

**Step 4** Prepare your schedule: View the [Committee Hearing Schedule](#), learn which [Legislators](#) are on which Committees, and see what [Bills](#) are up for debate during your visit.



**Step 5** Prepare yourself: Read up on a [Guide to the Montana Legislature](#) and, [Having Your Say Before a Montana Legislative Committee](#).

**Step 6** Prepare your materials: we recommend bringing 25 copies of one promotional item for display in the rotunda and plenty of business cards.

**Step 7** Find parking - We suggest parking at the Capitol Hill Town Center and taking the [Capitol Shuttle](#).

**Step 8** Arrive at the Capitol, ready to share your mission and voice with those of nonprofit leaders across the state.

### Legislative Prep Webinar | January 10th | 12 - 1 p.m.

Join attorney and MNA lobbyist Aimee Grmoljez to take a closer look at the steps organizations need to take as you prepare to lobby and advocate during the Legislative Session. This webinar will cover the "how-to's" of lobbying in Montana, including registering as a lobbyist, navigating the legislative website, following the progression of bills, and how to best approach legislators and legislative committees about the issues you care about. **Don't let the mysteries of the process inhibit you.** Join us and learn how to best invest your time and energy from January to May at the Capitol.

REGISTER

### MNA Workshops | February

Our February Schedule has changed! In light of the legislative session, we have rescheduled a few workshops. We will still be traveling to Bozeman and Butte, however, to present workshops on multi-generation team dynamics and board recruiting.

**Feb 19** - [So You Wanna Be a Board Member](#) | Bozeman

**Feb 20** - [Build Your Best Team](#) | Bozeman

**Feb 22** - [Build Your Best Team](#) | Butte

[So You Wanna Be a Board Member](#) is a two hour workshop designed for emerging leaders and young professionals interested in taking the next step towards engaging meaningfully in service.

[Build Your Best Team](#) brings staff and leaders together to prepare teams for success in a multi-generational workplace. Whether you struggle to recruit and retain new employees or volunteers, are curious to learn more about generational differences, or want tools to improve communication between team members, this day long workshop offers tangible skills you can implement in your organization immediately.

### MNA Webinars | February



#### Voices of Philanthropy

Begin, or continue, building a relationship with funders in this webinar series. For three Thursdays in February join funder from major foundations to broaden your understanding of each charity.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM each Thursday:

**February 7th** - Montana Health Care Foundation with Aaron Wernham, CEO

**February 14th** - Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation with Mike Halligan, ED

**February 21st** - Headwaters Foundation with Brenda Solorzano, CEO

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#### Get Press Bootcamp with Torie Rynning

If you are ready to take the leap into strategic PR, join PR consultant Torie Rynning in this four part webinar series.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM each Wednesday:

**February 6th** - Setting the Stage  
**February 13th** - Mapping Your Strategy to Why  
**February 20th** - Must-Know Facts About Journalists  
**February 26th** - Creating Your Strategic PR Plan

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**FREE Donor Data Segmentation Webinar | January 16th | 11 - 12 p.m.**

It's difficult to craft a compelling message if you don't know the audience. Effective storytelling starts with matching the message to the audience. During this free webinar, Steve Shattuck, Chief Engagement Officer at Bloomerang, will share some of the best strategies for segmenting donors and other constituents to produce results.



REGISTER

**Weekly Legislative Wrap-Ups | Fridays @ 7:30 a.m.**

Be informed of the latest Montana Legislative news as it relates to nonprofit organizations each week starting this week during MNA's Legislative Wrap-Up calls. We'll look back at the events of the week and highlight coming activity. Each call will be scheduled for 30 minutes but we will only use the amount of time we need. Call in to 406-318-5686 at 7:30 a.m. every Friday, starting this week for your Legislative Wrap-Up. Or email [srogala@mtnonprofit.org](mailto:srogala@mtnonprofit.org) to be added to our list.

RESOURCES

**Endow Montana**

Montana Nonprofit Association, with support from the Montana Community Foundation, present the [Endow Montana website](#), a virtual resource center housing the latest news, information, and opportunities regarding Montana's Charitable Endowment Tax Credit.



**Commissioner of Political Practices Website**

Do you plan to lobby this Legislative Session? If so, visit the [Commissioner of Political Practices website](#) to familiarize yourself with the process, find information about Montana laws, learn about lobbyist events, note report due dates, and gain compliance tips and guides.

**Montana State University 14th Annual "Almost" Spring Job & Internship Fair**

Recruit your next intern or full-time employee at the ["Almost" Spring Job & Internship Fair](#) at Montana State University in Bozeman on February 21st. The University Office of Student Engagement will waive registration fees for MNA members. To register, contact [careers@montana.edu](mailto:careers@montana.edu). Please include "Montana Nonprofit" in the subject line to receive the waiver.

**Under the Big Sky**

This [video series](#), created by Montana Television Network, highlights communities, organizations, and individuals in Montana that contribute to our state's unique environment and culture. Take a break and treat yourself to these bite-size, visually stunning, and compelling stories.

**Great at Work by Morten T. Hansen**

This [book](#) deconstructs what 'working smart' means in statistically evidenced and easy-to-implement steps. A great read (or listen) for the perennial improver or the professional development newbie. Even better, read this book with your team and take steps to enhance organizational productivity together.

**2018 Top Nonprofit Webinars**

Nonprofit Quarterly released their top [ten webinars of 2018](#) as judged by the number of views. This list includes newbies and a few classics.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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#### MASS

We are excited to welcome [MASS](#) as our newest nonprofit member. Their mission is to research, build, and advocate for architecture that promotes justice and human dignity. MASS works on projects that are mission-aligned, that serve the public, and that their board of directors believes are worthy of consideration. Additionally, MASS offers fellow nonprofits free [Purpose Built curriculum](#) – a how-to for nonprofits entering into capital projects that are eager to connect their mission to their building.

#### Hello-Soul

An equally exciting addition to MNA's member-base is new affiliate member, Hello-Soul. If you're looking for a chance to clear the clutter - the negative thoughts, patterns, beliefs, habits and stories - that are in the way of you connecting with your most terrific self, embark on a [Hello-Soul retreat](#).

#### NONPROFIT JOB BOARD

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The [MNA Job Board](#) is Montana's most reliable source for jobseekers and employers with a specific interest in nonprofit employment. **MNA members receive a 45-day listing for \$49.**

#### RECENT JOBS

[Executive Director](#)

Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation – Hungry Horse

[Operations Coordinator](#)

Camp Make A Dream – Missoula, MT, United States

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