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Nonprofit Association of Oregon Welcomes Jessica Stern as Membership & Resources Manager

Portland, Ore. – Nonprofit Association of Oregon is pleased to announce the appointment of Jessica Stern as Membership & Resources Manager. In this role, Jessica will oversee the development, management and stewardship of NAO’s member relationships, resources library, and benefits programs.

Jessica has more than 12 years of experience in the nonprofit sector encompassing membership, project/program management, events, development and communications. She spent more than four years at Business for Culture & the Arts (BCA) where she managed the corporate membership program, as well as designed and delivered programming that bridged the arts and business communities. She was responsible for conducting BCA’s *Top Business Donors to the Arts* research project, which informed the *Top Donors to the Arts Awards* presented at BCA’s annual *Arts Breakfast of Champions*. Jessica developed BCA’s *Board Leadership Institute* which acted as an extension of the successful *Art of Leadership* program, in an effort to offer continuing education to individuals sitting on arts boards. Following her tenure at BCA and a year of international travel, Jessica served as the Development Manager at Metropolitan Youth Symphony. During that time she sought and was awarded over \$150,000 in grant funding to overhaul the organizations brand and communications strategy in an effort to build capacity for sustainable funding. Jessica then served as Interim Director of Development & Marketing at Literary Arts, managing fundraising and marketing activities for the organization, while supporting the relaunch of *Wordstock: Portland’s Book Festival* in 2015.

Jessica is co-founder of Portland Emerging Arts Leaders, Portland’s professional network for emerging arts administrators and producers and currently sits on the Steering and Mentorship Committees. She has also served on the boards of the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, the Lewis & Clark Board of Alumni and Ko-Falen Cultural Center.

Jessica earned a Master’s degree in Public Administration with a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Portland State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and French Studies from Lewis & Clark College. She loves to travel, eat delicious local foods, cycle long distances and explore cultural and artistic landscapes.

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About Nonprofit Association of Oregon:

The Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) is the statewide membership organization providing a unique vehicle for nonprofit sector expression and support. At NAO, we believe the nonprofit sector strengthens the fabric of our democracy and our communities. Nonprofits create many public benefits such as opportunities to

participate in civic affairs, enrich cultural life, provide needed services, generate significant economic impact, address inequities, and create innovative solutions to community issues. By representing and supporting nonprofits of all sizes and geographic locations across Oregon, we strive to convene, build capacity, promote best practices and be a thought leader to help nonprofits build a thriving and vital Oregon. For more information, visit: www.nonprofitoregon.org (5100 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 360, Portland, OR 97239).

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