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The Center for Nonprofit Stewardship and Nonprofit Association of Oregon Announce Plan to Unify as One Organization

The Center for Nonprofit Stewardship and Nonprofit Association of Oregon have signed an agreement to combine the programs and staff of their respective organizations and strengthen support, resources, and service to charitable nonprofits across Oregon. NAO will acquire CNS' assets, CNS staff will become part of the NAO team, and the unified nonprofit will operate under the NAO brand.

"CNS' programs and staff becoming part of NAO is going to bring the best of both organizations under one umbrella. For the last several years, our teams have been coordinating and working more and more closely, until we finally agreed, we should just join up together," said Caitlin Sullivan, CNS Board President.

Brad Russell, Board President of NAO also commented "This exciting change provides a major growth opportunity for the shared mission we both have to serve charitable organizations across the state. The CNS team's knowledge and expertise, particularly with all-volunteer and rural nonprofits, will considerably bolster NAO's capacity to serve so many additional nonprofits. We are keenly aware of the opportunity the combined team has to serve those that have been hit so hard by the multiple disasters of Coronavirus, economic downturn and now wildfires. This is the right move at the right time in service to our sector."

The Nonprofit Association of Oregon is the statewide nonprofit membership organization representing and supporting charitable nonprofits of all sizes, geographic locations and missions across Oregon. NAO's mission is to serve public benefit nonprofits by strengthening the collective voice, leadership, and capacity of nonprofits to enrich the lives of all Oregonians. NAO ensures a future in which Oregon nonprofits are visible and valued as essential contributors to our society.

The expanded NAO will continue the work of CNS' specific niche in serving rural and small nonprofits, as well as continue serving the over 1,100 nonprofit members of NAO and the thousands of nonprofits that strive to bring beauty, creativity, justice, and service into our communities across the state.

More information about the Nonprofit Association of Oregon and the work that it does can be found at the organization's website: www.nonprofitoregon.org.

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