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## **MPBN Plans Extensive Coverage of Election Night 2012**

(Bangor/Lewiston/Portland) —The Maine Public Broadcasting Network continues its in-depth coverage of the 2012 Elections in Maine through its *Your Vote 2012* umbrella of radio, television, and web coverage up to and past Election Day, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

MPBN will rebroadcast the Maine 1<sup>st</sup> District, Maine 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and Maine Senate debates starting Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> on MPBN Radio at 2:00 pm and on MPBN Television at 3:00 pm. MPBN will air the debates again on radio on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> on a staggered schedule of 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. All Maine and national debates are available for immediate viewing on MPBN.Net through the *Your Vote 2012* link.

Election night coverage will begin at 7:00 pm on MPBN Radio with Keith Shortall and A. Jay Higgins providing Maine-specific updates and commentary intermixed with comprehensive national election coverage from NPR.

MPBN Television's coverage will start at 7:00 pm with an election-focused *NewsHour* and PBS election coverage commencing at 8:00 pm. Jennifer Rooks, host of MPBN's *Maine Watch*, will provide strategic updates on Maine election results throughout the evening.

MPBN.Net will be constantly updated throughout election night with the latest results for Maine and the nation.

Post-election, Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, MPBN Radio will extend *Morning Edition* coverage until 10:00 a.m. to be followed immediately by *On Point*. Special editions of *Maine Calling* and *Maine Things Considered* will follow on radio. On Television, the post-election *Maine Watch* (Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm) will examine the outcomes of Maine's political races.

"MPBN has devoted its resources to providing our viewers and listeners with the information and tools to understand all the issues and the positions of each candidate," said MPBN President and CEO Mark Vogelzang. "As Maine's premier, independent, public media resource, we value the opportunity to provide our listeners and viewers with discussion, insights, and information on critical issues facing the state and the nation. We view our responsibility to promote awareness and participation in the democratic process as a cornerstone of our mission."

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network operates five television transmitters (WCBB-TV - Augusta - 10, WMEA-TV - Biddeford - 26, WMED-TV - Calais - 13, WMEB-TV - Orono - 12, WMEM-TV - Presque Isle - 10), and seven radio transmitters (WMEH-FM - Bangor - 90.9, WMED-FM - Calais - 89.7, WMEP-FM - Camden - 90.5, WMEF-FM - Fort Kent - 106.5, WMEA-FM - Portland - 90.1, WMEM-FM - Presque Isle - 106.1, WMEW-FM - Waterville - 91.3) reaching households in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Atlantic Canada. MPBN also delivers content to a worldwide audience via its website, [www.mpbn.net](http://www.mpbn.net).

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