



## 2020 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

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### Questions:

1. Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

Attract new businesses, protect workers & environment.  
ensure businesses follow all Rules + Laws

2. What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

constantly work to improve local parks, by collecting  
donations and doing labor. Same with tennis courts.

3. Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

Member of Indian Rocks Runyan Club, Board of Directors  
for Bright Horizons (Craigsville)

4. West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

Our State Rankings - Healthcare # 48, Education # 44  
Infrastructure # 50, Drug Abuse # 5.

We need Focus groups, experts to work on a plan to improve in all categories -

5. During the 2020 Legislative Session, SJR 9 and SB 837 moved in the West Virginia Senate, but fell short of the votes needed to move to the House of Delegates. The intent of the effort was to allow West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment to phase-out/repeal of manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment tax, business inventory, and tax on passenger vehicles while making local governments and schools whole. Please describe your ideas for addressing this issue which requires a change to the West Virginia Constitution.

I would not vote to end the B+T taxes unless there was a source of revenue to replace it, Communities & schools need this money.

6. What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

Since the state of Colorado had <sup>b</sup> 1.3 Billion in TAX Revenue, I would work to legalize recreational marijuana. If one can keep that money from crooked politicians, it could be used in more needy areas.

7. Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

People in impoverished areas need hope. Hope for the ability to make a living. Also with over 7000 children in Foster care, mostly due to drug abuse; we need to figure out how to ~~stop~~ stop so many births by drug abusers. Some type of forced Birth control (men + women) for drug offenders.

8. Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

Training has to start at the Govt. level. Then taught to our youths. We have to have laws in place that are strictly enforced.

9. What are your specific ideas related to developing a diverse and skilled workforce in West Virginia?

1. Recruit from the Armed Forces & Help young men & women who are leaving the military to relocate to WV. Attend Transition classes each branch has & entice them to move here but tell NO LIES.

10. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rule for the 2021 Legislative Session to adopt a portion of US EPA recommended human health criteria which established limits for certain environmental permits. The WVMA is actively involved in ongoing discussions related to these criteria and supports the WV DEPs approach to establish an active work group to further evaluate these important measures. Please describe your position on the proposed rule.

I would oppose any permit that would allow harm to our environment. Industry & Nature must work together for the sake of future generations.

11. Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

Preserving our environment is an industry that could provide jobs. Having industry that is environmentally friendly is a great selling point for most intelligent people.

12. What would you like to share with our members that we have not asked?

We should attract companies that are involved with communities.

I ~~am~~ Am Retired Navy and have always been very active in both the civilian & military communities. Caring pays huge dividends.

13. Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Sure, but since I like to give some thought before answering questions, it would be nice to have the questions in advance.

14. Where may the WVMA follow you on Social Media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

Facebook Duane Bragg For the House of Delegates  
District 41

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**SAVE THE DATE – 2020 WVMA All State-Legislative Dinner  
Charleston, W.Va.**

**Monday, November 16, 2020**

*\*Sitting and newly elected Legislators are encouraged to attend as guests of the WVMA  
Occupancy restrictions may lead to registration limits – details to follow.*