



## 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.

State government and federal government should stay out of the way of business and industry doing business. The only role that state government should play relating to business and industry is by working on the infrastructure to make our state attractive for businesses to want to come and stay here.

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?

I bring strong, innovative, and diligent leadership. I oversee 8 states for the U.S. in the sport of hockey. In WV alone we have brought 15 million in funding to renovate ~~every~~ arena and 35 million to build 3 new ones. On top of that I have created 5 new businesses in Wheeling. Both examples have brought jobs and tax dollars to WV.

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.

USA Hockey - Mid-Am District, West Virginia Hockey League - President, Knights of Columbus, Saints & Sinners, and National Apostolate of Maronites

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 is not appealing to businesses to want to come and stay here. We need to lower taxes and incentivize as well as fix our infrastructure to make us more appealing. Businesses want to stay where their employees are happy.

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 will work to make sure that this is put back for a vote to allow for citizens to decide. If this fails, I will work to find another way to make sure we get it passed.

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?

Our state needs to be incentivizing for businesses to want to come and stay here. This means cutting back taxes and regulations, and improving the infrastructure. Cutting personal taxes back will also help employees wanting to come work a live in our state.

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?

We need to make sure we move more money to support recovery centers and resource centers. We also need to make sure that we have programs in place that help people get clean and do not just throw them back on the street.

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?

Employment should not be based on race, religion, gender, etc. I will make sure to vote for or sponsor any new  
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policies that helps promote this idea,

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

We need to make sure we are investing money into our Career & Technical classes at our schools. We also need to start opening more trade schools to give students more options

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 believe that these issues need to be constantly looked at. This will help with the discussion for new ideas to cut costs for businesses allow them to do business, as well protecting the environment.

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?

Policies that are not in WV that are needed is ones that give less regulation and environmental rules. We can still create an environment that protects are ecosystem and allows businesses to do business by cutting back on the unnecessary and stringent policies that are currently in place.

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

As the owner of 5 businesses, no one will work harder to make our state business friendly so that we attract new business and citizens, bringing in new tax dollars. We need new tax dollars, not new taxes.

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

absolutely

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

Facebook Page - Dalton Haas (@daltonhaaswv)

Twitter - @daltonhaaswv

Insta - daltonhaaswv

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Charleston, W.Va.**

**Monday, November 16, 2020**

*\*Sitting and newly elected Legislators are encouraged to attend as guests of the WVMA  
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