



2020 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

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

It is the role of state government, to minimally regulate and tax business and industry, in order to maintain a vibrant economy. However, a balance of regulation is needed, to protect the environment and the residents, that live in the state.

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 worked in manufacturing for 37 years, with four different companies. During that time, I experienced the devastation of two plant closings. Also, three years ago, I became the grounds chairman of my church. I created a mowing and upkeep rotation for the large cemetery, surrounding it.

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.

Tomahawk Presbyterian Church, Berkeley County Democratic Association, Berkeley County Democratic Executive Committee

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?

At this time, the COVID 19 Pandemic is the most critical challenge facing West Virginia. It has a "cause and effect" relationship to every aspect of daily life. First of all, we must keep our people safe. We need to consider how to educate children, keep businesses open and people working, improve infrastructure....

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 have concerns about eroding the West Virginia Constitution.

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?

I believe we are not capitalizing on the beauty of our state. We need to focus more on all aspects of recreation. This includes Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Camping, Biking, ATVing, Hiking... I would also like to enhance the film industry in West Virginia.

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?

It has been proven that incarceration is expensive and usually does not resolve addiction issues. More treatment facilities with well trained staff are needed.

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?

I believe there are already enough protections and rules in place, to accommodate equity issues.

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

I believe we need to focus more apprenticeship programs that are roughly designed by employers. The state should reimburse the employer after the program has been completed, and the worker has been employed over a time period. College credits should be designated to this program also.

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 support proposals, as long as it does not reduce clean water standards.

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?

In the "Eastern Panhandle", PILOT Program has worked well to attract new businesses to the area. (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)
I would promote that type of approach throughout the state.

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

I would like to promote making/building an ATV/UTV trail system that goes East to West, and North to South. This would encompass the entire state, and create jobs and businesses throughout.

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

Yes. In person would be a preferable choice.

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

- Facebook

- Email & bradnoll1960@gmail.com

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Charleston, W.Va.**

Monday, November 16, 2020

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