



2020 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

This survey is available to complete online at www.wvma.com/candidatesurvey2020. You may also scan and email your completed survey to Rebecca McPhail at rebecca@wvma.com, or mail by **August 3, 2020** to:

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Questions:

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

Allow for a fair open environment for business
and stay out of the way.

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 served 2 terms in the House, served 10 years on the Monongalia
County Board of Education, worked in Coal Industry for
26 years 23 as Management, I am a life long farmer
After Retirement I have worked on many Community Improvement
Projects and flood Relief Project across the State.

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.

Board Member Operation Welcome Home, a group to help Returning
Veterans train and find employment, Board Member Mylan Park Foundation
Chairman of MMPO (address Road Issues Monongalia County) Board member
PACE Inc. (Train persons with disabilities to get employment)
Trustee and Teacher Olive United Methodist Church

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?

Education, Without a well trained educated workforce we will not be able to attract business to locate in WV

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 Support the Phase-out/Repeal of the inventory tax We must do it in a way that we don't damage local Counties So I favor a System that will Reduce it over time,

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?

We must make a Climate that is attractive to businesses that want to locate in WV, We must be willing to Make Money Available to improve infrastructure, where needed

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?

One Step is getting People employed and we will also need to do more in the area of Rehabilitation and Education.

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?

We need a atmosphere where we do not discriminate Against anyone that want to live and work in WV

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

We Need to do More in the Area of Vocational education
And offer incentives for business to do on the Job
Training

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 Want more details on this but believe a Work
Group to look at this issue to give guidance is a Start

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?

We all want to protect our environment but we
Need good Sound Science to back the findings and
look at all the Outcomes before placing any Regulations
in place

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

One Way to Make WV better is to have everyone
Working at good Jobs

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

Yes

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

WWW. Facebook. Com/delegate Joe Statler

WWW. Instagram. Com/statler4house

WWW. Twitter. Com/user/Statler4house

WWW. youtube. Com/user/Statler4house

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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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