



Wyoming Republican Candidate Profile Questionnaire

Note to All Wyoming State Republican Party Candidates in the 2018 Primary Election,

Thank you for filing as a candidate to represent our State and your Wyoming Republican Party. You have chosen a very difficult path that many would never consider going down. Your Wyoming State Party leadership recognizes the trials and tribulations each of you will encounter as the fight for your spot on the General Election Ballot. To that end, we are here to help both you and your constituency get to know one another as you blaze your path toward victory.

After the 2016 election cycle, your Wyoming State Central Committee (SCC) took for action numerous issues Republican voters raised ranging from a core desire to vote directly for our Republican Presidential Nominee to wanting more opportunities to meet with, and more information on, candidates at all levels of government as voters want insight into how a candidate may govern if elected for office. Historically, one of the most asked questions during election cycles is “Where can I find reliable information about our candidates?”.

Your Wyoming Republican Party recognizes this as a critical issue that must be addressed to get voters to turn out in support our candidates. We are committed to assisting by asking candidates to provide answers to questions, in their own words, which we can post to our state website, so voters have a reliable place to find relevant candidate information.

As a candidate you will receive dozens of surveys, questionnaires, and requests from the press as well as various watchdog entities to provide answers to questions that are typically geared to their organization’s specific bias. Some a candidate will choose to address all of them while others may not be addressed due time constraints or relevancy.

This questionnaire was initiated as a result of the extraordinary number of questions posed by voters to members of the Wyoming State Central Committee over the past year. And although every question here has not been specifically approved by the full SCC, the concept was endorsed by the full SCC in a unanimous voice vote, as a part of developing external and internal party feedback systems.

These questions were gathered from SCC members across several State Committees, from feedback at various County Party Precinct Caucuses and County Conventions, was compiled by our State Party 2018 Committee to Win, and recently approved by our State Party Executive Committee (18 June 2018) as our primary tool to provide our voters with robust, reliable, and relevant candidate vetted information.

If you have questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact your Wyoming Republican Party Chairman, Mr. Frank Eathorne at chairman@wyoming.gop.



The questions here reflect current issues you are likely to face during a coming term in office and ask each candidate to provide, in their own words, their thoughts and opinions regarding a significant number of topics and questions. We appreciate your time and effort in responding to our questionnaire.

1) How would you describe the proper role of government?

The proper role of government is limited by the constitutions of the State of Wyoming and the United States. It is not the role of Government to give everything away but to provide the environment that instills the courage to seek economic and personal freedoms.

2) How would you describe your role as a Republican elected official in our constitutionally defined form of government?

First to follow the oath of office to support, obey and defend the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Wyoming. Which is what I did when I voted against SF 104 and my opponent failed to do when he voted for it. I will faithfully up hold the laws of the State, if however a law appears on its face to be unconstitutional I will ask the courts to make a determination.

3) Describe your core values.

Christian, My father instilled in me a work effect to work until you got the job done and do it right the first time I've had allot of 80 plus hour weeks. Be a man whose deed follows his word, think about the rights and feelings of others rather than your own. My wife Charlie has taught me to be a better listener although sometimes she's not sure of that .I'm a capitalist, a Republican, a social and fiscal conservative.

4) Where do you place yourself on the political, ideological spectrum?

I'm one of the most conservative people in the legislature both socially and fiscally. I have a voting record supporting the rights of the unborn that my opponent voted against and fees and tax increases I voted against and he voted for.



5) There is a nationwide push that has now come to Wyoming for the creation/expansion of protected classes in the form of additional anti-discrimination laws. Considering that Article 1, Section's 2 and 3 of Wyoming's Constitution respectively state:

“In their inherent right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all members of the human race are equal.” and, “Since equality in the enjoyment of natural and civil rights is only made sure through political equality, the laws of this state affecting the political rights and privileges of its citizens shall be without distinction of race, color, sex, or any circumstance or condition whatsoever other than individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction.”

What, if anything, should Wyoming do in this arena?

I don't believe we need any special additions to the constitution or statue which is where I differ with my opponent; he sponsored a bill with the addition of the LGBT.

6) What are your thoughts about funding and cultivating Wyoming's K-12 education?

I believe that under the current interpretation of the Wy constitution the Legislature has taken all it can without losing a court battle.

The answer is to increase the returns on the 14.4 billion in PMTF permanent mineral trust fund and educational funds. With the Federal Reserve raising interest rates we should be able to rotate in to higher returns over time on our fixed income. Equities may be more of a challenge down the road, however if we move to more of a professional investment model within the treasurer's office similar to the Retirement system or other higher performing funds the outcomes should improve enough . The balance of the state's 20 billion are in some 400 other funds.

Wyo K-12 has been interfered by the feds and the legislature too much. Teachers spend an increasing amount of time outside of the classroom because of the constant changing of the standards. Let teachers teach and local school boards communicate with parents and employers.

7) Are you familiar with, and do you generally support or oppose, the Wyoming Education Association's position statements and legislative platform?

I just received the WYOEA Platform on education issues. As soon as I finish them I will send my answer to you.



8) What is your position on federal management of public lands in Wyoming?

The feds do not do a very good job at management, Trump appointees are a bit more understanding but we can do better.

I agree with our platforms and resolutions, the first goal is to get easement and access turned over to the state along with the lease and disposition of renewable and non-renewable resources.

9) What is your view on the Federal debts/deficits and Wyoming's budget gap between proposed spending and revenue as they impact on our nation and state, and how will you address them as an elected official. What do you think about raising taxes to meet our state's projected budget shortfall?

We are about 125% of debt to GDP Japan is over 200% we don't need to panic, Trump's actions have increased our growth which should bring down our debt ratio. We need Enzi's spending reduction plan implemented.

The state is on a spending spree, we started with \$900 million deficit my opponent voted to increase it by 250million more to \$1,154,000,000 one billion 154 million. While on appropriations we saved over 2 billion it is now down to 1.6 billion we have about 5 years of saving left if we budget frugally. **First we must elect fiscally conservative candidates at all levels of Government.** We can invest our way out of our difficulties if we don't add to them. With 8 years on appropriations and 10 on the Retirement Board, a multi-billion dollar public fund and returns of 17+% on my personal account since 1989 I'm the most qualified candidate for Treasurer. My opponent has none of these life experiences.

I am against raising taxes or fees and this is another area where I differ **with my opponent he has raised taxes on your car registration, your hunting and fishing license, your parks and recreation pass and your gas and diesel.**

Raising taxes lowers your standard of living. "There exists no fundamental right to the fruits of another person's labor" Platform 7

10) Do you support or oppose an income tax for Wyoming? Why?

Oppose. Raising taxes lowers your standard of living and impacts the economy.

11) Do you support continued state funding to cities, towns, and counties?

Yes, the government closest to the people is the most responsive, effective, responsible and the small and midsized towns have fewer stores to generate sales tax revenue.



12) When it comes to the state budget, what are your priorities? For example, Transportation, Education, University of Wyoming, Community Colleges, Agriculture, Department of Health, Game & Fish, etc.?

The constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court tells us we must fund Education first k-12.

Then those functions that can't easily be handled by the individuals i.e., safety, Higher Ed, corrections, water development, I do believe that community colleges have a critical role in vocational job training,

Game and fish and transportation are primarily funded by special revenue and Federal Funds.

13) In what instance(s) should the federal, state, or local government restrict the right to carry arms?

The right of citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and of the state shall not be denied.

14) For many years now, federal bureaucratic and regulatory actions are often initiated against Wyoming residents for issues related to what have been standard agricultural or energy production practices for decades, but now deemed recently as incompatible with federal policy by administrative edict. How would you as an elected official respond to instances of federal overreach?

First get all the facts so I can communicate intelligently. Communicate directly with the federal administrator. Call our Washington delegation. Call the Governor and ask him to get our attorney General on the ball. See what the State can do to medigate the adverse effects if appropriate.

15) Have you reviewed the 2018 Platform and Resolutions developed at convention by the Wyoming Republican Party?

Yes



16) It is the rare Republican who agrees with our Platform 100%. Article 1, Paragraph 3 of the *2018 Bylaws of the Wyoming Republican Party* defines the role of the Republican Party as:

3. Role

1. The role of the Wyoming Republican Party is: to recruit citizens to join the Republican Party; to establish the Platform of the Wyoming Republican Party; to achieve the election of Republican candidates who substantially uphold the platform of the Wyoming Republican Party and to conduct the business of the Wyoming Republican Party.

What is your definition of the word “substantially”? Are there planks in the 2018 Platform with which you oppose to a level of non-support in legislation? Will you identify those during your campaign if asked by constituents?

Substantially 90% or above

There are no planks that I oppose.

Candidate: _____Curt Meier_____

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