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Bruce Azevedo Candidate Summary for 2019 GAGOP Convention

This section was derived from Bruce Azevedo's answers to questions asked by the Vetting Committee via a conference call interview.

1. Do you support a primary or caucus system for choosing nominees or a hybrid of both?

A: I support the primary voting system.

2. Should the GAGOP be more or less involved in legislation at the state Capitol?

A: The GOP should be more involved with what happens at our state legislature.

3. Should the GAGOP have a platform that conforms to our stated beliefs?

A: At the very least, the GAGOP should adopt the RNC platform and possibly add some things that are specific to Georgia as Georgia law allows.

4. Do you see a potential conflict of interest when a lobbyist whose living comes from the political arena is allowed to serve on the GAGOP Executive Committee?

A: Lobbyists are best left out of GOP leadership positions because of potential conflicts of interest. I'd like the GAGOP to consider adopting a rule to prevent those who earn money from politics to be excluded from positions of leadership.

5. Do you support closed primaries?

A: Yes.

6. Do you believe that GOP elected officials who fail to follow our Georgia and U.S. Constitutions and Republican principles hurt the party in the eyes of the voters?

A: Yes. I carry a copy of the Constitution with me. The National Popular Vote wasn't in the Constitution for a reason. David Shafer worked with a lobbyist to try to pass the NPV at one time.

7. What is the proper remedy for a Republican politician who consistently votes contrary to what the Republican Party believes?

A: They need to be voted out. The GOP should look at changing the rules to allow county chairs to call out the bad voting records of legislators and possibly endorse legislators who have very conservative voting records.

8. Should a committee or the convention have the authority to change Republican Convention Rules? (This question deals with Rule 12 which authorizes the party via a committee to make rule changes which could be used to prevent some candidates from being allowed the nomination at convention.)

A: The convention should be in charge of the rules.

9. What can you tell us about the Georgia Republican Assembly?

A: It's a group outside of the GOP that influences legislation. I'll likely not join the GRA because I'm not in favor of joining political groups outside of the GOP. I understand why the GRA exists and don't have a problem working with them.

10. What is your plan to keep Georgia red in 2020?

A: As Chair, I have a 13-point program. My plan for 2020 involves training at the district and local levels. I've already implemented training programs while serving as 9th District Chair. GOP leadership gets elected to various positions and then often does little to move the GOP forward. This often happens, including county chairs and many precinct captains who don't know their jobs because they've never been taught what to do. I plan to change that by training them and giving them goals to reach. I'm very organized and goal oriented toward driving training at the grassroots level.

I also recognize the importance of fundraising and have done a lot of it for the Rotary Club and the GOP. I have a plan to raise substantial funds using a graduated scale of giving to match the giving ability of each member, from very large donors to those who might enjoy supporting the GOP at lower financial levels. If elected Chair, I'll attempt to bring David Shafer into the fundraising process. I recognize his statewide connections and ability to assist in raising money for the GOP.

To move forward one must know the culture and look at each district individually. Georgia has 34 counties that either didn't have a GOP chapter or didn't turn in paperwork for the convention. I plan to get those counties active prior to the 2020 election by encouraging district leadership to activate those chapters.

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