LWV Wyoming Voter Guide July 2018 Wyoming State Treasurer

The State Treasurer serves a four-year term with no term limits. Annual salary is \$92,000 plus some benefits. No Democrat filed for this office.

What experience, qualifications and interests do you have that would encourage voters to select you for this office?

Leland Christensen (R): To represent the people of Wyoming, it's important to have walked in their shoes. I've spent my life raising a family, earning a paycheck and serving my community in Wyoming. I served 15 years in the 19th Special Forces Airborne as a member of the National Guard and 20 years as a Wyoming Sheriff. I've operated my own business, served as a county commissioner and chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee. As a commissioner, I managed multi-million dollar budgets. We made smart investments in our communities when times were good and made difficult decisions on necessary cuts when times were lean.

Curt Meier (R): I am a conservative businessman that means I will not put your money at the risk of being invested by a charlatan. I have chaired two Standing committees Corporations and political subdivisions and Transportation and Military affairs—https://www.ngaus.org/united-voice—I received the Patrick Henry award from the U.S. National Guard, 8 years on Appropriations, which means I know where all the coffee cans and bodies are buried and over 10 years on the State Retirement Board as a Legislative liaison I've been on selection committees for Directors, Chief investment officers and advised on investment, structural, and retirement matters before the board.

Ron Redo (R): At Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo I received a B.S. in Technical Arts, which included some business and accounting courses. I worked for eleven years for the California State Compensation Insurance Fund. The first six years were as an auditor under governor Ronald Regan. I never met him, but he had excellent people train me. In 1989, I worked under the Wyoming State Treasurer in the Worker's Compensation Division. Since that time I have concluded there are now serious risks to some of Wyoming's state funds. If elected, I would improve the security of Wyoming's investments.

What would you propose as the correct mix of State investment funds in Wyoming?

Leland Christensen (R): Wyoming's current funding gap is eating through our savings. Our current spending is outpacing revenues and is unsustainable over the long term. Wyoming families find ways to pay their bills and live within their means. State government must do the same. As Treasurer, I will work to grow Wyoming's investment returns in order to reduce pressure on the state budget. Guided by state law and other regulations, I believe the best investment mix is one that protects and grows the corpus of state savings accounts while maximizing the return on investments that can be contributed each year to Wyoming's general fund. . . .

Curt Meier (R): I have gotten my returns with the implementation of one word JUDGEMENT. Financial judgment and knowing how to communicate and the development of a professional investment team as was implemented at the retirement system will lead to a higher return without risking the farm. My experience will capitalize on our current Treasurer's efforts to work with the legislature. Getting the return on investment is essential for economic development and balancing the budget, and paying our K-12 educational bill.

Ron Redo (R): To get near the correct mix of State investment funds, I would ask successful investors for advice.

What is your philosophy about selling, transferring, or exchanging state-owned lands?

Leland Christensen (R): In the Wyoming Legislature, I voted for greater state management and oversight of public lands to improve access and multi-use. I believe public land should remain in public hands. I won't risk taking away opportunities for recreation that are core to Wyoming's quality of life and western spirit; especially for those families who enjoy public lands as a vehicle to improve their quality of life. I've lived much of my life working and recreating on public lands – teaching my kids how to hunt and fish and how to protect and respect these public spaces.

Curt Meier (R): I have structured my business and investments not to interfere with other priorities. It is now time for a full time challenge of working as your State Treasurer. The State Treasurer has the ability to effect dramatic positive changes to both the economy and balancing the State's budget. The legislature has provided some of the tools as legislative designated investments, the office will be ran to maximize the positive effects of our legislative initiatives.

Ron Redo (R): Trades and sales of state lands to private parties would be considered if not harmful to the state of Wyoming. I would oppose any trade or sale that would benefit the federal government.