

# **Committee for Ballot Access and Retention**

**Report to LPGa ExCom: 14 Oct 2019**

**Once again, there has been no meaningful discussion among the Committee. And once again this report is going to be my own opinions, that of the Chair.**

**I sincerely hope that what I am presenting this month bores you, that it puts you into a deep slumber because you've heard it all before. If all goes well the entire Excom will fall asleep as they read this, a mass of snoring snoozers. My point is that the risk I will discuss below should be well known, and widely known throughout the LPGa.**

## **I. The 2020 Statewide Races, Part Two**

**Last month I discussed the statewide races from the vantage of the technical requirements the LPGa must meet every election cycle to retain our status of placing candidates in the statewide races without petitioning.**

**This month I want to focus on another side of ballot access, the risk of losing our hard won place on the ballot because we gave it away, we allowed it to be taken from us.**

**The high level races, and I am specifically referring to the US Senate and the Governor races, always hold the potential to attract people who's motive is not to further the ideals of Free Humanity but simply to take advantage of our statewide ballot access. This person recognizes that if they are able to obtain the nomination at our convention then they are on the ballot, and this is technically a much simpler process than dealing with the major party primaries.**

**There are any number of reasons that someone would choose this strategy to get their name on the ballot ranging from the nefarious to plain ole vanilla delusion. In truth, the reasons do not matter, what matters are the actions, the awareness, that we bring to the table to assure that we get what we want from the opportunities our hard won ballot access makes available to us.**

***We must be good stewards of the treasures we possess or we will lose them.***

**Make it personal.**

***The candidate we really want for these high level races must come from those who have a known history working for the betterment of the LPGa.***

**Know that the solutions to our problems do not lie “out there”, “somewhere else”, or within some Rich, Famous and Perfect (RFP) candidate thats “over there”. This kind of thinking enables that part of you that wants to believe that you are frail, pitiable, and helpless. And THAT is demonstrable nonsense.**

**The truth is that all the real and permanent solutions will come from within you and subsequently from those of us who toil and labor for the ideals of Free Humanity.**

**Be thoughtfully wary of anyone who suddenly shows up at LPGa events, has no history with, or knowledge of, our struggles AND seeks the LPGa candidacy of one of the high level races.**

***Reputation is earned through work within the LPGa.***

***All of us should be actively encouraging, and supporting, those who have earned this reputation to stand for these offices.***

**The LP will survive the fallout of a fat guy’s silly strip tease at the National convention, we will not survive the consequences of allowing confused and insincere candidates to become our public face.**

***I hope you’ve enjoyed a nice nap ... be well.***

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**Your input and insight is welcome. The Committee can be contacted any time through the Chair (preferred) or via any of the members.**

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