

# Senate Candidates for 2012

(in alphabetical order)



**Bryan Buck**

My Friends,

I have decided to run for NCOWS Senator. As way of introduction to those that do not know me, allow me to give a brief biography.

My mold was cast when the last of the Oklahoma gunfighters, Frank "Pistol Pete" Eaton allowed me to shoot his old Colt's 44-40 sixgun when I was 4 years old. I was hooked. I've been a firearm collector for over four decades. I've been involved in different competitive shooting sports since I was a teen, as well as an "eat what you shot" hunter. The last eight years have been exclusively involved in Western Action Shooting as a competitor, though I like shooting just about any kind of firearm. I'm a life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Texas State Rifle Association. Another legacy from Pistol Pete is a lingering passion of the history of "the way it was".

Exhausting historical books on the wild days of Oklahoma, I expanded my interest into the history of the old west. I own a specialty firearms store, catering to cowboy shooters and the firearms they use. I first heard about NCOWS from a customer of mine that was a national officer of NCOWS. This love of the old west and my enjoyment of Western Action Shooting made NCOWS a very natural place for me. I joined NCOWS in 2007 and helped form the Texas Peacemakers posse in Texas where I served variously as Marshal, Judge and Secretary. I have been the Territorial Representative for the Peacemakers since it was formed and have been to Congress – both as a representative and a vendor. I have

competed in the National match, as well as competitor and vendor at the Southwest Regional match, though the active NCOWS members may have seen me in multiple personae as I am also a re-enactor with many old west personalities.

Why NCOWS above other Western Action Shooting groups? NCOWS embraces things historical. I enjoy shooting in an environment where it is important to be historically accurate and still have to use the sights that are on the guns. It is that simple. I am also happy with our democratic governance, which provides checks and balances to assure we maintain a strong level of authenticity while providing a fair and enjoyable level of competition. With the historically rich people we have in this group, I can only see our organization growing and attracting more like-minded individuals to join our ranks.

Where I stand on some issues:

**Growth:** I want to see NCOWS grow with a membership that embraces our principles. I will not bend our rules in order to attract more members or become more appealing to the masses. Recruiting more members needs to be done with care. We need to work to get the NCOWS principles known to the masses of other Western Action Shooters and let the positive influence of what we are about do the recruiting. A large percentage of current Western Action Shooters are potential NCOWS members that just don't know it yet. We need to groom those potential shooters and show them what NCOWS is really about.

**Shooting classes:** I support changes to the shooting classes. However, those changes need to be made only to improve or more accurately reflect the way it was or might have been in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. I do not necessarily approve of removing shooting classes – those that are long established. But I do favor adding additional classes to reflect the arms and shooting styles people from different walks of life may have experienced.

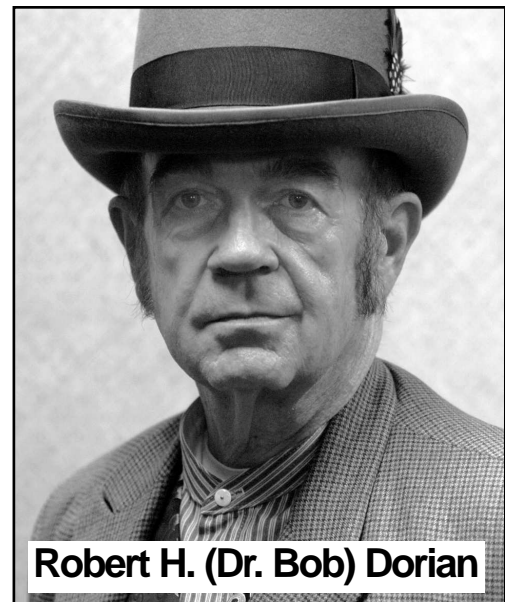
**Authenticity:** Maintaining a level of authenticity is what sets our organization apart from other Western Action Shooting organizations. We must continue this. We must also actively strive to hold onto that standard of authenticity at local events flying the NCOWS banner. We all must offer our newer members the guidance and mentoring they desire as they too strive toward better historical accuracy within the context of our regulations. Personally, I enjoy when a member at an NCOWS event does not break char-

acter into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, be it during a congressional meeting, a national, or local competition.

**Competition:** We are first and foremost a shooting organization. Our organized matches should be safe, fun, & historically based in dress, atmosphere, behavior and equipment. I do not want to see match attendees bending rules, or altering equipment to gain a personal edge. While it is possible that certain modifications may have been done on a limited basis in the old west – to give the gunfighter the edge that kept him alive – I believe that the vast majority of the 19<sup>th</sup> century population did not engage in that activity. I have not seen any documentation that this was done. To do such modifications, with the intention of gaining a couple of seconds' edge over the other shooters hurts the organization and the image we wish to show to the world. I think we all need to live within both the law and the spirit of that law.

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Better known as Oklahoma Tom within our brotherhood

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**Robert H. (Dr. Bob) Dorian**

NCOWS Judge  
Posse Rep. for the Kansas Vigilance Committee

I have been an active member of NCOWS since I joined in March of 2005. I have attended all of the National Shoots and 5 of the National Conventions. I am pleased with the direction that the organization has gone in recent years and would like to see NCOWS continue to grow and