



Brian Slaybaugh

District 7 | Incumbent
Candidate

Member/Owner since 1985

Education: Associates Degree from Walla Walla Community College

Employment: Farmer / Rancher

Affiliations: Inland Power & Light, elder of Pomeroy First Christian

Candidate statement:

I am currently the trustee of District Seven and it has been a honor to have served the members of Inland Power over the past several years. I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience over this time that I would use to help lead Inland into the future.

Why do you want to serve on the board of trustees?

I would like to continue serving our members in these exciting times at Inland. Inland is growing rapidly and I would like to help this co-op to continue to run strong. I will work hard to keep our rates low and our service safe and reliable. Inland has some of the lowest rates in the country and I would help to keep them there.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

Honesty, integrity, common sense, experience, knowledge and leadership. I have lobbied in Olympia for regulation change and to protect our dams. I have held several offices, with president being my most recent office. I make decisions based on what is best for both our members and Inland.

The utility faces many challenges. Where would you focus your attention?

Regulation is one of the biggest challenges that Inland faces today. I-937 and CETA are some of the regulations that are impacting members and causing rates to go up. Wildfires are another big challenge for Inland that we are facing, and we have been working hard to put a fire mitigation plan together. Saving our dams that produce clean carbon free power that we will need moving forward with electric vehicles.

What else would you like the membership to know about you as a candidate?

I have farmed / ranched for 38 years with my two brothers in Garfield County. I have been married to my wife for 37 years and have two grown sons and four grandkids that are our pride and joy. I have been part of hiring two great CEO's at Inland and have had the privilege of being part of a great co-op the last 12 years. I would be honored to serve again for the next three years.