

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

**DISTRICT 5:
IPL MEMBER:
EDUCATION:**

Candidate - Incumbent
Since 1976
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education,
Washington State University

**EMPLOYMENT:
AFFILIATIONS:**

Retired
Washington Association of Wheat Growers

MISC INFORMATION:

Married to wife, Laurie for 46 years

*Randy
Suess*



Candidate Statement:

I am currently serving as the District 5 trustee on the Inland Power Board of Trustees. I have been on the board since 2018, when I was selected to fill a vacancy.

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

Serving on numerous boards has been a big part of my life for the last 40 years. I think this has given me the ability to represent others and be accountable to member's needs. I believe in making informed decisions and spending the necessary amount of time to understand policy, financials and political issues to achieve the goals of Inland Power.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

My strengths go back to the many boards I have served on at the local, state and national levels. I feel comfortable traveling to Olympia and Washington D.C. to lobby and educate legislators on issues that affect Inland Power members. I have previously served on a cooperative board, so I am familiar with cooperative principles and values, and the benefits of being a member.

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

I believe in keeping rates as low as possible, while still growing our system and making the needed improvements to prevent wildfires. Expenses keep growing, along with the power we get from BPA. Finding the right balance with rate increases, a growing membership, an increased usage of electricity and government regulations is a top priority of mine. I also believe in keeping our Snake River Dams in place that provide us with clean, renewable and affordable electricity.

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

I come to meetings prepared for discussion on the issues we face. I always have questions to ask to ensure I can make an informed decision that will be to the benefit of Inland Power members.