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2022
ANNUAL MEETING



Kristina Bahr

District 4 | **Incumbent**
Candidate

Member/Owner since 1994

Education: Washington State University, BA, Business/Finance

Employment: Technical Training Consultant, State of Washington

Affiliations: NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), WRECA (Washington state trade association, past President)

Misc. Information Board of Directors - National Cooperative Services Corp., Current Board Treasurer and past President of Inland Power & Light

Candidate statement:

I am proud to be an IPL member and truly honored to have served the Inland membership as an elected trustee/board member. Some highlights during my years of board service have been:

1. Supporting the new IPL headquarters building at Four Lakes, (we relocated our administrative offices from downtown Spokane) which combined our administrative employees and facility with our line crew employees and warehouse facility.
2. Investing in an AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) program which has enabled us to better track outages and restore power quickly and efficiently, as well as improve billing accuracy and troubleshoot and diagnose issues over nearly 8,000 miles of line.
3. Establishing long-term financial stability through investment in a Bonneville Power Administration prepayment of services program benefiting our members for 15 years.

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

While our future looks bright, we do have some challenges ahead. Like you, I am a member of Inland Power & Light and rely on IPL for exceptional service and dependable electric power at competitive rates. I'm a true believer in the cooperative model that is guided by the cooperative principles and our member participation. As a non-profit electrical distribution cooperative, keeping rates low, expenses lean and reliability high, remain my focus in serving our members. I want to help prepare our cooperative to continue to be successful in the coming years. We need to be strategic in our ability to procure our power supply, and be able to assist our members with their future needs, such as increased demand for powering electric vehicles.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

Strengths I bring to our board are: legislative experience at both the state and national levels to promote and protect public power and low-cost hydropower for the Pacific Northwest. Also, financial acumen & experience, strategic board planning, setting policy and networking with external organizations that may have influence over aspects of Inland's operations. I am a committed board member focused on customer service, consensus building, corporate governance and performance management in the pursuit of excellence.

Of the challenges Inland may face, what would you focus your attention on?

Our greatest challenge going forward will be to protect and maintain our amazing hydropower, which is a carbon free and renewable resource for our consumer owners and our irrigators in the farming communities. Specifically, we'll be facing increased costs due to Initiative 937, so we continue to attempt to amend this initiative, which has resulted in increases to our costs of doing business. Our cooperative is financially strong, which has enabled us to take advantage of long-term strategies that will benefit our members for the future. My goals continue to be focused on keeping our power costs low and our service and reliability high for our long term future.

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

It has been my honor serving you on the IPL Board of Trustees. I have personally observed that IPL is a truly remarkable organization with amazing employees and members. We provide an important service to our membership, providing unparalleled customer service whether you are speaking to our linemen, tree trimmers or member service associates, IPL exists to serve our members. I am committed to ensuring that IPL remains an industry and community leader. I'm a life long resident of the Pacific Northwest, my husband Dave and I reside in the Spokane Valley. In my spare time, I enjoy boating, travel, WSU football & Gonzaga basketball.



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