



Jana Schultheis

District 7 Candidate

Member/Owner since 2003

Education: B.A. Interior Design
from Washington State University

Employment: Commercial Design/
Construction/Operations Manager with
Schweitzer Engineering

Affiliations: None

Candidate statement:

I am a commercial/design/construction/operations manager for 21 years with Schweitzer Engineering. I am keenly aware of the rapidly changing legislative initiatives to electrify the U.S. and, in particular, Washington state. I am an active proponent of responsible legislation and efficient and reliable building operations. Our family farm has been an Inland member for 50 years and we have enjoyed the delivery of reliable, clean and affordable power to our rural residence and shops and I would like to support Inland Power and Light for our next generation.

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

I believe this is an important time to engage in preservation of affordable and reliable power while embracing new technology when proven. Rural power cooperatives deliver critical infrastructure to our communities and I believe in supporting this mission.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

I understand the basics of generation, transmission, distribution of electrical power from 13.2kv distribution to the 20amp wall outlet. I understand residential, commercial and environmental building codes. I am interested and engaged in learning how the US Energy and Commerce Committee envisions the electrification of vehicles and the impact this may bring. I manage large teams of people and budgets and value the collaboration that brings strategic plans for fruition. I value community and I am committed to assist it whenever possible.

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

I observe rapidly growing trends of energy delivery reformation and legislation to eliminate natural gas reliance at the expense of the utility and rate payers. I believe this industry should focus on keeping all viable forms of energy generation in the portfolio to ensure grid resiliency. Washington state is uniquely positioned to deliver an abundance of clean and affordable energy which needs to be preserved. As Washington state's largest utility co-op, Inland Power's insight and education would be valuable to share at the technical advisory group committee level up through the legislature.

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

I have served on many different non-profit committees offering service and education. I currently sit on the Colton School District board and donate to many different charities including Habitat for Humanity, Stand up 2 Cancer. My husband is a fifth generation farmer and our two daughters have enjoyed 4H and FFA. We love living in the Inland Northwest and enjoy all outdoor activities and travel.