

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

DISTRICT 7: Candidate - Incumbent
IPL MEMBER: Since 1985
EDUCATION: WWCC
EMPLOYMENT: Farmer/Rancher
AFFILIATIONS: Pomeroy Christian Church
MISC INFORMATION:

Brian Slaybaugh



Candidate Statement:

I am currently the trustee of District 7 and I am honored to have served the members of Inland Power and Light for the past several years. I am very proud to be an IPL member for 41 years and I would love to continue to serve the members for the next three years.

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

Inland has almost doubled in size the last 15 years and I would like to help Inland continue to develop its short and long-range work plan for the co-op. To help find other sources of power for our Tier II power and continue to modernize Inland's system so that we can have reliable power with affordable rates.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

I have the experience, knowledge and leadership from serving on this board. I also bring honesty, integrity and common sense to the board room. I have lobbied for changes on regulations in Olympia. I have fought to save our dams. I understand the challenges that face Inland Power, and the industry, as it continues to change rapidly.

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

Fires are a major concern for our co-op. Over the past several years Inland has put together a fire mitigation plan and has aggressively been clearing its right of ways and changing out reclosers to help with wildfire prevention.

Other challenges that Inland faces include significant growth. Inland is working hard to stay ahead by building new substations and rebuilding older substation locations. Also, at the forefront of concern is protecting our region's hydropower system, which is renewable resource and carbon free. Regulations are another area of focus. Regulations like I-937 and CETA have made a negative impact on rates, which then directly affects our members.

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

I have been farming/ranching for the last 41 years. I now farm with my oldest son in Garfield County. I have been married to my wife for 40 years. We have two sons, two daughters-in-law and seven grandkids, which are our pride and joy. I have worked hard the last 15 years to do what is right for the members and the co-op. I would be honored to serve the members of Inland for another three years.