

RANDY J. CORNELIUS



Randy has a passion for electric utilities and cooperatives that began when he was a teenager working in a warehouse for an electrical contractor. At age 22, he became a journeyman lineman working for various utilities and contractors until 1983. He then attended Oregon State University earning a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Shortly after graduation, he moved to Sitka, Alaska where he accepted the position of Engineer & Supervisor of Generation. In this position, he oversaw the operations and capital improvements of two hydro-electric dams. Soon he was promoted to Electric Utility Director. Then in 2002, Randy and his wife moved to Orcas Island to become the General Manager of OPALCO until his retirement in January 2015.

He has served on many boards; Alaska Rural Electric Association, Washington Rural Electric Association, Northwest Public Power Association and on the executive committee as vice president for Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU). While working in Alaska, he spoke before both the State and U.S. congressional delegations regarding rural electric issues.

Randy supports Island Network (Rock Island Communications) as a for-profit entity delivering Internet throughout San Juan County, but feels strongly it must support itself financially. He is committed to working with staff to have Rock Island Communications running in the black and being fiscally strong enough to pay for its own maintenance and capital improvements projects.

As a director, he will work with his fellow board members to direct staff in long-range planning regarding electric utility infrastructure, maintenance and capital improvement projects that continue to keep OPALCO's service reliable and affordable. Finally, he supports the OPALCO Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program and will be committed to supporting and improving the program with a goal of having as many homes and businesses as energy efficient as possible.



Cast your vote for OPALCO Board of Directors online
or by mailing in your absentee ballot. Deadline for receipt is
10 AM on Friday, May 1, 2015

or by attending the
78th Annual Meeting on the ferry
Saturday, May 2, 2015
9:45-11:15 AM