

DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATES

BRIAN SILVERSTEIN



Brian worked in the electric utility industry for three decades. He was elected to the OPALCO Board in 2016 and would like to continue serving our community. He and his wife Leslie became full time Lopez residents in 2013.

Brian has a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from The Cooper Union and a Masters in Electric Power from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He worked for 33 years at Bonneville Power Administration, retiring as Senior VP for Transmission with responsibility for planning, operations, engineering, construction, maintenance and rates. One of his key

achievements was connecting over 5,000,000 kilowatts of wind energy to the grid.

He is a NRECA Credentialed Director (National Rural Electric Coop Association).

Brian's key objectives for OPALCO are:

- Keep electricity affordable for our members by carefully managing the budget and using a small portion of our revenues to assist members who need help paying their bill.
- Maintain reliability by taking care of our facilities and supporting our crews and staff.
- Pursue all cost-effective conservation.
- Consider innovative rate designs to stabilize revenues when consumption declines.
- Develop cost-effective broadband to support education and community development. Complete construction on schedule and within budget. Carefully manage Rock Island borrowing to protect OPALCO members.
- Take advantage of our fiber optic backbone to enhance crew safety, keep the lights on and enable customers to reduce energy use at peak times.
- Be part of the solution in modernizing communications for first responders.
- Transparent decision making.

Brian enjoys hiking, kayaking and cycling. He is a volunteer on the Communications and Logistics Team for Lopez Island Fire & Rescue, volunteers at Lopez Solid Waste and helps move hay for Leslie's horses.