

## **Brian Silverstein**

Brian has been involved in the electric utility industry for four decades. He was elected to the OPALCO Board in 2016 and would like to continue serving our community. Brian and his wife Leslie became full time Lopez residents in 2012.

Brian worked for the Bonneville Power Administration, a Federal utility that provides energy to Northwest consumer-owned utilities like OPALCO. He retired as Senior Vice President of Transmission with responsibility for 1600 employees. One BPA achievement during that time was connecting enough wind generation to serve over 500,000 homes.

Brian's key objectives for OPALCO:

- Maintain reliability by taking care of our facilities and supporting our employees.
- 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 bills.
- Protect our environment with a focus on reducing greenhouse gas production:
  - Pursue all cost-effective conservation.
  - Help Members switch from propane and gasoline to clean electric energy.
  - These actions reduce Member energy costs.
- Continue deploying cost-effective broadband to support education and community development. Manage Rock Island borrowing to protect OPALCO members.
- Use our fiber broadband to enhance crew safety, keep the lights on and enable customers to reduce peak energy use.
- Prepare for future challenges including a new agreement with Bonneville Power in 2028 and acquiring clean energy sources to serve growing electricity use. Tidal energy is promising.
- Transparent decision making.

Brian has a Master's degree in Electric Power and is a NRECA (National Rural Electric Coop Association) Credentialed Director. He volunteers on the Lopez Fire & EMS Logistics Team and Lopez Solid Waste Recycling.