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Membership was held in the South Broadway Baptist Church, where he was a member of the choir and narrator, Society of Mining Engineers of AIME, The Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute, National Association of Manufacturers, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and the Crestwood Country Club. Fraternal membership included Sigma Tau Gamma, social; Kappa Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics; Pi Omega Pi, honorary commerce and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education. Mr. Brumbaugh served on the board of directors of the PSU Alumni Association from 1960-62, the board of trustees of PSU from 1976-79 and the board of directors of the Pittsburg United Way.

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