IEEE R3 Area 4 Report - January 2021

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Eric Ackerman will hold my proxy for the January R3 Excom meeting.

SECTIONS in Area 4

Broward Canaveral Daytona Florida West Coast
Gainesville Jacksonville Melbourne Miami
Northwest Florida Orlando Palm Beach Tallahassee

The Florida Council consensus is not to support the current motions before R3 Excom modifying the Areas. It was respectfully requested that a minor modification to these motions to leave <u>all</u> of the current Sections members of the Florida Council intact and in the <u>same</u> area- as we believe it is in the best interest of the Current Area 4 Sections and members. However, it has been made very clear this request is unacceptable. It has been stated that these recommendations have been discussed "for many years" unfortunately those discussions must have been with a select few and well-guarded- outside of a an inconclusive report, nothing has been openly discussed or communicated until the Ad Hoc report in November.

Again the consensus of the Sections in the current Area 4 cannot support the current motions before R3 Excom.

The next Florida Council meeting is scheduled for February 6th in Orlando. This will be a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting.

As Area 4 Representative I must vote <u>no</u>, for the reasons stated, on the motions as presented in the email dated 16 Jan 2021- Notice of Bylaw Changing Motions for 25 Jan 2021 Excom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Claude Pitts Area 4 Representative

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