

IEEE REGION 3

SECTION SPOTLIGHT



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Florida West Coast Section

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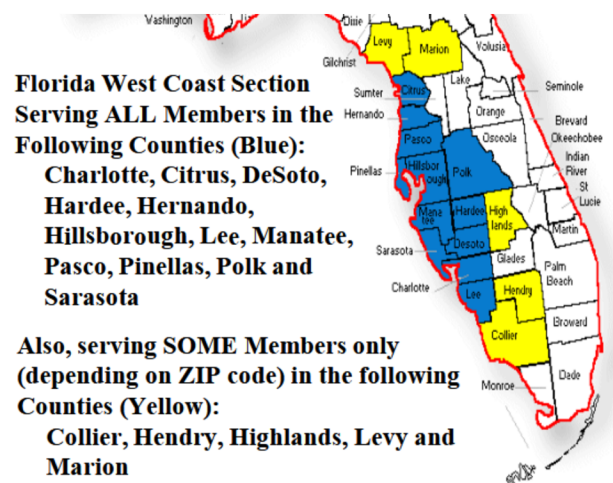
Treasurer: Robert DeMelo

Section Highlights

- 72 Years Old History
- 6 Professional Chapters
- 6 Student Chapters
- 7 Affinity Groups
- 1883 Members
- 17 Counties

Section Theme

- Support IEEE Standard Theme
 - Advancing Technology for Humanity



Section Website
<https://r3.ieee.org/fwc/>

Section's History

- Formed on February 1st 1952 as the Tampa Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE)
- There were 122 members when the section was founded
- The first Chair was Benjamin Nicholson Darlington. He was a Transmission Engineer for Peninsular Telephone, later became GTE and now Verizon.
- The first Secretary was John Ellis. He was the manager of the Tampa Office for General Electric Company.

Sections Major Events

- Year End Gala and Banquet Awards
- Celebration of Florida West Coast Section

Section's Bragging Rights

- Extensive Senior Member Elevation Program
- Section Outreach - STEM Community
 - STEM Champion - Sean Patrick Denny
 - IEEE Pre-University STEM Community
- In the past two years 139 meetings with 7,653 attendees

Chapters and Affinity Groups

Professional Chapters

- Computer Society
- Engineering in Medicine and Biology
- Robotics and Automation
- Aerospace and Electronic Systems / Instrumentation and Measurement
- Power and Energy / Industry Applications
- Signal Processing / Communications

Student Chapters

- University Of South Florida
 - Computer
 - Power and Energy
 - Robotics and Automation
- Florida Polytechnic University
 - Computer
 - Power and Energy
 - Robotics and Automation

Affinity Groups

- Blockchain
- Consultants Network
- Life Members
- STEM
- WIE
- Conference Coordinator
- Professional Activities Committee

Interesting Facts about the Section

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