

**Florida Renewable Energy Association
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A Message from the President

What is the Florida Renewable Energy Association (or, as abbreviated, FREA)?

FREA is a non-profit advocacy organization created to promote renewable energy as the source of power for our lives and activities. There is a logical basis for the use of renewable energy as opposed to other sources. Future messages will elaborate further. For now, I can assert that renewable energy sources are in aggregate the cleanest, safest, and lowest impact forms of energy available.

In addition, FREA is the Florida Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society. As such, FREA reflects and supports ASES positions. So in future messages, I intend to encapsulate at least the key positions, if not all of them.

FREA will focus on Florida, although FREA maintains that FREA's positions generally apply to the rest of the world, too. It's just that Florida has its own unique characteristics, and FREA will function most effectively by setting its sites only on Florida's needs. After all, there's plenty enough to do to keep FREA more than occupied right here in the Sunshine State.

In my opinion, FREA is not the "Florida Renewable Energy [and maybe a smattering of nuclear here and a bit of coal there] Association". I plan to submit for approval at the upcoming Board meeting a statement that solidifies our position in that regard. This is especially important because I have good reasons to believe that there are ways that Florida, intelligently and even-handedly, can phase in renewable energy such that all of our power needs can be supplied by renewables and renewables alone.

As President of FREA, I also intend to present to the Board other position documents for approval that pertain to Florida. These positions will be the ones that FREA will present to the industry and the government, spelling out what we want to see happen in the future with regard to energy. Note that these positions will be Board approved before they are published. I will be asking for your help and overt support in order to bring these approved positions to the forefront before the eyes of the decision-makers. Future messages will describe how, together, we can do this.

Thank you for reading this message. Please "stay tuned" for future messages as there is the potential for many as we renew FREA's commitment to its mission and core values.

Sincerely,

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