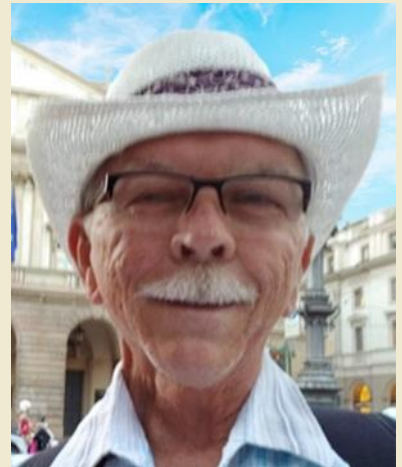


**My name is Daniel “Dan” Fisher,
AI4GK.
I am running for Section Manager.**

I believe that it is time for a change and a new direction in the Southern Florida Section. My main concern is the seeming invisibility of the current Section Manager. I believe that a Section Manager must be visible and accessible to the amateur radio operators in the section.

The section website has not been updated, as far as I can tell, since 2018. That’s 8 years! The website must be a dynamic, up-to-date site, with current and future events. It’s fine to keep a history of the section, what we’ve done and where we’ve been, but we must show where we are and where we’re going.



Clubs must have a way to get the word out concerning what they are doing and about to do. As it stands now, there really isn’t a way for a club to publicize its activities. Perhaps an email reflector, where clubs, ARES groups, and individuals can exchange ideas. I will look into creating a section news blast to everyone who signs up for it.

The Section Manager must be accessible, as I stated above. As your Section Manager, I will attend as many club meetings as possible during each calendar year. You will see me, or a member of my staff, at Field Day, Winter Field Day, hamfests, and POTA events. Field service volunteers will engage with one another more frequently and engage with YOU.

I believe that recruitment is crucial: both to clubs and to our service in general. I hate to call it our hobby, although there certainly are elements of a hobby. But amateur radio is more than just a hobby. It is, as the FCC rules specify, a radio service. And I believe that amateur radio must provide a community service. Therefore, I will place an emphasis on expanding our ranks, both as numbers of licensees, and club members. In order to expand the number of club members, we must reach out to, and mentor new hams.

I plan to work with the Section Emergency Coordinator and Emergency Coordinators to contact county EOC’s in the Section to see how we can better work with and assist them in their mission.

ARRL does do a lot for ham radio, most of it behind the scenes. Headquarters has downsized so much that it’s struggling to connect with and assist members and that’s why I’m running for section manager: to bring the ARRL more local and to unite members and non-members in working to promote all their many aspects of ham radio to each other and to the general public, and to recruit more amateur operators. Amateur radio is a smorgasbord of possibilities to explore. Operators are out there and they need a nudge to become active!

When your ballot arrives, please consider voting for Daniel “Dan” Fisher for Section Manager. Thank you. Please visit at ai4gk.us, or email me at dan@ai4gk.us. Thank you so very much!