

# **FACERS Board Meeting Orlando, FL September 26, 2008**

## **Board Members Present**

Brian Barnes – President \*  
Danielle Slaterpryce– Vice President \*  
Hector Bertran – Treasurer \*  
Fred Schneider - Secretary \*  
Travis Davidson - Director \*  
Alan Holbach - Director \*  
Gene Calvert – Director \*  
Carolyn Steves, RS&H Sustaining Member \*  
John Newton – Director \*  
Todd Buckles – Past President (by Ncxtel)

## **Not Present**

Jim Davis - Director\*

## **Also Present:**

Ramon Gavarrete, Member, State NACE Director  
John Goodknight, Marion County  
Amy Bent, RS&H  
Janet Degner, T2, Univ. of Florida

\* Current Board Members

With a quorum present, Brian Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

## **Secretary's Report**

Minutes for the June 27th, 2008 Board Meeting in Doral were provided. The minutes were approved with a motion from Alan Holbach and seconded by Danielle Slaterpryce. Final minutes will be emailed Carolyn Steves to disseminate to all members.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Hector Bertran discussed the current status of the treasury. There have been no changes (no payments made) since the last meeting. Hector is still working on an investment account transfer. He is going to check first into an interest bearing E Trade account. He is also going to move funds out of the money market into an insured investment account. These options were brought up for discussion and a

motion to approve. Ramon Gavarette made a motion to approve, seconded by Alan Holbach. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership:** Hector Bertran

Hector discussed current membership. There are currently 32 counties, 62 active members and 15 sustaining members. Danielle Slaterpryce suggested that we should continue to work toward bringing cities into FACERS.

### **Scholarships:** Bob Gordon

No update at this time.

### **Green Book:** Fred Schneider

Janet Degner stated that they are working on a trial run for the Greenbook. She is setting up a peer review-pilot class. It is suggested that FACERS should be involved, specifically those on the Greenbook Committee. The next Green Book meeting is in March 2009. Street Lighting will be revised in the next edition to allow for spot lighting of rural intersections.

### **By Laws:** Todd Buckles

Todd Buckles was contacted by Nextel. He stated that he did not have an update on the By Laws.

**NACE:** Ramon Gavarrete: Ramon mentioned a 3M partnership grant available through NACE. Highlands County received \$10,000 in materials with a \$10,000 match from county funds. Go to [countyengineer.org](http://countyengineer.org). NACE membership is required to get the grant.

### **Annual Conference:** Danielle Slaterpryce

Fred Schneider has provided a speaker. Danielle needs the information for the other speakers. Danielle will invite APWA members to the next meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> in Daytona Beach. Carolyn will use the newsletter to advertise the meeting. The Engineers Management Group (management for the Florida Board of Professional Engineers) will be at the meeting and will provide on site registration support for licensure renewals. This years licensure renewal will be only \$5.

### **T2 Center:** Janet Degner

Janet is still working out the issues for LAP training. She is working with personnel in the Roadway Design Project Management office in Tallahassee FDOT.

**Newsletter:** Carolyn Steves

The newsletter was mailed out to many counties including those not currently members of FACERS. As discussed previously, the newsletter will be emailed. Carolyn continues to offer her assistance to the Board.

## **New Business:**

1. **Legislative Issues** – Gene Calvert provided information on the proposal to allow cities and counties access to crash data immediately instead of waiting 60 days. The State Attorney General opinion (AGO 2006-11) rules that only insurance agencies, parties involved in the crash, prosecutors, radio and television stations and newspapers have access, But, County and Cities do not. A follow up letter dated September 5<sup>th</sup> from Robin Lotane of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to Captain Mark Welch of the Florida Highway Patrol concurred. The Board agreed that FACERS will support a revision to the statute which will allow city and county public works staff and others access to the information. FACERS will make a recommendation to FAC and legislative committee to support the changes. A written motion was provided by Gene Calvert for discussion. The motion was made by Gene Calvert, seconded by Danille Slaterpryce, and approved by the Board to move forward legislatively to amend the statute to allow County and City staff access to the crash information immediately.
2. **FACERS/FES** – FES is working on reaching out to other organizations. FES is also going to focus on County and City attorneys and Purchasing Directors for discussion on CCNA.
3. **CEU's** - Brian Barnes will check on the CEU's which should have been issued to attendees of the June meeting in Doral, FL.
4. **November Meeting 2009**- FACERS will meet for one day on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn Steves will look into whether FAC will allow FACERS members to purchase a name tag only for \$35. County budgets for travel, meetings, and membership are being cut all around the state. }
5. **Amy Bent** - recognized for being recognized by APWA as an emerging leader.
6. **John Goodknight** – requested that we quantify the relationship of how our agencies benefit from staff relationship and membership in FACERS and NACE. }

Have no other business; the meeting was adjourned 12:00 PM

DRAFT Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Fred Schneider, Secretary