

FACERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL
Friday, February 17, 2012

Board Members Present

Fred Schneider – President *
Jonathan Page – Vice President *
Ryan Douglass – Secretary *
Todd Buckles – Director *
Gene Calvert - Director*
Doug Gable - Director*
Judy Grim – Director*
Carolyn Steves – Director*
Scott Cottrell – State NACE Director*
Ramon Gavarrete – NACE Officer*
Hector Bertran – Past President

Also Present

See attached attendance roster

* Current Board Members

With a quorum present, Fred Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:48 EST. Fred welcomed everyone and noted that John Newton was going to be unable to attend.

Secretary's Report: Ryan Douglass presented the minutes from the FACERS General Membership meeting held November 18, 2011 in Sandestin Resort, Walton County. Gene Calvert asked that his name be removed from the attendee list. Todd Buckles made a motion to approve, 2nd by Hector Bertran. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Schneider on behalf of John Newton

- Fred presented the treasurer's report provided by John Newton. Ramon made a motion to approve that was 2nd by Todd Buckles. The motion carried.
- John Goodknight asked about the 2012 budget that was promised from the last meeting. Ramon reiterated that fact that the budget is important and must be addressed. He went on to note that FACERS needs to start looking to the future. Fred stated that he would get with John to discuss.
- Ramon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, Todd 2nd motion. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: John Newton (see combined Treasurer's report above/attached)

- John Goodknight mentioned some of the contacts that he had made regarding membership over the last few months.

Scholarships: Hector Bertran on behalf of Bob Gordon

- Hector discussed possibly delaying the scholarships to allow them to build value. Jonathan elaborated and noted that we had already discussed and approved this concept. A discussion ensued about this concept.
- Currently the scholarship liaisons are as follows: USF – Bob Gordon, FIU - Ramon Gavarrete, UCF – Hector Bertran, UF – Janet Degner.
- John Goodknight discussed some past communication he had regarding scholarships and Janet Degner’s future role. Janet has retired at this time.
- Amy Blaida volunteered to work with John Goodknight on scholarships in the future. All liaisons will report to Amy Blaida.
- A motion was made by Gene Calvert to make Amy Blaida the central point of contact for scholarship communication, 2nd by Hector. The motion was amended and the amendment 2nd to make Hector Bertran the point of contact. The amended motion carried.

NACE: Scott Cottrell

- Scott presented the attached NACE update.
- Scott then discussed who plans to attend the NACE 2012 conference. A discussion ensued about the NACE attendance and its importance.
- A motion was made by Todd Buckles to fund 75% for the Board of Directors and officers of eligible funds not covered by their county, 2nd by Jonathan. The motion was approved.
- Ramon brought up for discussion the idea of sending out letters to our corporate members for monetary support. He asked everyone to provide contact names of firms to John Goodknight. He mentioned the potential to give certificates or something similar for recognition. Carolyn Steves will draft a letter regarding this for review by the Board.

Annual Conference: Jonathan Page

- Jonathan provided a rough draft of the agenda for comment.
- Ramon mentioned that we need to coordinate better with FAC. He used the Transportation Steering Committee as an example.
- Jonathan will make minor corrections and forward to the Board for review.

T Square Updates: Jaime Carreon

- Jaime noted that Janet Degner retired December 31st. Nina is the new T2 director.
- He noted that T Square is being moved under the UF Transportation Research Center.
- Jaime handed out the upcoming schedule of workshops and noted that they are transitioning to electronic notifications.

Awards: Jaime Carreon

- Jaime encouraged everyone to submit nominations for awards.

GreenBook: Fred Schneider

- Fred mentioned that their next meeting is March 29 and 30. He noted that he is on the Green Book Drainage Subcommittee. Hector will be attending the March 30th meeting as a FACERS representative for the members attending the NACE Kentucky conference.

Facility Tour break at 11:12.

Called to Order at 12:25

Newsletter: Carolyn Steves

- Carolyn requested Ryan send a copy of the minutes to her. Fred will provide a message to Carolyn for the newsletter.

Legislative Issues: John Goodknight

- John noted that we have responded to several legislative inquiries from Eric Poole. John noted how short the timelines on these responses are and how important that all responses be received before the deadlines. John provided some information on a few bills that he has been tracking.
- Fred reiterated that a large part of FACERS was dealing with these legislative issues to include unfunded mandates, etc... He noted that our mission mentions this.

Continuing Education: Bill Steves

- Bill stated that everything has posted from the November session. He encouraged everyone to go online to verify this.
- Bill mentioned the 4 hour ethics session and encouraged everyone to pursue that on their own. This will not be provided in June.

Website: John Goodknight

- John commended the job that Jaime Carreon and John Newton had done in preparing the membership records database.

Banner Discussion: Amy Blaida

- Amy presented the FACERS (sample) banners and invited questions/comments from the audience. A few comments were made which will be addressed before final printing.

FACERS Video Shoot:

Social Media Policy: Amy Blaida

- Amy asked for questions/comments regarding the recently presented Social Media Policy. Jonathan made a motion to approve the Policy. The motion was 2nd and carried.

FACERS/FES/APWA Issues:

- John Goodknight, Todd Buckles, and Ramon Gavarrete will be attending the Round-Table in Tampa with FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad. They asked for questions or comments from the group to be presented/asked at the Round-Table.

New Business:

1. FAC/FACERS Meeting at FAC office in Tallahassee: Fred Schneider

- Fred mentioned the meeting and John Goodknight noted the three main things he left the meeting with: 1. Encouraged us to get our legislative proposals/issues to them by August to be incorporated into FAC's priorities. 2. Participating in the new Commissioner orientation in January. 3. Paying our share of the costs at the FAC meetings.

2. FACERS Accomplishments by John Goodknight.

- John noted that he wanted to incorporate the FACERS Accomplishments into the website. John will be sending this list out to the group. A discussion of FACERS history ensued. John asked everyone to add anything that they do not see on the list he sends out.

3. Life Membership for Janet Degner: Fred Schneider

- A motion to approve a life membership for Janet Degner was made by Ramon and 2nd by Jonathan. The motion was approved. We will pay for her hotel and parking for attendance of the June FAC conference. Brian Barnes will pursue a gift for Janet. Fred will draft a formal letter to Janet inviting her to the June conference.

4. FDOT Request for FACERS rep. on Precast Bridge Construction Team

- Jonathan will be our rural representative. Gene Calvert will be our urban representative. The next meeting is on March 7th in Tallahassee.

Continuing Business:

1. Lap Community of Practice

- Fred discussed/mentioned his recent meeting. John Goodknight distributed a handout (see attached).

2. Every Day Counts Initiative, EDC

- There will be a presentation on this in June.

3. Local Agency Program CEI Functions

- This will be removed from the Continuing Business list.

Adjournment – 2:24 EST