

**FACERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' and  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL  
June 22, 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\*

\* Current Board Members

With a quorum present, Fred Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:50 AM. 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 Board of Directors' meeting held February 17, 2012 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, FL. Hector Bertran asked that an asterisk be added next to his name indicating that he is a Board member. Jonathan Page made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Holbach. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report / Membership:** John Newton

- John passed out the Treasurer's report and a current membership list.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried.
- John noted that membership is a moving target with 59 active members, etc... See attached.
- A discussion of membership initiatives ensued and a membership drive will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.
- As a point of closure, new members will be free for the rest of the year they join not simply 12 months.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Scholarships:** Hector Bertran and Bob Gordon

- See attached email from Hector.
- A discussion about how to handle scholarships ensued. Fred Schneider will be handling the UF scholarship liaison duties.
- Ramon Gavarette discussed the FIU endowment and noted that they should be able to award something this year.

**NACE:** Scott Cottrell

- Scott provided and discussed the attached handout.
- Ramon Gavarette discussed the financial situation for NACE and noted that the membership fees will be increasing from \$120 to \$150. Ramon mentioned the potential for the upcoming president to draft a FACERS update for the NACE newsletter.

**T Square Updates:** Nina Barker

- Nina noted that they are in the process of looking for a new director. They are looking for a PE to fill the seat and will be interviewing in the upcoming weeks.

**GreenBook:** Fred Schneider

- Fred mentioned that a draft of the 2011 Edition can be found on the Website. He mentioned some of the notable upcoming changes.
- George Webb noted the criteria in the specifications and the issues relating to standardizing this statewide. He requested that everyone review the potential changes.

**Newsletter:** Carolyn Steves

- Carolyn noted that Amy Blaida will be handling the newsletter with Carolyn's assistance in the future.

**Legislative Issues:** John Goodknight

- John reminded everyone about the page on the FACERS website for legislative issues.
- See attached summarization supplied by John.

**Officers and Directors Election for 2012-2013**

- Hector Bertran presented the nominating committee recommendations in ballot form (see attached).
- Jonathan Page made a motion to approve the ballot as presented. Scott Herring 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.
- No new nominations were made.
- Votes were tallied as the meeting progressed.

**Continuing Education:** Bill Steves

- Bill noted that he had not received any complaints, but encouraged anyone with questions to get in contact with him.
- Bill noted that every 2 years we are responsible for a \$350 fee to the State of Florida for certification (due March 2013).

**Website:** John Goodknight

- John noted that the updates to the members' page contact information are being placed behind a password to protect personal information. It will include email addresses, phone numbers, etc...

**Election Results:** Hector Bertram

- 2012 Election results were presented by Hector. They are as follows:
  - President – Jonathan Page, Nassau County
  - Vice President – Ryan Douglass, Walton County
  - Secretary – James K. Harriott, Jr., Sarasota County
  - Treasurer – Judy Grim, Volusia County
  - Active Member Directors:
    - Todd Buckles, Volusia County
    - Douglas Gable, Polk County
    - R. Alan Holbach, Charlotte County
    - Faith Alkhatib, Flagler County
    - Christopher Mora, Indian River County
  - Sustaining Member Director – Amy Blaida, RS&H
  - NACE State Director – Scott Cottrell, Sumter County
  - NACE Officer – Ramon Gavarette, Highlands County

**Swearing in of New Officers and Directors:** Commissioner Walter Boatright

- Commissioner Walter Boatright of Nassau County performed the swearing in of the officers and directors.

**FACERS Awards:** Fred Schneider

- 2012 Public Works Employee of the Year – Christopher Wood and Butch Skipper, Alachua County
- 2012 Small Agency/Rural Agency Engineer of the Year – Scott Cottrell, Sumter County
- 2012 Team Project of the Year – Marion County
- 2012 Team Project of the Year – Volusia County
- 2012 Local Agency/State Agency Collaboration Award – Michael Hall, City of Temple Terrace for the 56<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvements
- Presentations were also made to Janet Degner, T2 and Hector Bertran, Past President

**F.A.C.:** John Goodknight

- John discussed his concerns about FACERS relationship with FAC (see handout).

- According to John, FAC is ok with us inviting everyone and encouraging who can pay to pay, but not requiring everyone to pay.
- Scott Herring, George Webb, Fred Schneider, and John Goodknight are working on a presentation to new County Commissioners.

**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. NACE 2015 Daytona Convention at Ocean Center:** Todd Buckles

- Todd encouraged everyone to start planning now. He noted that Baton Rouge would be hosting the April 14-17, 2013 conference.
- Brian Barnes made a motion to make Todd head of a committee for the 2015 convention. Jonathan Page 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried.

**2. Annual Budget:** John Newton & Budget Committee

- John noted that FACERS has never had a budget. He also mentioned that revenues are not keeping up with expenses. He discussed the attached Multi Year Finance Plan and Budget spreadsheet.
- A motion was made by Ramon Gavarette and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Barnes to change the dues to \$75 for active members, \$100 for sustaining members, and to establish a committee that consists of the following members: Past Treasurer, Treasurer, President, Past President, and Sustaining Director. The motion was amended and 2<sup>nd</sup> to remove the committee and change the dollar values to \$75 and \$125 respectively. The motion carried. The president will appoint the committee as mentioned above.
- Brian Barnes made a motion for the general membership to approve the recommendation by the Board of Directors to change the dues as noted above. Alan Holbach 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.

**3. FACERS Proposed Constitutional Changes:** Hector Bertran

- Hector noted that there were 2 major changes to the constitution.
  - City Engineers are being allowed to become members. Removing the City Engineer's name and adding the municipal member's language but only allowing them to hold a single board of director's position.
  - Change to the treasurer's position to add 501(2) language along with a slight change to the mission statement.
- This was discussed with no determination. Information regarding this will be distributed to members for consideration at a future meeting.

**4. New Commissioner Orientation: John Goodknight**

- See earlier.

**5. APWA Roundtable, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Tampa Conference: John Goodknight**

- John mentioned that he had recently requested comment on a subject and received no response. Amy Blaida mentioned the Public Works Director round table meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> in Kissimmee. She asked that everyone be on the lookout for these round table discussions in the future.

**6. EDC PreCast Bridge Construction Advisory Panel: Jonathan Page**

- Jonathan met in Tallahassee with this group and asked for feedback from us to see what we want; i.e. spans, precise, etc...

**7. The Social Media / Technology Committee: Amy Blaida**

- Amy mentioned that we have already approved this. She wanted to know if we can get a committee created...she needs feedback. Jonathan will appoint a committee.

**8. City Membership and FACERS: Bob Gordon**

- Bob mentioned that FACERS is still available on sunbiz.org. He stated that he wants cities to be able to participate but not take over. He asked if we want to become affiliated with the Florida League of Cities. This was continued to the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Lap Community of Practice - Continued**
- 2. FACERS Facebook Account / Social Media Guidelines – See Above**
- 3. Local Agency Program CEI Functions – See Above**
- 4. FACERS/FES/APWA Issues – See Above**
- 5. Every Day Counts Innovation Initiative, Policy Committee – n/a**

**Adjournment – 12:31 EST**