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**FACERS General Meeting
November 30, 2012 at 9AM
Hyatt Resort, Sarasota Florida**

Board Members and Directors in Attendance

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| Jonathon Page, President | Chris Mora, Director |
| Ryan Douglas, Vice President | Amy Blaida, Sustaining Member Director |
| Judy Grimm, Treasurer | Ramon Gavarrete, NACE Officer |
| Jim Harriott, Secretary | John Goodknight, FACERS |
| Fred Schneider, Past President | Nina Barker, Tech. Transfer Center |
| | Todd Buckles, Director |
| | Faith Alkhatib, Director |

Call to Order 8:56 a.m.

Secretary’s Report

Approval of minutes. Changed and approved note as to check signing - checks are now being signed by Judy Grimm.

Motion (consensus) - Secretary’s report approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Judy Grimm) [5:09]

Report provided on screen.

2012 Year to Date financial information –

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| Revenue: | \$11,314.57 |
| Expenditures: | \$14,401.70 |
| Balance: | \$17,866.48 |
| Investments: | \$5,987.67 |
| Totals: | \$23,854.15 |

Motion (Todd Buckles, Ryan Douglas) - Treasurer’s report approved.

Membership (John Goodknight) [11:00]

Membership added to UF/T2 server so that it is accessible. Basis for mailing list and invoicing. Some new members coming are entering the organization. Also seeing dues

coming in from those who haven't contributed for several years. Invoicing process going well. Second invoicing will occur after the first of the year.

FACERS should consider possibility of have FAC taking over process of invoicing and collecting funds. If interested, we need to engage FAC. What's the cost? Do we lose targeting and attention to detail, will it be as successful? Success may depend on what is asked of FAC? Adds a question of how to handle NACE dues? With FAC taking over, we add the ability to take credit card payment? This may be a good first step to strengthening the FACERS and FAC relationship. Suggest we start discussing with Scott. How is this similar to the County Attorneys?

Motion (consensus) - John Goodknight and Scott Herring will set a conference call to include Jonathon Page, Ryan Douglas, Judy Grimm, and Amy Blaida; to be held prior to next Board meeting for discussion at next Board meeting.

Scholarship (Fred Schneider) [18:27]

Scholarship report and supporting documents provided.

Hector looking into history with UCF. Don't think UCF has ever awarded scholarship. UF has given out some scholarships. FIU has awarded a scholarship several years ago; Ramon Gavarrete will get name. FIU has reorganized endowment office.

From Ramon Gavarrete, all universities take out some of endowment funds for administrative purpose.

USF student, Mr. Kraft was awarded scholarship six to nine months ago.

NACE (Ramon Gavarrete provided report for Scott Cottrell) [22:40]

NACE is managing program content while leaving a few slots open for local programs. Should reduce local workload.

Next year's conference is in Iowa. Sponsorships split between local and national.

Florida NACE needs to be in Baton Rouge (April 13th through 17th, 2014) to support and promote 2015 conference in Florida. Also for Baton Rouge, need assistance for travel to promote Daytona, Florida NACE conference. Contacts for support should route through Amy Blaida. Two conferences for promotion: go to Iowa to learn, go to Baton Rouge to promote.

T-Squared Updates (Sean Samford and Nina Barker) [37:00]

Website

J. Goodknight continues to update FACERS website. One glitch: FACERS template is not upgraded to be consistent with WordPress software. Resulted in website problems, slider broke. Should update template for minimal expense of \$50. As of meeting site is usable and operating.

T-Squared

UF advertising for T-Squared director. Position offered in June, 2012, but person turned down position due to surprise offer for some type prestigious research. Position will be readvertised. Position will remain open until filled. Applicant list being reviewed. UF taking a more active approach. Looking for a professional person with a Phd. interested in doing more “soft side” research. Person must have a desire to serve.

T-Squared reorganized. Moved back under the Transportation Research Center. Goal is to transfer research from faculty to industry. Went through a SWOT analysis. Going through a rebranding process. Trying to get organized in operational groups to improve connectivity users. Looking forward to exciting next few years.

John Goodknight working with state and T-Squared to address gap with local agencies to address crashes and improve highway safety with Signal Four Analytics. Focus is on small counties, but not exclusively. FACERS can assist in getting the word out.

Awards (Jonathan Page) [48:30]

T-Squared will advertise for awards in February newsletter. Applications will be received in May 2013 in preparation for June 2013 award.

Past President Update (Fred Schneider) [49:24]

Greenbook Committee

Press FDOT to make change to on representative from Orange County. Current Orange County role limits involvement.

Group keeps FDOT in a check and balance. A lot of pressure from various industries to add requirements in Greenbook that will add unnecessary and unfunded costs to project.

There is a proposed stormwater/drainage chapter. Currently reviewed and FDOT accepting changes. Jennifer Green is the State drainage engineer.

Newsletter (Amy Blaida) [56:20]

Will include FACERS awards. Would like to add project spotlight section to both newsletter and facebook page. Coordinated with Facebook page. Currently have ten more likes on the Facebook page, up to 32 now.

NEW BUSINESS

New Commissioner Orientation [58:40]

George Webb has completed first draft. Orientation would be somewhere around January 8th through 10th. We would have 15 minutes. FAC is looking to see something from us. Orientation Meeting is in Gainesville. Key theme: understand pieces of what Public Works does - infrastructure report card, pavement condition, MUTCD, Greenbook.

FACERS Budget [1:05:00]

Discussion about adopting a budget and accountant assistance for treasure.

June 2013 Meeting [1:19:11]

June 2013 meeting is in Tampa, Marriott Waterside at the Tampa Convention Center.

Possible topic: Emergency Management workshop by duo that present on Thursday. Would take 4 hours of agenda. Go through 4 phase of Emergency Management, FEMA. Requires 25 people to be viable for speakers. Could be done on Tuesday afternoon or Friday afternoon of FACERS meeting. Prefer Tuesday afternoon.

Need topics for the Road Superintendent side of the membership. Can T-Squared do a summary of the training available for equipment operators. Chris Evers of APWA will continue to send information from the APWA conferences.

Look for email from Ryan Douglas requesting potential topics.

APWA (Chris Evers) [1:24:14]

Public Works survey being sent out soon. Looking for infrastructure information, organization and municipality size, personnel, funding. Will allow for comparison

between counties and municipalities. Some of this information is collected through the State for GADSB.

Membership Issues – Dues/Website/Invoicing (George Webb)

Dissemination of Questions to FACERS membership questions to Sean Samford of T-Squared at scsamfford@ufl.edu

Looking to target two groups for future meetings: host county area and County Engineer staff from counties that frequently attend FAC, but do not attend FACERS. Goal is targeting not necessarily broadcast messages.

Request messages to FDOT and FHWA saying “Thank you” for allowing their staff attendance at the meeting.

Mention of Gratitude (Ramon Gavarrete) [1:46:00]

Much appreciation to John Goodknight. Helping the organization with his hard work. It has propelled the organization.

Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**{Discussed and approved at
the Board Meeting on
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Orange County Public Works.}**