

FACERS: Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting held on August 16, 2013 (Draft)

UF East Campus – Bldg 1604, 1st floor conference room, 2100 NE Waldo Rd. Gainesville, FL

Call to Order 10:08 am (Agenda, Attachment A)

Secretary's Report (J Grim)

Draft minutes distributed. Minutes from June 28, 2013 meeting approved.

Motion to approve (J Goodknight). Second (S Herring). Approved.

Treasurer's Report (J Harriott)

No report.

Membership Report (J Goodknight)

Reported the membership has stayed about the same since the June meeting, no changes. Reported that he is working on locating and reaching out to Life Members.

Scholarships Report (A Blaida)

Discussion on appointing Chairperson for Scholarships Committee. Hector is not currently a member of FACERS. Amy volunteered to assume Scholarships Chair and to become UCF Liaison. Other current liaisons are as follows: Ramon: FIU; R Gordon: USF; Fred: UF

Motion and second to appoint A Blaida as Chairperson of Scholarships Committee. Approved.

NACE Report (S Cottrell)

Discussion of correspondence currently being distributed to Florida Counties giving reasons to join FACERS and NACE (Attachment B).

Legislative Conference (J Grim)

Discussion of technical sessions to be scheduled for upcoming conference. ADA Standards, Traffic Engineering, NPDES Implementation, Crash Database, Pavement Preservation, Converting Public Fleets to CNG, tour of new EOC (to be scheduled on a Wednesday). Social to be scheduled for Thursday night at Mai Tai bar for 3 hours. Start times for technical sessions to be changed to 9:00 am. Discussion of inserting the FACERS agenda into the FAC package distributed to conference attendees. Discussion of sending invitation letter to Public Works folks in Counties and Cities near to the conference. Discussion about whether the web broadcast is worth the expense (viewership is minimal).

T Squared Updates (N Barker)

Discussion about ongoing search for new Director. Discussion about new UF Institute. Tour of expanded facilities to be provided after meeting.

Awards (N Barker)

No report

Green Book (F Schneider)

No report

Newsletter (A Blaida)

Needs report from President by the week of Aug 19 – 23. City of Cape Coral is requesting to put an article in newsletter about a bridge replacement project. Will mention the upcoming NACE 2014 and FACERS 2015 conferences in newsletter.

Legislative Issues (J Goodknight)

No report

Continuing Education (A Blaida)

Payment has been made to State for FACERS to be continuing ed provider. Website shows FACERS as delinquent but Amy confirmed by phone that FACERS is current. Reminder to all members about self-reporting process. FACERS maintains records and distributes certificates but does not report to State. Discussion about auditing. Discussion about changing Chair of Continuing Ed to Hymie.

FACERS/NACE/APWA 2015 Show (C Evers)

All technical sessions will be joint. Sunday will be Board meetings for NACE and APWA. Monday will be joint opening session, morning tech sessions, NACE lunch, afternoon trade show (non-compete). Tuesday is PW Directors roundtable, exhibit hall is open 9 – 4, lunch with exhibitors, big off-site dinner with bonfire. Wednesday is tech sessions. Last day is golf tournament. Working on expense and revenue sharing, signing contracts with hotel, etc. Discussion about how NACE and FACERS split responsibilities for organizing conference.

New Business

1. Sponsorship: Discussion about increasing sponsorship price from \$250 to \$1,000. Discussion about establishing different levels of sponsorship. Discussion of establishing sponsorship of specific items at FACERS meetings, like coffee, web broadcast, etc. Discussion of placing advertisements in newsletters as part of sponsorship (mention of potential tax difficulties with this issue). Jonathon, Amy, Ryan to bring back recommendations about sponsorships to November 2013 meeting.

2. Pavement Preservation: Jonathon appointed Chair of new committee. Discussion on FDOT Specs for pavement treatments.
3. NACE 2014 Meeting Baton Rouge: Discussion about having a FACERS booth. Discussion about giveaways: oranges, hats, t-shirts, business cards. Discussion about FACERS paying for some of the costs of attendance for members (mention of FACERS paying for ½ of what the counties will pay for).

Old Business

1. FACERS Amendments: J Goodknight summarized proposed changes: (a) modify voting procedures; (b) municipal memberships – only one member on Board or two? Do we allow municipals as Officers or just on Board? Do we expand the Board by one? (c) Should Sustaining Members be allowed to serve as Officers? Consensus of the Board is to allow one municipal member on Board but not allow serving as Officer.
2. Life Members: J Goodknight discussed criteria for Life Membership.
3. Mission Statement Changes: brief discussion by J Goodknight.
4. FACERS Invoicing for Membership Dues: J Goodknight updated Board on current status of discussions with FAC to perform invoicing and dues collection (Attachment C). Consensus of Board to allow FAC to perform invoicing. J Goodknight to obtain details from FAC about implementation and timeline for doing so.
5. Locations of Future Board Meetings: consensus of Board to hold future Board meetings in Gainesville at UF facility.
6. Handout (Attachment D): C Evers – Florida Local Government Coalition (28 local governments participating) – Sept 6, 2013 is Local Works Day.

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.