

FACERS: Minutes of General Membership Meeting held on November 15, 2013

Hilton Daytona Beach, Volusia County, FL

Call to Order 9:03 am (Agenda and Sign-in Sheet, Attachment A)

Secretary's Report (D Gable)

Draft minutes distributed previously by e-mail. Minutes from August 16, 2013 meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report (J Harriott)

As of Aug 2013 the current bank balance is \$22,560.77. From Aug through Nov there have been \$9,175.00 in deposits and \$5,355.88 in debits for a Nov 2013 balance of \$26,379.89. Treasurer's Report approved.

Membership Report (J Goodknight)

Reported that last year we had around 56 public members and 41 sustaining members, and the numbers have not changed significantly in the current year. Stated that invoices were distributed in October with a follow up reminder to be sent out in January. Another reminder will be sent out prior to the summer meeting. Amy Blaida reported that 85 letters were mailed to cities and counties in the Volusia County area inviting them to join FACERS and to attend the Nov 2013 FACERS meeting.

Scholarships Report (A Blaida)

Reported that the USF scholarship was awarded on Oct 4 and Robert Gordon attended the luncheon. Reported that the UCF scholarship was awarded in April and the FIU scholarship was awarded in May. No report on UF scholarship.

NACE Report (S Cottrell)

Brian Roberts from NACO was in attendance and provided an update of legislative priorities for coming year. The legislative priorities included streamlining, safety, continued funding for off-system bridge program, set-asides for functionally obsolete bridges. Discussion of ADA improvements, specifically whether resurfacing is going to trigger curb ramps, crosswalks, etc.

Legislative Conference (J Grim)

Reported on the status of the agenda for June 17-20 meeting scheduled for Orlando. Currently has 4 speakers scheduled; still needs 3 more speakers (looking for variety). Request to include a tech session about Bridgeweb software. Discussion about scheduling a field trip during the June meeting; concurrence of the Board was to not have a field trip for the June meeting.

Discussion about including a permanent slot at future FACERS meetings to allow FDOT / FHWA reps to provide updates. Discussion about scheduling FDOT district reps to speak at future FACERS meetings.

T Squared Updates (S Samford)

No report other than currently interviewing to fill Director's position.

Awards (S Samford)

Reported that Feb is deadline for submittals. Awards are distributed at June meeting.

Green Book (F Schneider)

No report

Newsletter (A Blaida)

Reported that newsletter is scheduled to go out the week of Nov 18-22. Still needs the president's report. Requested assistance with a project spotlight and a member spotlight.

New Business

1. New Commissioner Orientation Report: John Goodknight reported that FACERS was invited to participate in the New Commissioner Workshop. FACERS was allotted 30 to 35 minutes. Some of the items discussed by John at the workshop included the Florida Greenbook, Signal Maintenance Agreements, and the LAP program. Ryan reported that we were unsuccessful in getting FAC to include the FACERS agenda in the FAC packet but that a stack of FACERS agendas were placed on the conference check-in table.
2. NACE 2014 Baton Rouge: Brian from NACO reported that the conference is scheduled for April 13-17 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. The NACE room rate is \$129. A hand count indicated that roughly 14 or 15 FACERS members will be in attendance. Discussion about give-a-ways, a pen was mentioned. Discussion about defraying the costs of attendance for FACERS officers with sponsorships. Discussion about setting the sponsorship price at \$250. It was mentioned that there will be around 450 County Engineer reps in attendance from around the country. It was mentioned that at the trade show there will be 300 vendor reps in attendance.
3. NACE 2015 Conference Planning Committee Report: Discussion about format of meeting: Sunday-committee meetings, set up exhibit hall; Monday-joint opening session in morning, technical sessions in morning, exhibit hall opens at 2:00 pm – no compete; Tuesday-exhibit hall open in the morning with no competition, technical sessions in the afternoon; Wednesday-NACE business meeting in the morning, more technical session in afternoon, separate APWA and NACE award dinner banquets in the evening. NACE will have a spouse program and four breakout sessions. Discussion about forming committees for the 2015 Conference. Discussion about beginning process to solicit sponsorships.

4. FACERS Budget: Ramon distributed copies of 2014 proposed budget. Discussion. Motion for approval by Scott Herring, second by George Webb. Budget approved.
5. June 2014 Meeting: this subject was discussed previously during the legislative conference report by Judy Grim.
6. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreements: Committee appointed. Members are: Ramon Gavarrete, Ryan Douglass, Scott Herring, Mounir Bouyones, George Webb

Old Business

1. Membership Issues-Dues/Website invoicing: John Goodknight to meet with FAC on Dec 12 (tentative) to discuss transferring these duties to FAC, for a fee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.