



## MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting  
September 11, 2015 @ T2, Gainesville, FL

### Attending:

*In person for FACERS:*

- Amy Blaida
- Bob Gordon
- Doug Gable
- Faith Alkhatib
- Fred Schneider
- Jim Harriott
- Joe Kunkel
- John Goodknight
- Jonathan Page
- Judy Grim
- Mounir Bouyounes
- Ramon Gavarrette
- Scott Herring
- Shane Parker
- Steve Ferrell

*Also in attendance, the following FAC individuals:*

- Ginger Delegal, FAC General Counsel
- Scott Shalley, FAC Director of Enterprise Programs
- Valerie Rogers, FAC Senior Executive Assistant for Board Relations

*Attending via Phone:*

- George Webb

### Call To Order:

Jim Harriott

### Time:

9:15 AM EST

### Secretary's Report:

Joe Kunkel

No Report

### Treasure's Report:

Faith Alkhatib

Faith provided budget reports for month ending July 2015 and August 2015. Revenue from NACE/APWA conference to be determined over the next two weeks.

### MOTION:

*Motion* to approve July and August reports by Scott Herring; second by Judy Grim; All approved; Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

#### ▪ **Membership**

Faith Alkhatib

No changes to report with regard to the membership roster. Fred Schnieder identified that Lake County members are not listed on the report. NACE is looking for potential candidates for State Director.

#### ▪ **Scholarships**

Steve Ferrell

Steve reported that a scholarship is to be awarded for USF in the fall and the UCF/FIU/UF scholarships will be awarded in the spring.

▪ **NACE** Ramon Gavarrete

Ramon announced the 2016 NACE Conference will be held in Washington State (Tacoma). He noted that the 2016 conference will be in a different format than the Florida conference (due to co-conference situation with APWA). Ramon also reported that NACE is discussing a change in dues structure to be population based in lieu of individual fee based.

▪ **T Squared** Jaime Carreon

No Report

*Jim Harriott suspended the Committee Report to open New Business -*

**Time:** 9:32 a.m. EST

**New Business:** Strategic Planning (FAC)

▪ **FAC** R. Scott Shalley

FAC facilitated a discussion focusing on four point activity plan to include: 1) Membership; 2) Member benefits; 3) Financial stability; and 4) Advocacy.

Discussion on the increasing membership statewide, to include more Counties. The discussion centered on unique aspects of FACERS with focus on roadway maintenance. We discussed making member benefits more meaningful and identifying a more sustainable revenue source. We also identified that FACERS can become the “go-to experts” on local (county or city) level engineering and maintenance issues.

A full report from FAC is attached.

**MOTION:**

*Motion* to authorize appropriate signature authority to FAC Executive Director, R. Scott Shelley by Ramon Gavarrete; Second by Fred Schneider; All approved; Motion carried.

*Board returned to FACERS Agenda Items-*

**Time:** 11:35 a.m. EST

**Greenbook Committee:** Fred Schneider

Sub-Committee meetings are on-going. A summary of the 2013 updates are available on-line at FDOT web page. The next Greenbook update is scheduled for 2016. FDOT is pursuing a Complete Streets update. Billy Hataway from FDOT has completed a report on Complete Streets identifying desired aspects. Discussion regarding Complete Streets ensued.

**Newsletter:** Amy Blaida

The August newsletter has been posted with two Project Spotlights. The next newsletter will be released after the November meeting.

**Legislative Issues:** John Goodknight

John provided an update on pending utilities in the right of way legislation. A teleconference was held last Friday to discuss concerns. County representation was provided from Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Sarasota and Highlands Counties.

The teleconference discussion included: Proposed changes to State Statutes, i.e. from along” right of way to “in” right of way; drainage projects being able to utilize right of way;

public projects being completed through private partnership agreements; all public utility entities having authority to utilize right of way as a public purpose; and issues with relocations of communication utilities (i.e., ATT & Verizon)

The consensus of FACERS is that any / all transportation uses of the right of way are legitimate public projects.

**Continuing Education:**

Amy Blaida

Amy reported that FACERS is approved through 2017 for PDH's for conference/seminar events.

**Website:**

Shane Parker

Shane reported that a partnership area on the T-squared web page is available for distribution of information. A request to provide a location for historical documents was discussed.

**New Business (continued):**

1. Strategic Planning - (See earlier discussion)
2. FACERS Fall Meeting -

Discussed presentations scheduled for November meeting. A few times slots are still available. Potential presentation to include FDOT research project for a 100% recycled asphalt product. Other potential presentations include FDOT secondary "State of agency" report or FHWA initiatives.

3. Additional New Business –

A discussion pertaining to the status of the Board of Directors Municipal Member occurred. Bob Gordon announced his pending retirement. This change in employment status for any director requires Board action, per the FACERS Constitution.

**MOTION:**

*Motion* to allow Bob to remain as the Municipal Member Director through the remainder of his current term (June 2016) was made by Judy Grim; Second by Scott Herring. All approved; Motion carried.

**MOTION:**

*Motion* to make Amy's dad a life member upon end of current term (July 2016) was made by Scott Herring; Second by Mounir Bouyounes; All approved; Motion carried.

John Goodknight identified other long term members, specifically from Monroe County and Leon County, who are eligible for life membership status. He encouraged the Board to be more active in considering and/or granting life memberships, when appropriate members become eligible.

**Meeting Ajourned:**

**Time:** 12:15 PM EST