

**FACERS Board of Directors Meeting
July 1, 2016 Minutes**

President Jim Harriott called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Secretary Joseph Kunkel gave the Secretary's report. The minutes were approved by the Board.

Treasurer Faith Alkhatib gave the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted by the Board.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Faith Alkhatib gave a membership update.

Scholarships - Amy Blaida gave a scholarship update.

NACE - Ramon Gavarrete gave a NACE update.

T Squared - Maria Cahill gave an update.

Green Book - Fred Schneider gave an update.

Newsletter - Amy Blaida gave an update.

Legislative Issues - John Goodknight gave an update on legislative issues. Question arose on formal action, if any, regarding larger truck sizes in the THUD Appropriations Bill and mentions the Coalition Against Larger Trucks. Scott Herring recommended FACERS do nothing as it is a federal issue. Scott stated it has impacts on various agricultural enterprises and that he would vote against any proposal by FACERS. Discussion followed with Maria Cahill of T Squared and NACE representation. George Webb agreed to take no action on the matter and stated he supported the no bigger truck movement. George further recommended no action by FACERS. No action was taken on this issue.

Continuing Education - Amy Blaida gave an update on reporting continuing education and that we are okay to keep offering PDHs for the FACERS sessions. Valerie Rodgers of FAC stated she will email out PDH certificates in two weeks to attendees. Amy also stated that FACERS keep sign-in sheets of attendees for up to three years.

Website - Discussion ensued about the website. Maria Cahill of T Squared stated that they rely on FACERS for the information that gets posted on the website. Valerie Rodgers of FAC stated she will be the primary contact for FAC for information posted on the website. It was stated that T Squared and FAC will work together on the website. It was also stated that members would like to see the FACERS agenda on the website.

FAC - Valerie Rodgers of FAC would like to use their graphic designer to update the FACERS logo as it is 17-years old. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Amy Blaida and seconded by Jim Stivender to have FAC update the logo for FACERS consideration. Motion passed.

Valerie also stated the Fall meeting will be in Orlando from November 30, 2016 through December 2, 2016 at Buena Vista Palace. Registration opens up at the end of September and/or beginning of October.

It was also stated by the FACERS membership present that they were pleased with the FACERS meeting location.

New Business:

Election of Officers and Board Members:

Elections were held for the new officers and Board members. The elections concluded and Doug Gable of Polk County was elected President, Faith Alkhatib of Flagler County was elected Vice-President, Joseph Kunkel of Orange County was elected Treasurer, and Shane Parker of Hendry County was elected Secretary.

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors:

Active Board Memembers - Benjamin Bartlett of Volusia County, Judith Clarke of Monroe County, Jonathan Page of Nassau County, Fred Schneider of Lake County and Tracy Straub of Marion County.

Municipal Member Director - Terry Dykehouse of the City of Clermont

Sustaining Member Director - Amy Blaida of Whitaker Contracting

NACE Officers - Ramon Gavarrete of Alachua County and George Webb of Palm Beach County

NACE State Director - Scott Herring of Nassau County

FACERS Executive Liaison - John Goodknight

Awards: Amy Blaida stated that FACERS only received two applications for awards and that she didn't have enough time to reach out to the FACERS award committee to discuss.

Discussion ensued over extending the deadline for accepting additional applications and presenting the awards at the November meeting. Valorie Rodgers of FAC stated she would help in the advertising of the FACERS awards application by advertising on the FAC website.

Rebecca Price of ETM has offered to chair the awards committee. Doug Gable agreed and appointed Rebecca as chairman. The Board agreed to extend the deadline for applications to October 1, 2016 with awards being presented at the FAC fall meeting in Orlando in November 2016.

Proposal to Adjust Fees: Ramon Gavarrete went over a spreadsheet that he prepared regarding proposed membership fees and the committee's proposal for a membership fee increase. Ramon mentioned the Board of Directors had a conference call on this matter on May 13, 2016 and that any increase in dues has to be brought to membership for vote. Ramon stated the membership fees will increase from \$75 to \$80 for Active Members; and every other year they will increase by \$5. On the Corporate side the membership fees would increase from \$125 to \$130 in 2017; and every other year until 2025. Ramon proposed charging registration fees for those who are NOT registered for FAC – members will pay \$100; non-members will pay \$175. This proposal will allow FACERS to stay in the black until 2025 if the proposal is accepted.

George Webb was concerned about private vendors who sponsor FACERS being kicked out with a guard at the door. George stated people walk freely in and out during the FACERS sessions.

Amy Blaida believes adding sponsorship adds value and appears to be professional since FACERS is working with FAC. Brian Barnes wanted to know if FACERS was still offering the first year of membership free and the members present responded yes. It was also stated that the free membership in FACERS will not waive the FAC registration fees. Discussion also ensued that the PDH opportunities and the networking offered by FACERS is a valuable asset to being a member. Motion made by Judy Grim to accept the membership fee proposal and seconded by Adam Blaida. Motion passed with adjustments to the proposal in red.

Other Business: George Webb brought up the US Road Assessment Program for discussion.

Adjournment: Motion made by Scott Herring to adjourn and agreed by all. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.