

**FACERS Board of Director's Meeting
2016 Florida Association of Counties Fall Conference
Orlando, FL**

December 2, 2016

Attendees: Doug Gable of Polk County, Shane Parker of Hendry County, Brian Barnes of Charlotte County, Fred Schneider of Lake County, Ramon Garravete of Alachua County, Joe Kunkel of Orange County, John Goodknight of Goodknight Consulting, Maria Cahill with T2 Center, Scott Herring of Nassau County, Jonathan Page of Nassau County, Jim Stivender of Lake County, Faith Alkhatib of Flagler County, Judith Clark of Monroe County, Ben Bartlett of Volusia County, Tracy Straub of Marion County, Terry Dykehouse of the City of Clermont, Todd Buckles with Ergon, Chris Evers with PTI, Amy Blaida with Whitaker Contracting, Bob Gordon with Whitaker Contracting, Steve Ferrell with HDR Engineering, Lisa Baker Locklear & Associates, Matt LaChance with Ingevity, and Rebecca Price with England, Thims & Price, Don Atwell of Marion County, Shawn Hubback of Marion County, Mike Butzer of Marion County, Ron Schulhofer of Manatee County, Carolyn Eastwood of Sarasota County, Margaret Smith of Pasco County, and Chas Jordan with City of Largo.

Call to Order: President Doug Gable called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Awards:

Flagler County – Public Works Department of the Year:

Faith Alkhatib presented the Flagler County team along with the Flagler County Chairman Nate. The project was a road widening project which included the addition of bike lanes and was funded via SCOP/SCRAP funding. The project was designed in house and constructed with in house forces. Chairman Nate thanked everyone for the award.

Lake County – State/Local Collaboration Project of the Year:

Fred Schneider gave a presentation of the Lake County project. Fred introduced former and current commissioners, Lake County staff, project consultants, and FDOT staff. The project was an intersection of two state roads in which the intersection was replaced with a roundabout.

*****Break in Awards*****

Doug Gable announced the award for Marion County would be given later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Shane Parker gave everyone a copy of the REVISED July 1, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Ben Bartlett and seconded by Jonathan Page. Motion carried.

Shane then presented the September 23, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Jonathan Page and seconded by Ben Bartlett. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joe Kunkel gave the treasurers report and stated we had an ending balance of \$49,240.24 as of October 31, 2016. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ben Bartlett and seconded by Jonathan Page. Motion carried.

*****Break in Agenda*****

Jim Stivender asked for a break from the Board agenda. Jim shared a video clip of a former county commissioner who supported public works.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Membership - Joe Kunkel gave a membership report and stated we have 19 new members. Joe stated the current roster of membership. The current roster consists of a total of 138 members: 44 sustaining members, 6 state/federal members, 16 life members and 72 city/county members.

Scott Herring questioned Mike Bowers life membership status in FACERS. After some discussion Scott made a motion reaffirming Mike Bowers as a life member in FACERS. Motion was seconded by Brian Barnes. Motion carried.

Maria Cahill asked about expansion of membership into Counties that do not have a Public Works Director or a County Engineer on staff. Maria stated perhaps County Administrators could participate in order to get small counties engaged. Joe Kunkel stated he has not reached out to anyone, but can do so in a month. Maria gave an example of Willie Nabong of Hardee County and thought perhaps we could have Willie give a testimony to the small counties. Tracy Straub mentioned perhaps we can adjust the social to the first night instead of the second night to make it easier for people to attend. Ramon Gavarrete mentioned it is on the second night due to the president's reception and Counties usually go to dinner. Joe Kunkel stated he will send letters to County Engineers and County Administrators to participate. John Goodknight mentioned we need to reach Road Superintendents so we need to adjust presentations to find something beneficial for them. Discussion ensued. Scott Herring asked about stealing presentations from APWA for Road Superintendents.

*****Break in Agenda*****

Doug Gable introduced Ginger Delegal General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director at FAC

Ginger Delgal stated she is seeking an increase in compensation from FACERS to FAC. Ginger would like to increase the base that is currently subject to the 10% due to the increased level of service provided by FAC. Ramon Gavarrete stated FAC has done a tremendous job and is favor of the proposal. Ramon made a motion to accept the proposal. Scott Herring questioned the sponsorship being part of the base renewal and wanted input from the corporate sponsors. Amy Blaida stated she was not originally for it, but is in favor of the proposal from FAC due to the value we have been receiving from Valerie Rogers of FAC. Scott Evers mentioned we always wanted to be interconnected with FAC and sees this proposal as reasonable and acceptable. Doug Gable mentioned sometimes we sponsor national events such as NACE and wanted to know if those revenues were subject to the proposal. Ginger stated those revenues would not be subject to the proposal. Ramon restated his motion to accept the proposal and Jonathan Page seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ginger stated the gas tax indexing issue did end up coming out of two of the policy committees on the FAC side.

*****Agenda Resumes*****

Conference Agenda - Doug Gable asked if anyone had any comments on this conference's speaking agenda and stated he was pleased with the agenda. Everyone stated they were pleased. Amy Blaida gave credit to Faith Alkhatib. Faith thanked Amy, Valerie Rogers, and her office manager. Joe Kunkel mentioned some people didn't realize you need to sign in for PDH's. Amy stated we can place a note on the agenda and continue to remind people. Discussion ensued.

Scholarships - Steve Ferrell stated he had nothing to report. Stated all the awards will happen in the first quarter of the year. Steve stated Bob Gordon had officially handed over the USF contact to him and has not heard from them yet; that he is still the contact for UCF; that Fred Schneider is the contact for UF; and Ramon Gavarrete is the contact for FIU. Ramon stated he heard FIU did award a scholarship and he is waiting on information.

LAP - John Goodknight stated LAP Community of Practice has been restructured. Stated it was real significant that Lorraine Moyle and Joe Santos of FDOT were present at FACERS yesterday. Stated one of the previous issues raised by FACERS a few years ago was a big disconnect between LAP and the safety program with the FDOT. The fact they are working together and developed a tool kit on how to deliver safety projects is a significant move and would not have happened without FACERS involvement in LAP.

Maria Cahill stated there are still struggles with the LAP program. Maria provided an example of small counties and small cities are not LAP certified and cannot apply for Safe Routes for Schools. She stated they have few options and one is for the FDOT district to do the projects. She stated she feels the small counties and small cities are at a disadvantage.

Fred Schneider stated he has concerns with sidewalk projects as it is being data driven. Fred suggested a presentation on LAP certification.

NACE – Ramon Gavarrete stated the national conference will be in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ramon provided a general and brief update on NACE. Stated FHWA put a program together to see if anyone wanted to be a direct recipient of funds from FHWA and skip FDOT.

*****Break in Agenda – Awards Resume*****

Marion County – Large Agency/Urban Project of the Year:

Tracy Straub introduced the project team and presented the award to the Marion County team. Stated this award is for a portion of a bigger project known as NW 35th Street roadway improvement. This project create a corridor that connects the east and west side of the county and will have an interchange with I-75. Tracy thanked FACERS for the award.

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T Squared (T2 Center) - Maria Cahill stated she is looking for a FACERS representative to serve on a proposed advisory panel if FDOT approves of such. The advisory board would help develop a 5-year work program for LTAP. Maria would also like representation from Counties and Cities on the LTAP advisory board. Maris stated they are looking for a 10-15 member advisory board. Maria gave an overview of LTAP's nationwide.

Greenbook – Fred Schneider stated he is no longer going to be the FACERS representative on the Greenbook Committee and that Faith Alkhatib has volunteered to be the FACERS representative.

Maria Cahill stated a lot of people want technical training on the Greenbook based on input from recent listening sessions.

Newsletter – Valerie Rogers gave a report and discussed changes in sponsorships. Valerie stated we will get a FACERS fall meeting recap via email which will contain a company highlight. Valerie states all FAC registrants get FAC updates.

Legislative Issues - John Goodknight stated he only had two issues. One was the indexing of the gas tax and the other issue was cell towers which both have already been discussed.

Chris Evers stated he wrote an article on Lets Fix Funding which included gas indexing. Chris stated he wrote an article on dispelling myths on fixing funding and brought copies to whoever wants it.

Continuing Education – Valerie Rogers will email out certificates next week. It will be just one certificate and not multiple certificates. Valerie states she has our certificates saved in our FAC portal if we lose them.

Website – Doug Gable stated the website is down. Maia Cahill stated the server that contains the website is corrupted and UF is correcting the issue. Maria says perhaps it is time to let FAC handle the FACERS website. John Goodknight stated we will have to rebuild the website from scratch.

FAC Report – Valerie Roger stated this was the first meeting in which we charged the registration fee. Valerie stated we had \$4,500 in registration fees and raised \$7,500 in sponsorships. Valerie stated after expenses we will have made \$6,000 on this meeting. Valerie questioned if anyone wants changes to the FACERS social such as a certain number of drink tickets like FAC does at their events.

Awards – Rebecca Price stated the awards committee will be meeting today after the FACERS Board meeting to discuss applications.

Valerie Rogers stated applications for awards would open in February and close in April. FACERS awards would be presented in conjunction with the FAC awards.

Steve Ferrell asked how that works with someone who is registered for FACERS and not FAC. Valerie stated she would have to work that out.

Old Business:

Warm Mix Asphalt – Doug Gable stated we already discussed this topic earlier.

New Business:

Christmas Decorations – Joe Kunkel passed the FACERS Christmas decorations to Steve Ferrell.

APWA – Doug Gable introduced APWA President Chas Jordan to speak. Chas stated the APWA conference is May 8-12, 2017.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.