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FACERS News

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A Message from the President

Hello from the stunning location of the Florida Association of Counties 2010 Annual Conference. If I were looking for a location to hold a conference two places come to mind. Of course, Orange County, but I may be biased on that one, and Volusia County. Volusia County has a beautiful newly renovated convention center.

As you know our conferences are held in conjunction with the FAC conferences. This year's annual conference will be held at the Hilton in Downtown Orange County. Check out the link on our website to see the agenda, registration form and all the great things that you can do after a day of meetings, technical presentations, and perusing the conference floor. What makes this event so special is you will not only hear great presentations from real world issues affecting our industry but you will also be able to see the latest and greatest products and services. Almost every type of business will be there that has something to do with Public Works! This annual meeting is a great way to get up to speed on consultant and contractor services, technology and products.

Our general membership meeting will take place during the FACERS annual meeting. This is when we discuss issues related to FACERS and those affecting how we do business back home in our Counties. That is why I enjoy being a member of FACERS. It is a network of professionals helping each other. How does the FACERS organization help you and your County? The FACERS organization maintains an interest on issues such as changes to standards, policies and legislative topics that affect County Public Works Departments. For instance, when a relevant legislative action is being proposed, we voice our opinion to the decision makers in order to keep our interests preserved. You may remember the in-house asphalt plant issue that if passed would have eliminated the ability of Counties to produce asphalt mix. That was an accomplishment that was spearheaded by FACERS. We also have FACERS members that maintain a voice and participate on the development and maintenance of standards such as the Greenbook Committee. And that is why the Board has recently decided to take steps towards assuring our voices are heard expeditiously. That will be discussed at the general membership meeting and a vote will be taken to approve the Boards recommendation - yet another reason to be at the conference.

As a reminder please take time to submit a nomination for one of the five annual FACERS awards that will be presented at the annual conference. It is a great honor to receive this award as it is recognition of excellence within our profession. I hope to see you all at the annual meeting this June. We will make sure your time spent at the conference is productive, educational, and beneficial to your County with a little fun along the way.

Hector

Federal Streamlining – Effort on Several Fronts

By

Ramon D. Gavarrate, P.E.

Southeast Region Vice President

County Engineer, Highlands County, Florida

In 2008 NACE President Sue Miller established the NACE Federal-Aid Improvement Task Force to study how improvements in the administration of federal-aid dollars by local agencies could be attained and to pursue improvements in the federal-aid highway program to allow more accessibility of federal-aid funding to local agencies. Associated with this would be an effort to “Restore the Partnership” among government agencies by the establishment of improved communications and collaboration with state departments of transportation and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division offices located in every state.

Subsequently, in April, 2009 the NACE Board of Directors adopted the NACE Federal-Aid Process Streamlining Issue Paper. One year ago, representatives from the NACE Executive Committee met with Mr. Victor M. Mendez, Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and members of his senior staff to discuss the streamlining of the Local Public Agency (LPA) federal program. As a result of discussions like the above, NACE representatives were invited to attend several of the Every Day Counts (EDC) summits held around the nation. This effort is now continuing with NACE members participating at a state level in the implementation of the EDC initiatives. This is a continuing effort and on March 3, 2011 representatives from the Executive Committee once again met with Mr. Mendez, Mr. Gregory G. Nadeau, FHWA Deputy Administrator, and Ms. Cheryl Walker, Special Assistant to the Administrator. Mr. Mendez requested specific recommendations for moving the NEPA Categorical Excluded projects through the process quickly and establishing thresholds for the review process based on project costs. These specifics will be submitted to the Administrator by the end of March.

At a State of Florida level, the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have engaged in the Local Agency Program Community of Practice (LAP CoP). The creation and utilization of Communities of Practice teams is a unique and viable solution to the challenge of getting the right people at the table at the right time to handle the right issues. The concept of LAP CoP is being applied to address the streamlining effort related to FDOT’s technical guidelines for projects administered by local agencies and funded with federal dollars.

The LAP CoP is made up of FDOT staff members and FACERS representatives. FDOT staff members include those directly responsible for the implementation of the Local Agency Program (LAP) and other staff members with expertise in the technical areas associated with the LAP program processes. In addition, some FDOT members have no job responsibilities related to the LAP program at all. These members are vital to providing the perspective of a “non-stakeholder”. Their function is to look at the big picture and validate that the processes make sense and can be successfully implemented. FACERS representatives include County Engineers, Construction Managers, and Engineering Directors from the counties of Palm Beach, Volusia, Lake, and Highlands; as well as a long standing member of FACERS who is now retired, but with vast experience with FDOT, and local agencies.

Federal Streamlining – Effort on Several Fronts (Continued)

Much of the appeal of the Community of Practice approach comes from the empowerment given to the group to identify needed improvements through the members' determination of the critical areas that are in need of analysis. Florida is unique in that the Department of Transportation (DOT) is decentralized, and therefore, some districts have their own preferences. Through the exchange of ideas, the team has identified discrepancies in district preferences between the Districts, ambiguities between the Local Agency Program Manual and established practices, and areas for improvements, within the Local Agencies and the Florida DOT.

Although the LAP CoP effort is still in its infancy stage, the utilization of this approach has gained support from stakeholders and management. The commitment level of all of the LAP CoP members speaks volumes as to how this is the "right" time and the "right" approach to address LAP technical process issues and to improve the guidelines and documentation available to individuals developing and administering LAP projects.

As Local Partners, we must communicate with our state's Department of Transportation. Streamlining the Local Public Agency program cannot, and will not be accomplished, through legislative efforts. As Administrator Victor M. Mendez stated, this is a "combined mission".

I would like to acknowledge Ms. Cheri Sylvester, Quality Assurance Administrator, Specifications and Estimates Office with the Florida Department of Transportation for her contribution to this article.

NACE: The Voice of County Road Officials

This is when you think you have had a bad time with Pot Holes...



Photo from Janet Degner, T2 Center, Gainesville

FACERS ANNUAL AWARDS

Every year the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) honors a Public Works Employee, Small Agency or Rural* Engineer, Large Agency or Urban* Engineer, and a Team Project of the Year for projects completed in the previous year. Awards are open to all individuals in public works, transportation, and engineering in Florida's counties and cities.

This year FACERS has added a new category: **Local Agency/State Agency Collaboration Award** which recognizes the value of teamwork and outstanding project collaboration between public agencies, including state agencies. The new award category will be open to all individuals in local and state agencies.

There is no requirement to be a FACERS member. Nominees receive a congratulatory letter. Winners receive statewide recognition at the annual FACERS conference and are featured in the Technology Transfer Quarterly newsletter. The Engineer award recipients may also qualify for national recognition.

*Small Agency/Rural is defined as having a population less than 100,000. Large Agency/Urban is defined as having a population of 100,000 or more.



How do I nominate someone?

Select a project completed within the calendar year of 2010. Provide information about the project and its contribution with respect to the following criteria:

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| A brief description of the 2010 project | Description of leadership needed to successfully complete project |
| Outline of need – timeliness | Impact on the agency budget |
| Discussion on innovation | Impact on the community |

Choose the method of submittal that best fits your schedule and style.

Online: Go to t2ctt.ce.ufl.edu/FACERS_2011 and enter the information, then press submit.

Download and Email or fax: Go to facers.org to download the nomination form. Type or print the information and email the completed form to t2@ce.ufl.edu or fax the completed form to 352.392.3224. An Awards Committee member may call for more details.

Nominee / Team Leader Information:

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Agency Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Best time to call _____

Nominated for (check one) Team Project Public Works Employee

Small Agency / Rural Engineer Large Agency / Urban Engineer Local Agency/State Agency Collaboration

Project Name _____ County or City _____ Date finished _____

By signing below, I certify that this individual / team has participated in a local project that has had a major impact toward improving our local services and protecting our citizens' best interests in 2010.

Your Information:

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Agency Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

For assistance, please call Janet Degner at 352.273.1676
The deadline for applications is April 18, 2011.

2011 FACERS Awards

Nominations Needed!

In these challenging budget times, it has become harder and harder to recognize employees that have done an exceptional job this last year. I know, in my county we have not had raises in the past 3 years, so financial rewards are no longer possible. BUT... a nomination for one of the 5 different categories of FACERS Awards is FREE and easy. I know employees that I nominated in the past years who still are proud to have been nominated and the award winners still proudly have the award on their walls.

Now, we all know someone (in your organization, your professional counterparts, your circle of friends, or even yourself) that is deserving of FREE recognition. The application process at www.facers.org will only take 2 minutes to complete, and did I mention it's FREE?????????

How much easier can it be? You spend 2 minutes filling out the form, on line at www.facers.org, hit the submit button and sit back and get that feeling of accomplishment! You can also use the pen and paper approach by filling out the printed form on page 4 and faxing it in to (352) 392-3224. Then while you are busy doing your thing back in your office, the very dedicated staff at the T2 Center in Gainesville are working behind the scenes doing all the necessary evaluations of the nominations and making the hard decisions on the winners.

Please take the time to make at least one nomination. It can be for someone in your organization, or it can be for yourself. If you know of a deserving individual or group for each category, please make separate nominations for each, just use a separate form for each nomination.

Then plan on attending the Annual Conference in Orlando and meeting the award winners!

**THE DEADLINE FOR
APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 18, 2011**

FAC 2011 Annual Conference & Educational Exposition

Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek-
Orange County

June 21 - 24, 2011

**The FAC 2011 Annual Conference and Educational
Exposition will be held**

**June 21 - 24 at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek
in Orange County.**



Make your hotel reservations beginning Friday, April 1.

Room Block

The FAC room block will officially open on Friday, April 1! The block always sells quickly, so make your reservations ASAP. Please only reserve the number of rooms you truly need so the hotel is able accommodate as many attendees as possible. Call (800) 445-8667 and request the special Florida Association of Counties rate of \$145.00 plus applicable taxes.

Yes, it now official! The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference room reservations are now open. Don't delay, make your reservations today as the host hotel for this conference always fills up. The conference registration through FAC will be open soon on their web site,

www.fl-counties.com

FACERS holds our conferences in association with FAC. FACERS registration for this conference is accomplished by registering as a "County Member" for the "FAC 2011 Annual Conference & Educational Exposition" on the FAC web-site. There is no special registration for the FACERS meeting.

FACERS meetings will be held all day on Wednesday June 22nd and Thursday June 23rd. The awards presentation and general business meeting will be held the morning of Friday June 24th

Great News !

Congratulations to George & Scott

FACERS President Hector Bertran has recently announced George Webb, Palm Beach County has been named by the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) to be NACE Director to the National Association of Counties (NACo). This means George had to resign as the FACERS State Director to NACE.

Per the FACERS Constitution, the President nominated Scott Cottrell, Sumter County, to replace George as the FACERS State Director to the FACERS Board of Directors. The Board of Directors confirmed the appointment in a teleconference, so Scott is now officially the FACERS State Director.

This appointment was critical because, at the fast approaching NACE National Conference next month, FACERS is making a bid to host the NACE National Conference in Volusia County. Therefore we wanted to have a full slate of representation on hand at the NACE Conference.

We now are well represented on the national level with:

George Webb - NACo Director

Ramon D. Gavarrete - Southeast Region Vice President

Scott Cottrell - State Director to NACE.

We would like to congratulate George (NACE Past President) on his very prestigious appointment where he will represent NACE and FACERS very well. We would also like to congratulate Ramon on his recent NACE Election and now Scott on his appointment. FACERS would like to thank all of our representatives for their dedication and their support of FACERS.

With these NACE representatives, the other FACERS members attending the NACE National Conference, and Daytona Beach as the proposed NACE National Conference site, who can complete with us????

Good Luck to the FACERS group

FACERS Annual Meeting

Remember all roads lead to Orlando June 22 thru June 24. That's where we will hold our 2011 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). NOW you can go to the FAC website www.fl-countites.com to book your room at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek—Orlando Once registration is open we will let you know.

See Ya in Orlando!



In this issue of FACERS News, Hector Bertran, sent in the "What Were They Thinking?" picture.

Keep an eye out and send us a picture of a sign you feel somehow just did not quite hit the nail on the head.



Isn't this a GREAT country?

Only in America can we figure out how Fudge can be served in a "Health Bar" !!!!!

I thought the basic food groups I learned in college were a myth. (Burgers, Pizza, Snack, and now FUDGE) !

Can't wait for what they come up with next !!!!!!!!

The T2 Center's Available Classes

The following are the available classes through the T2 Center. Contact Celio Alessandro Ramos, Workforce Development Coordinator Florida Technology Transfer (T²) Center cramos1976@ufl.edu or 352.273.1670

T2 Classes

Course	Start Date	End Date	Location
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	5/10/2011	5/10/2011	Orlando
Pilot/Escort Flagging	5/10/2011	5/10/2011	Gainesville
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	5/11/2011	5/13/2011	Orlando
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	5/17/2011	5/17/2011	Cape Coral
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	5/17/2011	5/17/2011	Gainesville
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	5/17/2011	5/17/2011	Orlando
Pilot/Escort Flagging	5/25/2011	5/17/2011	Fort Myers
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic	5/18/2011	5/19/2011	Cape Coral
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic	5/18/2011	5/19/2011	Gainesville
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic	5/18/2011	5/19/2011	Orlando
Pilot/Escort Flagging	6/17/2011	6/4/2011	Tallahassee
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	6/7/2011	6/7/2011	Pompano Beach
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	6/8/2011	6/10/2011	Pompano Beach
Chainsaw Safety/Hands-on	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	Gainesville
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	6/14/2011	6/14/2011	Gainesville
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	6/15/2011	6/17/2011	Gainesville
Chainsaw Safety in Disaster Recovery	6/15/2011	6/15/2011	Pompano Beach
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	6/20/2011	6/20/2011	Tallahassee
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	6/21/2011	6/23/2011	Tallahassee
Pilot/Escort Flagging	6/21/2011	6/21/2011	Orlando

CTT Classes

Course	Start Date	End Date	Location
Concrete Field Inspector Specification	5/9/2011	5/11/2011	Jacksonville
Quality Control Manager	5/12/2011	5/13/2011	Jacksonville
Drilled Shaft Inspection	5/16/2011	5/18/2011	Sarasota
Asphalt Plant Level 1	5/18/2011	5/20/2011	Gainesville
Asphalt Paving Level 1	5/23/2011	5/23/2011	Ft. Myers
Asphalt Paving Level 2	5/24/2011	5/26/2011	Ft. Myers
Nuclear Density Gauge Safety	6/6/2011	6/6/2011	Orlando
Pile Driving Inspection	6/6/2011	6/8/2011	Gainesville
Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 1	6/7/2011	6/8/2011	Orlando
Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 2	6/9/2011	6/10/2011	Orlando
Asphalt Plant Level 1	6/15/2011	6/17/2011	Gainesville
Concrete Field Inspector Specification	6/20/2011	6/22/2011	Davie
Qualified Aggregate Sampler	6/23/2011	6/23/2011	Davie
Limerock Bearing Ratio	6/23/2011	6/24/2011	Gainesville
Asphalt Mix Designer	6/27/2011	6/30/2011	Gainesville

FACERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Orange County Public Works Building
John Young Parkway, Orlando, Florida
February 25, 2011

Board Members Present

Hector Bertran – President *

Fred Schneider – Vice President *

Jonathan Page – Secretary *

John C. Newton – Treasurer *

Ramon Gavarrete - Director*

George Webb – State NACE Director

Also Present See attached attendance roster

* Current Board Members

With a quorum present, Hector Bertran called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. and the group proceeded with the agenda. The first item on the agenda was the Secretary's report.

Secretary's Report:

Jonathan Page presented the minutes from FACERS Board of Directors/General Membership meeting held November 19, 2010 in Fernandina Beach, Florida. Minutes were discussed and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

John Newton presented the Treasurer's report. John noted that we have been asked to fund several things such as some member's attendance at the NACE annual conference since many counties are simply not able to help defray the costs. John then discussed some of the budget figures. It was reported that our three (3) month total from November, December and January included \$4,120.00 in revenue from recent dues payments and \$1,004.48 in expenditures for activities at the FAC conference in November, 2010. Investments balance as of the date of the meeting was \$5,800.00 and John stated an updated spreadsheet would be produced and distributed soon. It was noted that we have 29 active and 26 sustaining members who have paid dues for this year.

There was some discussion of the expenditures to date and the need to accurately forecast future expenditures. Ramon suggested that we may need to create a spreadsheet based on the FACERS "checkbook" not simply a summary.

We also discussed IRS requirements such as the need to file for a 501(c)(3) exemption and the issuance of 1099 forms, etc. John stated that he needed some guidance and assistance with this part of his duties. John Goodknight thought the history and also a forecast would be helpful to the group. The group agreed that we would all help and perhaps some members involvement with other similar organizations will aid in our efforts. *The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.*

Committee Reports:**Membership:** John Newton

It was reported that we have 29 active (16 NACE) and paid members and that the check to NACE will be cut and sent on February 28, 2011.

It was reported that we have a lot of members who have not paid and an increasing number of memberships are not being paid by the member's employers but instead many members are paying from their personal accounts. We were encouraged to review the list of unpaid members and contact them as at some point there names will be deleted from the membership list. There was some discussion of how we may have been contacting people and their reasons for non-payment. For example, John Goodknight stated that the Marion County members may have been distracted with issues going on in the County.

The group discussed the honorary life members. It was noted that Bill Lecher, Howard Russell, and Gordon Hays have passed and should be removed from the life membership list.

It was discussed that the FDOT Secretary of Transportation and the FAC Executive director are automatically included as honorary members of the group by the FACERS constitution.

There was a discussion of the requirements for the designation of "Life Membership". It was discussed that traditionally this was reserved for people who had been active members for 10-15 years and had retired from the profession. For example, Jim Davis would meet this criterion. *A motion was made and unanimously approved to add Jim Davis to the Lifetime Membership list.*

Scholarships: Bob Gordon (not present)

Bob Gordon was not present so Hector Bertram took this item.

Hector stated that we needed to have more of a presence at the institutions that we provide scholarships to. It was decided that Bob Gordon would be the liaison with USF, Hector Bertran for UCF, Fred Schneider and Janet Degner for UF, Ramon Gavarrete for FIU and Danielle Slaterpryce for FAU.

There was some general discussion about whether any scholarships had been given out recently since the endowments that fund the scholarships were in funds that had been affected by the recession. It was discussed that T2 would coordinate with Bob Gordon regarding updating our information and putting that information on the FACERS website.

NACE: Ramon Gavarrete

There was discussion of a meeting to occur on March 3, 2011 to speak with a Mr. Menendez in Washington, D.C. to discuss streamlining LAP and corresponding coordination with FHWA. George Recktenwald had met with congressman Mica but was not in attendance to report on that meeting. Janet reported that most of the discussion was about the Everyday Counts program and Local issues. She reported the Federal representatives were considering having separate meetings with local governments. Fred suggested that Ramon contact George Recktenwald to determine what had been discussed prior to the discussions in D.C. so that Congressman Mica's intentions could be mentioned.

There was discussion of the upcoming meeting in Minneapolis and funding requests from members wishing to attend. It was noted that Bonnie West was coming to Florida in the next week to discuss and analyze Volusia County as a potential location for the NACE annual convention. This analysis would be presented to the NACE membership at their meeting in April.

It was discussed that this would be FACERS first attempt to get the annual conference to Florida for 2014 and with the positioning of Louisiana and California 2015 seems more likely. Hector noted that Volusia County must participate and offer incentives if we expect this to happen. Janet stated that Ms. West had mentioned that we need more "bodies" at NACE functions and coordination with NACE on the planning and that Ms. West was questioning Florida's commitment level right now. Janet stated that she had assured Ms. West that our commitment level was high and T2 and FACERS were 100% committed to this effort.

It was decided that Todd Buckles, Scott Cottrell, and Hector would have a conference call with Volusia County on how we plan to "sell" the location to NACE. It was noted that the Volusia County TDC folks need to attend the meeting. There was further discussion of the folks from FACERS that would be attending and the level of assistance FACERS would provide to get them to Minneapolis. It is apparent that we will have 5 members attending: Todd Buckles, Scott Cottrell, Ramon Gavarrete, George Webb, and Fred Schneider. There was some discussion of including Hector Bertran and it was decided that he would attend next year.

There was discussion of many "Flamingo" items that could be presented to the NACE board during our Florida pitch. It was decided that Ramon and Todd would coordinate with the Volusia TDC and get a game plan. The group unanimously encouraged that the flamingo hats be included in the plan and T2 would help with that.

There was further discussion of the funding that FACERS would provide to the attendees of this year's NACE Annual Conference. *A motion was made and passed unanimously that FACERS would support 75% of the expenses not paid by each member's County as submitted on the same form utilized by that County to include travel, meals, and registration.*

It was decided that Hector would meet Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011 with Bonnie West to show our commitment to do what is required to provide manpower and technical support for the Annual Conference when it does come to Florida.

It was noted that NACE was soliciting sponsorships. Ramon thought a \$250.00 sponsorship was adequate to show support. *A motion was made and passed unanimously to provide a \$250.00 sponsorship to NACE.*

Annual Conference: Fred Schneider

The group discussed the proposed FACERS Draft agenda for the FAC Annual Conference Meeting to be held June 22-24, 2011 in Orlando, Florida.

The group thought the agenda was good, however there was some discussions of having FAC place the new FDOT secretary in a time slot on our agenda. All members thought this was a good idea and if not the FDOT secretary perhaps a FDOT District secretary could be included.

There was some discussion of "field trips" and the perception that our County Managers have of such trips and perhaps this year it may be good not to include one.

John Newton discussed the issue of declining budgets and his County's use of "Managerial Accounting". After hearing John's procedure the group all agreed that this would be a beneficial topic to have presented in Orlando and John thought they could be ready to present in June.

There was discussion regarding whether we wanted to continue web broadcasting of the technical sessions. It was decided that we did but we needed Janet to provide additional cost information to make a decision regarding the funding required. This topic will likely be decided through a Board of Directors conference call in the next few weeks.

T Square Updates: Janet Degner

T2 is hosting the TRB's 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads in July, 2011. Janet provided the group with the information and asked us to all give it to the folks we do business with.

Awards: Janet Degner

Janet provided the group with a solicitation for awards form and asked us to all please consider nominating a project.

Green Book: Fred Schneider

The next meeting will be held March 30, 2011 at the Turnpike Headquarters building. The "Bike Chapter" (Chapter 8) will be discussed again. It was noted that FACERS is unanimously opposed to unfunded mandates that the potential revisions would impose. It was noted that District 5 has no "rural" member on the committee. Ramon has been pressing the FDOT to institute Fred as a voting member.

Newsletter: Brian Barnes (Not present)

Carolyn Steves and Brandi Allegood handled this item.

The group was informed that Carolyn would be retiring in approximately 2 (two) years but Brandi and Amy Blaida would continue to assist Brian Barnes in newsletter efforts.

It was reported that the awards application will be in the March newsletter as well as minutes from this meeting.

Carolyn noted that she needed an application for membership form for the current year to include as well.

Carolyn noted that she would like George Webb to provide an update on the FDOT/Local Government LAP taskforce to include as well.

Carolyn noted that all materials the group wanted in the newsletter would need to be submitted by March 4, 2011 to meet publication time frame requirements.

Legislative Issues: Ramon Gavarrete

Ramon stated that e-verify and an update to Florida Statute 334 regarding roadway classifications were being considered. Ramon stated that in regards to F.S. 334 the FDOT was beginning to wonder why they were doing the things they were doing. They had decided to review their documents further.

Ramon reported that there was a clarification on e-verify coming out soon and current County employees would not be subject to the process and that an affidavit would cover the Contractor.

Ramon stated that now is the time to contact your local representatives to Congress to attempt to get some LAP streamlining procedures included in the upcoming appropriations bill.

Fred and Ramon will attempt to meet next week with Representative Mica's committee staff that is bringing the bill.

Continuing Education: Bill Steves

Bill reported that everything has been getting reported to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers without issue. He has heard nothing negative and all the members present expressed their gratitude for his efforts.

New Business: Hector Bertran/John Newton

There was a general discussion of the requirements and duties of the treasurer. It was noted by the group that a one year term is not practical for this position and that John would not even be in a position to properly transfer the duties should a new treasurer be elected in June. There was discussion of potentially making this position an appointed one, extending the term, etc. After much discussion it was decided to leave the position as it is for now and that Bill Steves will coordinate with John on the duties and see what procedures we can put in place to make it less difficult in the future.

The group then discussed how recent budget problems and Board of Directors members' ever dwindling staffs and additional responsibilities may be detracting from our abilities to devote enough time to keep FACERS as effective as possible. For example, we have less time to coordinate with FDOT and FAC but this coordination is crucial to the group. The group also noted that we have a wealth of knowledge and ability in member John Goodknight who has recently retired and we could really use his abilities. The group thought this may be the first step towards creating the position of "executive director" in the future. The group decided that John Goodknight should create a proposal to include three (3) primary areas of responsibility; FAC coordination, FDOT coordination, and General Correspondence as directed by the FACERS president. John stated he was pleased to do so and thanked the group for the resounding vote of confidence. Action on this item will be taken soon following review of John's proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

FACERS 2/25/12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Attendance Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1. Fred Schneider	Lake County
2. Janet Degner	Florida T2 Center
3. Jonathan Page	Nassau County
4. Ramon D. Gavarrete	Highlands County
5. John C. Newton III	Hillsborough County
6. Hector Bertran	Orange County
7. George T. Webb	Palm Beach County
8. John Goodknight	
9. Eugene Calvert	Collier County
10. Jaime Carreon	Florida T2 Center
11. Brandi Allegood	RS&H
12. Carolyn Steves	RS&H
13. Bill Steves	RS&H



DRAFT FACERS AGENDA

JUNE 22nd to 24th 2011

F.A.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING

ORLANDO, FL

Wednesday

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am FAC Continental Breakfast***
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am Railroad Agreements and your money (Doug Gable, P.E., Polk County Transportation Division)
- 9:45 am – 10:45 am Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System (FHWA/FDOT/Janet Degner)
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm Exhibit Hall/Networking Opportunities***
- 12:00 am – 1:00 pm Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm ITS Adaptive Signal Control, and others and funding sources. (City of Bradenton/Lynn Meier/ Janet Degner)
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Problem Road Projects (Subsurface and Drainage) and Litigation experience (Devo Seereeram, DEVO)
- 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm LAP Group Discussion, and C.O.P. (Duane Brautigam, Ramon, George, Fred, Todd) Also some information from David O'Hagen ?
- 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm Maintenance & Operations: The Business Approach (John Newton, Hillsborough County)

Thursday

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am FAC Continental Breakfast***
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am "There Goes my Everything", Eminent Domain & Business Damages (Carlos Kelly, Attorney with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes, & Holt, P.A.)
- 9:45 am – 10:45 am Green Thinking for Black Roads (Matthew LaChance, VHB)
- 10:45 am – 11:30 pm Exhibit Hall/Networking Opportunities***
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm FAC Luncheon or Lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Hillsborough County Traffic Calming Neighborhood Arbitration (Wilson Lorenz, IBI Group)
- 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm NPDES MS4, New EPA policies making it tougher on local agencies (Tim Kelley, BCI Engineers & Scientists)
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Round Table Discussion
- 6:00 pm FACERS SOCIAL

Friday

- 8:00 am – 8:30am FAC Continental Breakfast***
- 8:30 am – 11:00 am Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am FACERS Awards Presentation

NOTE: FACERS does not charge a registration fee for its activities, however attendance at any events/functions provided by FAC require that you are a registered participant.



10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads

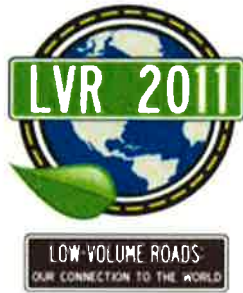


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July 24–27, 2011
Hilton - Walt Disney World®
Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA

The preliminary program is available on the conference website and online registration is now OPEN!

The TRB 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads will provide current technical information of interest to local road managers and trainers. The Conference is held once every four years and is recognized throughout the transportation community as the leading program to address innovation in the design, construction, maintenance, management, and safety of low-volume roads. The Conference program will include workshops and sessions based on peer-reviewed papers, interactive sessions, and field trips.

Practical papers from more than 20 countries (representing all the populated continents) will be presented. The papers cover a wide range of subject areas such as Local Road Safety (including traffic engineering), Geometric Design, Economics and Finance, Environment, Geotechnology, Maintenance, Materials, Local Road Management, Pavement Management, Soil Stabilization and Sustainability.

View the **Preliminary Program** on the conference website at www.trb.org/conferences/2011/10LVR

Complete details for conference registration; hotel, transportation and local information; and field trips can also be found at the conference website above.

Enter your contact information into the [online survey](#) on the conference website to receive additional information by e-mail.

Workshops on Road Safety Audits, Low-Volume Roads and Earthquakes, Simple Low Cost Soil Testing for local roads, and Low-Volume Roads Best Management Practices are designed to provide information of immediate use to the practitioners. There will be two Interactive Sessions on current issues facing low-volume roads managers. By program design, these sessions will provide everyone with an opportunity to actively participate in the topic being discussed as there will be no conflicts with other conference sessions. Topics included in these sessions will be management issues, low-cost safety improvements, financing, technology transfer, energy industry effect on roads, dust control, geometric standards, erosion control, materials, and base stabilization.

Participants will also have an opportunity to participate in [field trips](#) to:

- Hubbard Construction Company Asphalt Plant
- Stormwater Management Academy at the University of Central Florida
- Trip to a Road Safety Audit Site

The conference will also offer Professional Development Hours Credit to registered attendees. Conference participants may earn up to 20 professional development hours (PDH). The actual number of PDHs earned will depend on the sessions attended by each conference participant.

Visit the [Hotel and Local Information](#) page on the conference website for information on the many attractions in the Orlando area for the entertainment of your family. The Hilton is located in the heart of the Downtown Disney Area with easy access to Walt Disney World Theme Parks: Magic Kingdom Park, Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park, Downtown Disney Area, MGM-Studios and EPCOT. Rooms will be available at the "conference special rate" and this rate will be available three days before and three days after the conference to accommodate an extended vacation stay based on room availability.

For more information:

www.trb.org/conferences/2011/10LVR

For inquiries and general correspondence, please use the conference mailbox:

LVR@nas.edu

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January 19, 2011

TO: Exhibitors and Conference Supporters

SUBJECT: 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads

As the host for the 10th **International Conference on Low-Volume Roads**, we would like to invite you to participate as an exhibitor or conference supporter. The conference, held every four years, will be July 24 – 27, 2011, at the Hilton Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, and will feature the latest information about low-volume road management, design, construction, safety, maintenance, innovative ways of managing low-volume road systems, plus many more related topics.

Conference attendees include practitioners who administer, plan, design, build, or maintain low-volume roads worldwide in local, state, and federal agencies; universities; private firms; and international organizations. Previous conferences have typically attracted 300 transportation professionals from all continents.

We look forward to working with you to make the 2011 conference a success. Please feel free to make copies of this invitation and distribute it to others who may be interested in exhibiting during the event or supporting a portion of the event. Exhibit fees and conference support contributions will be used to offset conference expenses.

To reserve a tabletop exhibit space for your organization, please fill visit our website at www.t2events.ce.ufl.edu/2011LVR_exhibitorsupporter (preferred) or fill out the enclosed exhibitor/supporter form. Space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

To become a conference supporter for the 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads, please visit our website at www.t2events.ce.ufl.edu/2011LVR_exhibitorsupporter (preferred) or choose a level on the enclosed exhibitor/conference supporter form. Conference supports will receive recognition as stipulated according to the level of conference support that is chosen.

Complete the attached exhibitor/conference supporter form and return as directed along with acceptable payment using one of the payment method options listed on the form. Questions about exhibits or conference support should be directed to Michele Zambelli (mzambelli@ufl.edu) at 352.273.1687 or Nina Barker (nbarker@ufl.edu) at 352.273.1676.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet D. Degner'.

Janet D. Degner
Director, Florida T² Center

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Exhibitor/Conference Supporter Level of Participation Form

Please check all of the appropriate box(es) to reflect your desired level of participation:

- Exhibitor Tabletop Space \$975USD:** Exhibitors may bring a tabletop display and will receive:
- one full registration to all conference activity and food functions
 - listing in the exhibitor/conference support handout provided to all attendees at registration
 - one 6 ft X 30 in table
 - table cover and two chairs
 - free electrical hookup (exhibitor must supply their own power strip and extension cord)
- Conference Supporter - Bronze Level \$500USD:** Bronze conference supporters provide morning/afternoon refreshment breaks plus Tuesday's field trip transportation and will receive:
- recognition in the exhibitor/conference supporter handout provided to all attendees at registration
 - listing as a financial supporter on our 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads conference supporter board to be prominently placed in the conference registration area
- Conference Supporter - Silver Level \$1,000USD:** Silver conference supporters help provide our welcome reception on Sunday to kick off the conference and the closing social hour on Wednesday evening and will receive:
- registration for one person for Sunday's welcome reception and Wednesday's social hour
 - recognition at the welcome reception on Sunday and during the social hour on Wednesday
 - recognition in the exhibitor/conference supporter handout provided to all attendees at registration
- Conference Supporter - Gold Level \$2,500USD:** Gold conference supporters help to provide the luncheon on Monday and the field trip lunches on Tuesday and will receive:
- one full registration to all conference activity and food functions
 - two additional tickets to the luncheon on Monday and the field trips on Tuesday
 - recognition at the Monday luncheon and during each field trip on Tuesday
 - recognition in the exhibitor/conference supporter handout provided to all attendee at registration
- Conference Supporter - Platinum Level \$5,000USD or greater:** Platinum conference supporters help make possible the Wednesday evening banquet and will receive:
- two full registrations to all conference activity and food functions
 - four additional tickets to the Wednesday evening banquet
 - one free exhibit tabletop space in the conference exhibit area
 - recognition at the Wednesday evening banquet
 - recognition in the exhibitor/conference supporter handout provided to all attendees at registration

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Exhibitor/Conference Supporter Information Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Corporation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Country: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Exhibitor Tabletop Space \$975USD ____ (number of spaces) X \$975USD (each) = \$ _____
Electricity? Yes No (circle one)

Conference Supporter-Bronze Level \$500USD ____ (# of conference supporters) X \$500USD(each) = \$ _____

Conference Supporter-Silver Level \$1,000USD ____ (# of conference supporters) X \$1,000USD(each) = \$ _____

Conference Supporter-Gold Level \$2,500USD ____ (# of conference supporters) X \$2,500USD(each) = \$ _____

Conference Supporter-Platinum Level \$5,000USD ____ (# of conference supporters) X \$5,000USD(each) = \$ _____

Conference Supporter-Plat. Level Over \$5,000USD ____ (# of conference supporters) X \$ _____ USD(each) = \$ _____

Total Level of Participation \$ _____ USD

Please check all of the appropriate boxes below:

- Check enclosed (payable to University of Florida)
- Pay using Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard or American Express only, you will be contacted for payment)
- Send exhibitor/conference support invoice to be paid

Send exhibitor/conference support level of participation form and information form to:

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