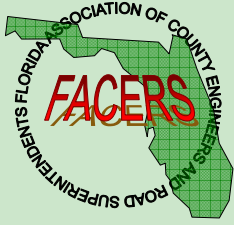


WELCOME 2005!

FEBRUARY 2005



YES VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUSE! BUT HE DID NOT SEND ME A CHECK FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES SO, YOU WILL HAVE TO SEND ME A CHECK. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY

NEWSLETTER

WOW! What a meeting we had in Sarasota in early December. It covered everything from hurricane preparation and recovery, to a walk inside the Ringling Bridge across Sarasota Bay.



Ringling Bridge Across Sarasota Bay

The 2 1/2 day meeting started with perspectives of the 2004 hurricane Season presented by Charlotte, Hillsborough, Orange, Indian River and Okaloosa Counties, Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Emergency Management. It was amazing how each of these entities approached the storms.

RS&H presented an interesting case study on the effects of the recent hurricanes on beaches

and beach renourishment. Everyone from the coastal counties got practical ideas on how to protect their coastline against future storms. It was interesting to see the actual results of some forecasting principals. This kind of information will be invaluable for the future protection of coastlines.

The day ended with a lively round-table discussion covering all aspects of hurricane planning, preparation, initial response, long-term recovery, dealing with state and federal agencies, flooding, and mutual aid. Each county had

their own views on each topic. They know what worked well and, more importantly, what did not. The outcome was the sharing of ideas to improve Emergency Management Plans for the next hurricane season. Once again, FACERS served as the vital connection between counties enabling them to share data and experiences. Personally from the Charlotte County's perspective, we will be implementing some of the successful procedures that worked for other counties.



Happy FACERS!

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Mark your calendar:

- ◆ April 18, 2005, FACERS Award Nomination Deadline
- ◆ June 22 - 24, 2005, FACERS/FAC Annual Conference, Tampa

FACERS 2004 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (Continued)

I know all those who attended took home new information to add to their Emergency Management Plan.

The second day began with Hillsborough County laying out their plans to create an assessment project to dredge a residential canal connecting to Tampa Bay. Once again, FACERS members provided experiences and, in some cases, horror stories of failed projects. This information helped shape the Hillsborough County project, saving them from some of the pitfalls experienced by other counties.

Hillsborough County then presented one of their crowning accomplishments. They coordinated the efforts of private developers, FDOT and the County to get US 301 widened in the southern portion of the county. We all have roadway improvements that we cannot afford and end up “piece-mealing” over time. Hillsborough County pulled all the pieces of the funding puzzle together and can now build a four-lane road as a single project. Not only will the road be built sooner, but reduced the total length of construction saving both aggravation and most likely lives. There are several counties that will be calling on Hillsborough County for guidance real soon!

We then discussed the best way to use the proceeds from the NACE 2004 Conference in Orlando. Since we have experienced difficulties in dealing with state universities to award small scholarships, a committee was formed to develop a new plan to support the engineering education in the State of Florida and report back to the general membership during our June 21, 22, & 23 meeting in Tampa (stay tuned for more information on that meeting).

Following the education discussion, we had a brief presentation by RS&HCS on how the new Ringling Bridge was built. This bridge connects downtown Sarasota with Lito Beach, Longboat Key and a very upscale shopping area.

After the presentation, RS&HCS arranged for FACERS to see how the bridge was built. This involved a short trip to the bridge, a climb up a ladder and a walk through the middle of the bridge.

The second day ended with our official “Social Gathering” put together by our Social Secretary, Carolyn Steves, RS&H. We met at the Bayou Blue restaurant in downtown Sarasota. As usual the FACERS crowd knew how to have a good time!



FACERS SOCIAL GATHERING AT THE BAYOU BLUE!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT FACERS IS DOING?

If you don't, try checking out the FACERS web site: www.facers.org. You can find out who is looking to hire, who won our awards, sign up a new member, see who the officers are this year, read various newsletters from around the state, get copies of a presentation from past conference, etc.

The web site is for the benefit

of our members. It can be as all-inclusive as we want. But, to be as useful as possible, it needs your input.

- ◆ If there is something you think should be included on site, *let us know*.
- ◆ If you have some information you feel would be useful to the membership, *let us know*.
- ◆ If there is a local problem your fellow members can

help you solve, *let us know*.

www.facers.org

This is YOUR web site.

But, the tool is only useful if you use it.

Take some time to check it out periodically and let us know what you think.

ICMA 2004 INTERNATIONAL AWARD!

NACE member, Bernardo Garcia, Assistant County Administrator, Hillsborough County Florida and former Public Works Director Hillsborough County is the recipient of the International City/County Management Association's

(ICMA) 2004 International Award. He was recognized for promoting excellence in public works management at an international level, building a strong relationship with educators and government managers in Mexico and encour-

aging the next generation of public works professionals to achieve levels of excellence in city administration and governance.

Congratulations Bernardo!

FACERS AWARDS

As you reflect on the great accomplishments of your fellow employees in 2004, please to answer the following questions:

- ◆ Did your organization do something WOW last year?

- ◆ Did you have an employee "Go the Extra 2 Miles" last year?
- ◆ Did you just want to brag about someone?

WELL...DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Now is your chance. Every year FACERS honors a Public Works Employee, Rural Engineer, Urban

Engineer and Team Project of the Year.

Awards are open to all individuals working in public works and engineering throughout Florida. Nominees do not have to be FACERS members. They will receive written congratulations/notifications of their

FACERS AWARDS (Continued)

Nomination. The winners will receive their awards from FACERS at the annual convention June 25th in Tampa. They will also received statewide recognition by being featured in the Technology Transfer Quarterly. The engineering award recipients may also qualify for national

recognition.

It is so easy to nominate someone. Just complete form and fax it to the FACERS Selection Committee or nominate someone online at www.facers.org.

The committee may call you to

obtain additional information necessary to make a selection. The deadline for applications is April 18, 2005.

Remember, your nominee can't win unless you fill out a nomination form. The best thing is that it's FREE! So, what do you have to loose?

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MISSING PEOPLE?

FACERS has a membership category, known as "Life Member". Those selected for election into this category have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the advancement of the FACERS organization and have left or retired from active employment with their County. We have lost track of the following Life members of FACERS. If you know any of these members let me know, or ask them to send me an e-mail so I can get them back on our mailing list.

LIFE MEMBER	LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE
Ed Dougherty	Bunnell, Florida
Charles Good	Sarasota, Florida
Gordon Hayes	Granite Shoals, Texas
Thomas Hastings	Orlando, Florida
Herbert Kahlert	West Palm Beach, Florida
William Kenley	Lakeland, Florida
Dick King	Fernandina Beach, Florida
Thomas McClelland	Daytona, Florida
Stanley Noland	Jacksonville Beach, Florida
James Pinkerton	Knoxville, Tennessee
Ed Culpepper	Alachua, Florida

Email: brian.barnes@charlottefl.com or snail-mail: Brian Barnes, Charlotte County Public Works, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

FACERS Award Nomination Form

TO: FACERS Award Selection Committee

FAX: (352)292-3224

NOMINEE: _____
name/team "name" *position*

AWARD NOMINATED FOR: (circle one)

Team Project

Public Works Employee

Rural Engineer

Urban Engineer

For the project completed in 2004 by the County/City of _____

Briefly describe the project leading to this nomination: _____

Nominee's/Team Leader's work phone: _____ Best time to call: _____
(very important to fill in completely)

By this nomination, I certify that this individual/team has participated in a local project that has had a major impact in improving our local services and protecting our citizens' best interest.

Signed: _____
Signature of nominating person

Date: _____

Name: _____
please print

Title: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your E-Mail Address: _____

For Assistance, please call Gib Peaslee at (352)392-2371 ext. 245.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS AND ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS

Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) invites you to become a member of one of the most dynamic organization for public works professionals and those associated with public works operations. FACERS is an affiliate organization of both the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE).

We have to types of memberships, *Active Members*; which is open to County Engineers, Road Superintendents, Public Works Directors, and other public works staff and *Sustaining Members*; whish is open to other county staff, consultants, vendors, University staff, or other interested in the field.


Our affiliation with FAC affords us an opportunity to meet twice a year at their Legislative (November) and Annual (June) Conferences. At each of these conferences, we are able to interact with decision and policy makers, elected officials, and staff from Florida government. Each conference agenda is packed with interesting topics for both the technical and operations side of our membership. As an exempt provider of Continuing Education by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers, we can also provide the necessary continuing education hours needed to renew a Florida P.E. License.

Do you need a truck weight ordinance, have a problem with FDEP classifying ditch cleaning as hazardous waste, been asked to install some traffic calming device, etc? Before spending your tax dollars, find out how other counties resolve these problems – – what worked and what didn't. Any challenge you are facing has probably already been addressed by one of our member counties. Why reinvent the wheel when the answer is out there? We schedule open discussion time at the conferences as well as open email to our members between conferences. Our web site, www.facers.org, list job opening, membership applications, awards, etc.

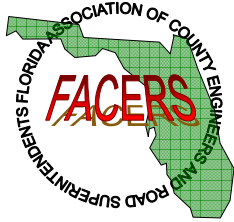
FACERS is also dedicated to providing engineering scholarships to universities, throughout the State of Florida. To support our annual scholarship grants, FACERS hosted the 2004 National Association of County Engineers in Orlando.

Please consider joining FACERS. I know you will benefit from a closer association with your counterparts throughout Florida. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (941) 575-3612 or email me at brian.barnes@charlottefl.com.

Looking forward to meeting you.



Brian J. Barnes, P.E
FACERS, Treasure



2005 FACERS/NACE Membership Application Form

Please complete this membership application form and mail it along with a check for the annual dues to the address below.

Name: _____
Title: _____
County (Active Member): _____
Company (Sustaining Member): _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____

Please mark your membership type:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE (choose only one option)

- Active Member FACERS \$50.00
- OR
- Active Member FACERS **and** National Association of County Engineers \$170.00
(NACE Membership is optional, not required to be a member of FACERS)

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEE, VENDOR, CONSULTANT, UNIVERSITY STAFF, ECT.

- Sustaining Membership \$50.00

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please provide this form along with your check (made payable to FACERS) and mail to:

Brian J. Barnes, P.E., Facers Treasure
Charlotte County Public Works
7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
Telephone: (941)575-3612 Fax: (941)637-9265
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2005 FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES & ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 22, 23 & 24, 2005

Now that we all have our 2005 calendars out and ready to be filled, please block out the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of June. Why, you ask? Those are the dates of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and the next FACERS general meeting. The only information we now have is that the conference will be held in Tampa, June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Since we are an affiliate of FACE, the registration for the FAC Conference is our registration as well. Once FAC puts the conference registration and hotel information on their web site, you can register online at www.fl-counties.com.

Usually FAC has the information on their web site by the

end of April, so you might want to check back on their site after May 1st. FACERS will be e-mailing all members a reminder as soon as we get the conference information from FAC.

We do not yet have a formal agenda for the June meeting. During the June meeting each year we are required, by our constitution, to perform several duties. The election of Officers is one of these required duties. Other matters to be addressed: presenting the annual FACERS award (see the article on nominating people for awards); the committee report on engineering education support in Florida by FACERS (see the article on this by the committee chairman); and the general

membership meeting, as well as many informative and interesting programs. This meeting will chart the direction of our organization for the foreseeable future. Therefore, it is very important all of our members attend.

Bob Gordon, Hillsborough County Public Works Director, or his designee, will design the agenda for our meeting. Look for the next newsletter to contain the FAC conference information as well as the FACERS agenda.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
June 22 - 24, 2005
2005 Annual Conference
Register at
www.fl-counties.com

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Clause! But he did not send me a check for your membership dues so, you will have to send me a check. If you have not already returned your invoice with the correct membership data and check add it to your New Years resolutions! The dues remain \$50 per year for FACERS and \$170 per year for FACERS and NACE. I will be sending the membership information to NACE in Washington D.C. within the next three weeks. I need to received your check so I can include you on the membership form.

If you have already sent your check to me, thank you for your efficiency.

However, if you have not sent your dues in or if you have lost, misfiled, spilled coffee or thrown away or shredded the one I sent you, a blank form is enclosed for you to use and send along with your check.

Thanks!