



News from the Florida Association of County Engineers & Road Superintendents

2018 Annual Meeting Overview Orange County



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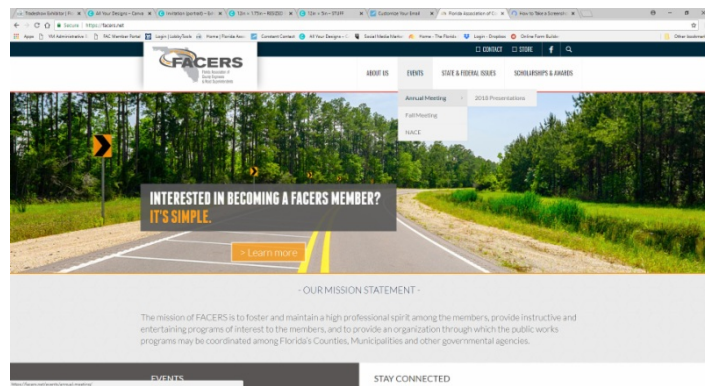


Annual Meeting Presentations

Presentation are available for download!

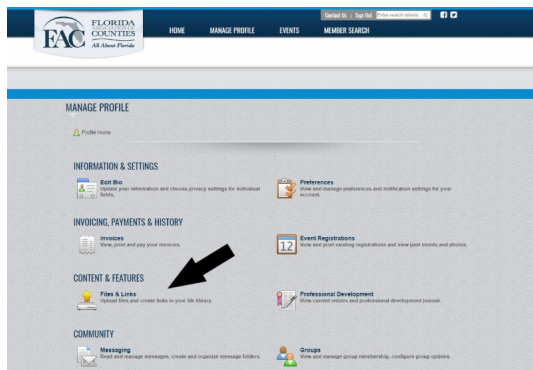
As requested, some presentations from the Annual Meeting have been uploaded to the website. To view presentations, [click here](#) or navigate by going to **Events - Annual Meeting - 2018 Presentations** (see image).

More will be uploaded soon!



Annual Meeting PDH Certificates

PDH Credit Certificates have been uploaded!



Your PDH certificates from the Annual Meeting have been uploaded to your [FAC Member Portal](#).

When you login to your account, on the **Manage Profile** tab, under **Contents & Features**, click **Files & Links**. You can find your certificates saved under the title "2018 Annual Meeting PDH."

President's Message Shane Parker

I consider it a privilege to serve as the President of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) for the 2018/2019 year.

I look forward to working with Vice-President Brian Singleton of Alachua County, Treasurer Tracy Straub of Marion County, Secretary Benjamin Bartlett of Volusia County and the FACERS Board of Directors. I appreciate the past officers and directors of FACERS for their leadership, professional contributions, and continued participation in FACERS.



FACERS is a non-profit and membership supported organization in Florida. All members need to actively participate in order to further our goals and objectives. Addressing the challenges we face in our counties, sharing our knowledge with each other, and finding new innovative ways to overcome those challenges is how we improve the value of FACERS membership. I urge all members to become involved with FACERS and spread the word to your colleagues to increase membership and attract new sponsors.

I would also like to encourage all of you to submit comments and ideas of how to improve our technical sessions so that as a member you feel that you are receiving a value for your membership.

I invite all members to attend the FACERS fall conference which will be held at the Marriott Tampa Waterside in Hillsborough County, FL on November 28-30, 2018. Attending the FACERS fall meeting which is held simultaneously with the 2018 FAC Legislative Conference is a great networking opportunity.

Engineers who are licensed by the State of Florida will receive Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for attending the FACERS technical sessions. The cost of attending the FACERS fall meeting is \$100.00 and is free if you register to attend the FAC Legislative Conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Tampa!

Thanks,

Shane

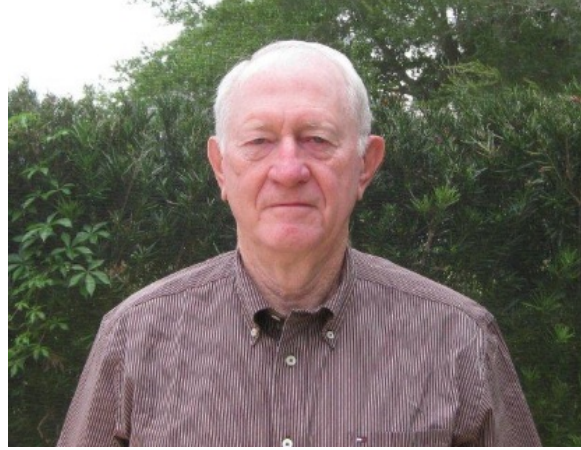
Member Spotlight

John Goodknight

Professional Bio

My career in public works began as a coop student working on a State Road Department survey party after my freshman year at UF. Following graduation, I worked in the Materials and Research Division in Gainesville and then spent four

years at Texas A&M University while working on a PhD degree.



Returning to Florida and the Department of Transportation, I held various positions including District Engineer in Miami and Assistant Secretary in Tallahassee.

The second half of my career concentrated on local government, including a brief period with a consulting engineering firm, followed by my appointment as Transportation Director/County Engineer for Sarasota County. After my first retirement, I returned to Gainesville and the University of Florida to develop and manage the Construction Training Qualification Program. Returning to county public works, I assisted Hillsborough County with the FEMA/FHWA claims following the hurricanes in 2004 and then served as Assistant County Engineer in Marion County.

Following my retirement from full time employment, my professional activities have concentrated on two assignments. As Executive Liaison for FACERS, my role includes coordination with the Department of Transportation, Florida Association of Counties, and other state and federal organizations as well as providing other support for our officers and general membership. I also participate as a study team member with UF's Transportation Safety Center in conducting highway safety studies for small Florida counties.

Throughout my career, I've been privileged to play a role in projects like the reconstruction of the Keys Bridges, the planning for the completion of the Interstate system in South Florida, and implementation of a stormwater utility and major flood control projects in Sarasota County. My current roles with FACERS and UF allow me to continue to work with people I have known from all phases of my career. I am very fortunate to have this opportunity and I cherish these relationships.

Personal Info

What's playing on your iPod? Mostly Classic Rock or Blues

What's the last book you read? Merrill's Marauders, an account of the jungle warfare unit of the South-East Asian theatre of WW II. My Father served in that unit.

What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends? Gator and Aggie football games during the fall. I also participate in a group "Uncommon Carpenters" at Grace United Methodist Church, building ramps for handicapped people at their homes, and for the last ten years, I've been trying to complete the restoration of the car I bought when I was a student at UF.

What's your favorite part of FACERS? The people and the knowledge that the work our organization does has a positive impact on the citizens of Florida! My wife, Annette,

looks forward to our social events and enjoys the comradery as much as I do.

Project Spotlight

Swallowfork Subdivision

This dirt road subdivision in Callahan, Florida, contains over 100 residential homes. The drainage improvement project was designed to improve the subdivision by adding ponds and underground drainage systems. The Department quickly realized the approximate \$300,000 budget would not be sufficient, so all of the driveways and cross drains were replaced, and ditches were re-graded to achieve proper flow. Outfall ditches were re-established, the road was stabilized, and a double chip seal was applied to 1.3 miles of roadway.



The Nassau County Road and Bridge Department successfully used existing outfall ditches and adjusted elevation grades to re-route the roadside drainage. All work was done in-house as a design-build by department supervision.



The subdivision had weekly maintenance (grading) and the drainage needed to be improved. The work eliminated the weekly grading, and significantly improved the road conditions.

The community, that was experiencing flooding, excessive standing water and a road that was constantly in need of maintenance was improved to a double chip sealed road and a drainage system that would efficiently drain roadways and properties under normal rainfall events.

2018 Award Spotlight

Complete Street Project – 6th Street

Congratulation to the City of Haines City, who received the FACERS Local/State Agency Collaboration Project of the Year Award for the Complete Street Project – 6th Street!

This project along 6th Street (from Wood Avenue to E. Hinson Avenue) was the first Complete Streets project in Haines City and northeast Polk County and happened through a District-wide Scenic Enhancement contract with FDOT District 1.



FACERS Past President, Doug Gable, presenting the award to Haines City at their city commission meeting.

Through resurfacing worn out pavement, addressing localized flooding by providing a new drainage system, adding on-street parking with landscaped bulb-outs, sidewalks, and installing decorative signing and lighting this project helped revitalize the community and provide a more welcoming and walkable corridor, while increasing safety, accommodating all users, and improving 6th Street.



Before



After

The purpose of this project was to improve safety for all users by resurfacing the worn-out pavement, provide a new drainage system to address localized flooding, add on-street parking with beautifully landscaped bulb-outs, add sidewalks along both sides of the roadway, and the installation of decorative signing and lighting.

The consultant team Patel, Greene & Associates (PGA) used innovative design methods to help fit sidewalks in on both sides of the roadway. The cross slopes of the roadway, on-street parking, and the sidewalks were all used to mold the project to the existing terrain allowing all the improvements to stay within the existing right of way. City staff identified localized flooding and PGA developed a new drainage design and implemented this system to alleviate flooding concerns.



Before



After

All stakeholders were involved early in the design process to ensure the success of this project and FDOT scheduled construction in the summer to minimize impacts to the nearby elementary school. Florida friendly landscaping was used to transform 6th Street into the gateway that the City of Haines City desired for one of the City's premiere destinations, Lake Eva Facilities which houses a park, aquatic center, and an event center and is the home to several successful events that bring significant commerce to the City.

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