



News from the Florida Association of County Engineers & Road Superintendents

FACERS Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your FACERS membership!

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County/Municipal Members Fee: \$130

**Sustaining Member
(Private/State/Etc.): \$180**

For current members, renewal has never been easier, simply click [HERE](#) and renew your dues for 2019.

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2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Networking:** FACERS hosts two face-to-face multi-day events each year attended by over 50 people. FACERS members can communicate with each other electronically throughout the year whenever needed.
- **Professional Development:** During the Annual and Fall Meetings, FACERS provides its members with the opportunity to earn over 20 hours of certified professional development.
- **Advocacy:** Through membership in FACERS, your county has a voice in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. Advocating for State and Federal funding is an integral part of the FACERS organization.
- **Newsletter:** Members receive a quarterly publication recapping FACERS meetings and articles detailing various projects and best practices throughout the state.

JOIN TODAY

County / Municipal Members - \$130.00

Those persons in public works positions who are regularly employed on a full time basis by any one of Florida's counties or cities (e.g. county engineers, public works directors, county road superintendents).

*Membership dues for new county and municipal members are waived for the first year.

Sustaining Members - \$180.00

Persons who are not employed by a county or city and are interested in the affairs of FACERS as approved by the Board of Directors (e.g. consultants, state employees).

To pay by credit card, click here. Once you have logged in with your user name (email address) and password you will be redirected to the FACERS Annual Dues page. If you would prefer to pay via check, please complete the 2019 Membership Invoice and enclose with your check. Please also take a moment to check your "profile information" and make any changes, if needed.

PAYMENT DUE: MARCH 31, 2019

MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
MILAN CLAYTON AT MCLAYTON@FL-COUNTIES.COM OR
(850) 922-4300



2019 YEAR AHEAD



2019 Annual Meeting Orange County

The 2019 FACERS Annual Meeting registration has recently opened! The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2019 Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference. To register, [click here](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR A DRAFT AGENDA](#)

**June 11-14, 2019
Hyatt Regency Orlando
Orange County**

Registration Fees:
FACERS Members - \$100
Non-Member - \$175

Annual Meeting Sponsors

Interested in Sponsoring?

There are plenty of opportunities to sponsor at the FACERS Annual Meeting!

GOLD SPONSORSHIP - \$1,000

- Coffee Service
- OR one (1) of the following:
- Wednesday Break - Exclusive
 - Thursday Break - Exclusive
 - Exclusive Signage
 - Logo on all meeting signage & verbal recognition during meeting and social
 - Opportunity to address the meeting attendees at the social
 - Company logo in meeting recap and 3rd Quarter FACERS Connect Newsletter

SILVER SPONSORSHIP - \$500

- Sponsor of Event or Social
- Logo on signage at Social
- Logo on all meeting signage & verbal recognition during meeting and social
- Opportunity to address meeting attendees at social
- Company logo in meeting recap and 3rd Quarter FACER Connect Newsletter

BRONZE SPONSORSHIP - \$250

- Sponsor of the Social
- Logo on Social signage
- Opportunity to address meeting attendees at the Social
- Company logo in meeting recap and 3rd Quarter FACERS Connect Newsletter

[Click here to purchase sponsorship.](#)

Contact [Milan Clayton](#) or [Jenny Laxner](#) at (850) 922-4300 if you have any questions about sponsorship!

In the News: Florida Road Builders Drive Massive Highway Expansion

The biggest expansion of the state highway network since the mid-1950s looks poised to gain approval from Florida lawmakers, pushed into action by road builders and contractors eager for work. House leaders are joining Senate President Bill Galvano's push for three major toll roads, which he says will bring jobs and fresh opportunity to overlooked regions of Florida. Environmentalists and many planners warn the move threatens waterways and will promote sprawl. It will also cost the state more than \$1.5 billion over the next decade, according to state budget projections.

For the rest of the article, click [here](#).

Legislative Update: 2019 Florida Legislative Session - Bills

Affected Local Public Works

The 2019 session of the Florida Legislature began March 3 and is scheduled to end May 3. Indexing the local gas taxes is a priority for FACERS. FACERS, together with Marion County, had advanced a proposal to apply the same indexing procedure to local gas taxes that has applied to state gas taxes since the early 1990s. Under this proposal the local gas tax would be adjusted annually in accordance with the changes in the Consumer Price Index. This proposal was adopted as part of FAC's legislative program for this year, but as of this date, no bill sponsoring this legislation has been introduced.

For the rest of the report, click [here](#).

President's Message Shane Parker

Greetings! I hope all is well with everyone and that you all are keeping your heads above water. Especially, as we all move into the preparation of our County budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

As a reminder, please make arrangements to attend the FACERS summer conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando from June 11-13, 2019. The meeting be held simultaneously with the 2019 FAC Annual Conference and is a great networking opportunity. Also, one of our guest speakers will be FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault. So please make plans to attend as it is not often that we have the Secretary of FDOT as our guest speaker.

If you have any ideas for a presentation or have a topic you are interested in hearing a presentation on at the summer conference then please submit your comments and ideas to our Vice-President Mr. Brian Singleton at bsingleton@AlachuaCounty.US.

I hope everyone takes some time off from their hectic schedules to enjoy the Easter holiday and Spring Break with the family and friends. Remember there will always be plenty of work, but you can't get back those precious moments with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Shane



Member Spotlight Margaret Smith

Professional Bio

I received my Bachelor's in Civil Engineering and my Master's in Engineering Management from the University of South Florida, go

Bulls! I have worked in the transportation-design arena since my days as a co-op student with Hillsborough County, Roadway Design. I have worked as a consultant and in government. I was with FDOT, D7, for 16 years, the technical and leadership skills, and ethics I learned there have served me well in my current position as the County Engineer for Pasco County.



Personal Info

What's playing on your iPod? Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron, Catholic Stuff you Should Know, TED Talks

What's the last book you read? Lead from the Heart: Transformational Leadership for the 21st Century by Mark C. Crowley

What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends? I enjoy spending time with my family (husband and son). I enjoy hiking, gardening, playing tourist (visiting small towns/local attractions, fairs, etc.), and watching movies.

What's your favorite part of FACERS? I enjoy hearing different perspectives on issues from experts from across the state.

Sponsor Spotlight Bowman Consulting



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In 2012, Bowman Consulting expanded their market into Florida by merging with Creech Engineers Inc. Creech Engineers was a successful full-service civil engineering and surveying firm focusing on the Space Coast and the Treasure Coast, and working throughout the State of Florida for 25 years. Bowman Consulting Florida Region includes Melbourne, Stuart, Port St. Lucie, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa providing Professional Civil Engineering, Surveying and Mapping services across the State of Florida. In the past 23 years, we have successfully completed projects in 51 of Florida's 67 counties. Bowman Consulting's clients benefit from a balance of deep resources, often associated with large firms, and the flexibility and quick response associated with smaller boutique firms.

Melbourne Office was established in 1999 and we have been a local firm working in Melbourne Area for over 15 years. The Melbourne office is home to our Florida Municipal Team. Bowman's key personnel for municipal services and specializing in Pavement Maintenance and Asset Management are Mr. Flavell and Mr. Archebelle. We look forward to assisting you with your next project.
