



News from the Florida Association of County Engineers & Road Superintendents

2019 Annual Meeting Overview Orange County



FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault presented on Governor DeSantis' transportation vision and how the Department plans to fulfill the vision moving forward.



An exhibitor, DBi Services, shows off the custom sign they made for FACERS.



Palm Beach County Engineer, David Ricks, smiles for the camera before the Annual Meeting begins.



Alachua County Director of Public Works, Ramon D. Gavarrete, presents to county commissioners on the basics of transportation and public works.



Introducing our new Officers & Board of Directors

Brian Singleton
Alachua County
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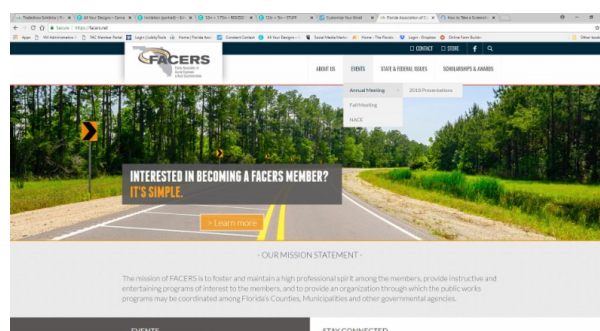
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Annual Meeting Presentations

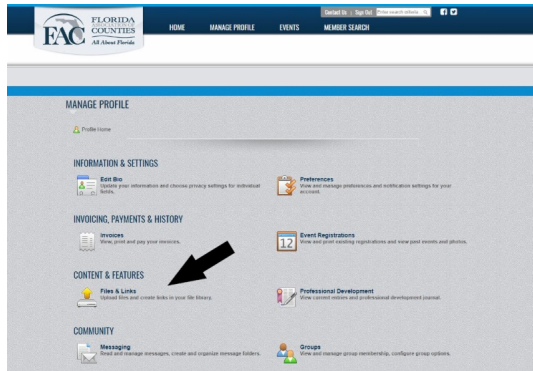
Presentation are available for download!

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* (see image).



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 "2019 Annual Meeting PDH Credits."

Transportation Related Legislation Passed in the 2019 Session

Several legislative bills passed during the 2019 Session have now been signed and became law. Some of these new laws will affect local governments and cities and counties should carefully review these and make appropriate adjustments to local processes and ordinances to conform to these changes.

The Communications Services bill (SB 1000) requires special attention. During the last two years, FACERS has been concerned about the legislation affecting the permits for small cell facilities installed on public rights of way. This year SB 1000 made further changes to this process, but it also added similar provisions affecting installation of wired communications facilities in the rights of way. This could have a significant impact on local permitting processes.

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

President's Message Brian Singleton

It's an honor to serve as the FACERS President for 2019/2020 year. Thank you to Past President Shane Parker of Henry County for a great year and thank you to all Officers, Directors and Support personnel for making FACERS what it is today.

I have enjoyed being a member of FACERS as the organization is a great forum for education, training, communication, sharing ideas and best practices with my peers around the state. Though unique to each of our localities, we all face the same challenges delivering services to the public; when hitting a stumbling block or an issue you haven't come across before, FACERS is a great resource to ask for help.



My first use of the FACERS resource was to obtain aquatic vegetative control bid specs; I am currently utilizing information I've learned at conferences to present an optimized pavement management program to my elected body to stretch our transportation dollars.

The Fall FACERS Conference is November 20 – 21 at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach in Broward County and I encourage all members to attend. This is a great way to network with your peers, obtain PDHs and for me working remotely is a welcomed change of pace from my office. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Thanks,

Brian

Member Spotlight

Neal Shinkre, P.E, MBA

Professional Bio

Neal Shinkre is the Public Works Director for St. Johns County. He provides administrative oversight for the Engineering, Road & Bridge, Traffic, Solid Waste, Coastal and Fleet Management divisions of St. Johns County government.



Prior to his service with St. Johns County government, Neal served in project management roles at JR Wauford & Company, Blasland Bouck and Lee and CGS Consulting Inc. managing civil and environmental engineering projects in Tennessee and Florida.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Masters of Science in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a Master in Business Administration from University of North Florida.

Personal Info

What's playing on your iPod? Classic Rock

What's the last book you read? Art of War, Sun Tzu

What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends? Golf

What's your favorite part of FACERS? The Collaboration and Sharing of Intellectual Capital to benefit Florida Communities.