

**FACERS Board of Directors Meeting  
Marion County Engineer's Office  
412 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471v**

**Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 2019**

**Attendees:** Ramon Gavarrete, John Goodknight, Benjamin Bartlett, Brian Singleton, Scott Herring, Lisa Baker, Judy Clarke, Fred Schneider, Jennifer Laxner, Clinton Howerton, Milan Clayton, Amy Blaida, Tracy Straub, Pei-Sung Lin, Nithin Agarwal, George Gadiel

**Call to Order:** President Brian Singleton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary's Report:** George Gadiel distributed meeting minutes from the June 14, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting via email.

Benjamin moved approval of the meeting minutes; seconded by Tracy Straub. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Benjamin Bartlett emailed out financial report, list of paid members and those with outstanding dues. The current cash balance is \$52,439.50 and there is an outstanding invoice from the June conference for approximately \$10,000.

**Vice President's Report:** Tracy Straub is still looking for some additional speakers for the November conference. Suggestions included gas tax, university discussions, autonomous cars, internally illuminated RPM's, Chaz Jordan, dirt road maintenance, street diet and Virgin Atlantic train system.

**Committee Reports**

**Memberships:** No additional information other than the emailed report from Benjamin of existing members and members with unpaid dues. If dues are not paid soon, they will be removed from the membership.

**FACERS Budget:** Ramon Gavarrete reported the budget is looking good for the next fiscal year.

**NACE:** Scott Herring reported the next meeting is in September and the annual conference is April 20-24<sup>th</sup> in Alabama.

**FAC:** The policy meeting will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Blaida moved approval to send Brian Singleton to the FAC policy meeting; seconded by Benjamin. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy moved approval for FACERS to fund sending Brian Singleton the FAC policy meeting; seconded by Benjamin. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Issues: John Goodknight forwarded email from Laura Youmans with FAC about not likely getting gas tax indexed in the next legislative session due to lack of support. She suggested looking at modernizing the funding source. Amy mentioned that gas tax is one of two high priority topics with APWA with FEMA reimbursement being the other. Gator Howerton is working with his BOCC to get their support for a Legislative request. Ramon has a gas tax resolution being reviewed internally and then will be sent out for review by FACERS. Palm Beach County has provided their interpretation of the cell tower and wired communication and is looking for input from other FACERS members. A utility organization reached out to John about hosting a Transportation Summit

LAP Community of Practice: John Goodknight reported the LAP manual has been updated. If anyone is having issues with LAP to contact John so it can be discussed at the next LAP COP meeting with FDOT. A draft of the FDOT lighting compensation has been provided to John and he will send out for review. The ability to opt out has been included in the latest draft.

LTAP: Pei –Sung Lin attended the LTAP National Conference August 7<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> in Vermont. There are multiple resources to help out the local Counties including website training. There are two main points of emphasis with Everyday Counts in Florida, pedestrian safety and road departure crashes.

T-Squared: Nithin Agarwal mentioned that the T-Squared center is available to help schools with applications for funding.

Awards Committee: Clint Howerton provided update about no applicants for awards.

Green Book: Shane Parker will take over the FACERS representative on the Green Book committee to provide updates to FACERS. Scott Herring reported FDOT is planning on completing the Green Book update this year.

Newsletter: Lisa Baker asked for members to continue sending updates for the newsletter.

Continuing Education: FACERS is good through 2023 to offer PDH's at their conferences and is looking for additional sponsorships.

Scholarships: Brian provided information about the UCF reception occurring on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Website: John with the help of Jennifer Laxner and Milan Clayton from FAC has added meeting minutes to the website and is looking to add membership roster and a list of past presidents to the website.

## **New Business**

Scott previously emailed out County attendees to the FAC Meeting who are not members of FACERS and asked for members to reach out those Counties to see if they would be interested in joining FACERS.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.