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WELCOME!

To improve communication among our members, the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS), is launching an electronic newsletter. This communication tool is designed to be whatever you want it to be:

- ◆ If you need help solving a problem, write it up and send it in
- ◆ If your group has solved a common problem that you want to share, write it up and

- send it in
- ◆ If you want to brag about your staff or your organization, write it up and send it in
- ◆ If you have a suggestion to improve our newsletter, write it up and send it in
- ◆ If you think this is a complete waste of time, keep it to yourself!

The success of this quarterly newsletter depends on your input and suggestions – the more you participate,

the more useful this forum becomes. So write up those stories and suggestions and (until further notice) email them to me at: brian.barnes@charlottefl.com or snail mail to: Brian Barnes
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Part of the "handsome" FACERS staff at the NACE 2004 Annual Conference.

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NACE 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP



April 4-8, 2004, was an exciting time to be on In-

ternational Drive in Orlando, when the Rosen Plaza Hotel was the country's epicenter for county engineers. FACERS hosted the 2004 National Association of County Engineers Annual Conference with representatives from more than 30 states.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of many members, the conference was reported to be one of the best ever. From the opening ceremonies with keynote speaker Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, to the installation of the new NACE officers at the Annual Banquet, there was non-stop fun, education, information exchange, and networking. Thirty sessions over three days provided information on topics such as:

- ◆ TEA-21 Reauthorization
- ◆ Homeland Security
- ◆ Pavement options
- ◆ Communications design
- ◆ Design build concepts
- ◆ NPDES issues
- ◆ Budgeting methods to improve maintenance opera-

tions

- ◆ What really works with traffic calming
- ◆ How to make the National Flood Insurance Program work locally
- ◆ Real life time management ideas that work

We learned our personality types and how to build working relationships with other personality types.

There was a two-day vendor exhibition show with information from vendors representing products or services from every operation activity imaginable. As part of the



outdoor exhibits, the entire group had the opportunity to pitch softballs at a target to drop our President, Ramon Gaverrette, our NACE representative, George Webb, and the NACE Executive Director Tony Giancola, into a dunk tank.

At day's end, participants

unwound at events such as the poolside dinner under a full moon. The Chamber of commerce could not have staged more perfect weather!



Our NACE Representative George Webb Splashes down for the "scholarship fund"!

A big "**THANKS**" to everyone who worked tirelessly for the past 18 months assembling sponsors, prizes, speakers, spouse programs, delegate gifts, etc., and to all those FACERS Members (and others) who worked during the event to make sure all the bases were covered. Without the efforts of the FACERS Family, this could not have happened. Thanks to their efforts a number of college students will receive scholarships to become our future engineers.



Tony Giancola - NACE Executive Director sports a "Florida" hardhat!

NACE 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Continued)

NACE and FACERS are proud to recognize both national and local sponsors of the 2004 Annual Conference. Please take a minute to thank the following sponsors in your area. Without their financial support we would not have been able to make this conference happen!

FACERS Platinum Sponsors

- ◆ Ayres & Associates

NACE Platinum Sponsors

- ◆ Asphalt Contractors Associates of Florida, Inc.
- ◆ Ayres & Associates
- ◆ Federal Highway Administration
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- ◆ Washington State Association of County Engineers



MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

The Counties shown in green below are represented in FACERS. As you can see, we are missing the experience and knowledge of prospective members from 30 Florida counties. We need these counties represented in FACERS! If you know someone from a neighboring county who is not a current member, please give them a call and invite them to join. You probably need to call them to discuss a drainage or road problem anyway!

Just direct them to the FACERS web site (www.facers.org) and they can fill out an application online. I will email them an invoice and membership information. Or I have included the application form in this newsletter that can be printed and distributed at your next meeting with your

neighboring county.

Alachua	Baker
Bay	Bradford
Brevard	Broward
Calhoun	Charlotte
Citrus	Clay
Collier	Columbia
Desoto	Dixie
Duval	Escambia
Flagler	Franklin
Gadsden	Gilchrist
Glades	Gulf
Hamilton	Hardee
Hendry	Hernando
Highlands	Hillsborough
Holmes	Indian River
Jackson	Jefferson
Lafayette	Lake
Lee	Leon
Levy	Liberty
Madison	Manatee

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Nassau	Okaloosa
Okeechobee	Orange
Osceola	Palm Beach
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Santa Rosa	Sarasota
Seminole	St. Lucie
St. Johns	Sumter
Suwannee	Taylor
Union	Volusia
Wakulla	Walton
Washington	

Let's all make an effort to get 100% of Florida's counties represented in FACERS. This will not only strengthen our organization but will increase our voice in shaping Florida transportation issues.

MEET FACERS OFFICERS, PAST PRESIDENT, & NACE DIRECTOR

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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*; which 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.

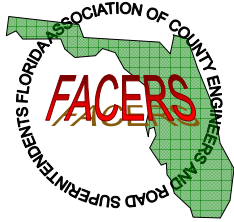
FACERS is also dedicated to providing engineering scholarships to universities, throughout the State of Florida. To support our annual scholarship grants, FACERS hosted the 2004 National Association of County Engineers in Orlando.

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



2004 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 \$180.00
(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:

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FACERS 75TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPOSITION ~ JUNE 23, 24 & 25, 2004

Don't miss the next FACERS meeting! As usual, we will meet jointly with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). Registration for the meeting can be completed on the FAC web site (www.fl-counties.com) where additional information is also available. The information in the right side of the screen under "Conferences", then click on "Annual Conference".



This year's Annual Conference and Educational Exposition will be held at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa on the beach in Hollywood Florida

(www.diplomatresort.com). FACERS will have a full agenda of meetings, including the election of new officers for the year. Continuing education credits will be available to those engineers still needing credit hours before the next Professional Engineer Registration renewal.

Concurrently with the FACERS meeting, you can attend any of the other presentations by key state and local officials on current events.

Your support and participation is essential to keep FACERS a dynamic organization serving as your voice in state government. Please take the time to register today and join us in Hollywood!

Registration forms and pay-

ment should be sent to:

Jill Jackson
Fla. Association of Counties
Post Office Box 549
Tallahassee, Florida 32302
Telephone: (850) 922-4300
Fax: (850) 488-7501

Your registration fees cover all meeting materials, all food events, President's party and access to the exhibit hall.

Should you have any questions please contact Jill Jackson at Florida Association of Counties (jjackson@fl-counties.com).

FACERS JUNE 2004 MEETING AGENDA

The June meeting is planned to be an exciting and fun time!

- ◆ Jose Abreu, P.E. - Mr. Abreu was appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Transporta-

tion by Governor Bush on March 5, 2003. This will be the first time we have had an opportunity to meet the secretary.

- ◆ Hot in-place asphalt recycling

- ◆ Pavement management Systems
- ◆ School zone striping
- ◆ Field trip to some exciting location in the Hollywood area

FACERS JUNE 2004 MEETING AGENDA (Continued)

- ◆ NACE 2004 Wrap-up
- ◆ Election of new officers
- ◆ General business meeting

José Abreu, P.E., was appointed as Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Jeb Bush on March 5, 2003. Prior to serving as secretary, Mr. Abreu was FDOT's District Six Secretary for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties since 1995. His appointment followed eight years of service in senior positions within the district. He began with the department in August 1984.

Mr. Abreu graduated from Miami-Dade Community College before completing his



*Jose Abreu, P.E.
Secretary of Transportation*

education at the University of Miami where he received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1977. He is a licensed professional engineer and a certified engineering contractor active in his profession. Mr. Abreu serves on the Industrial Advisory Board of the University of Miami College of Engineering, the Board of the Association of Cuban-American Civil Engineers and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Abreu has received numerous awards and proclamations including the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Miami

College of Engineering, the 1996 Outstanding Contributions Award from Florida International University College of Engineering, the 2000 Wilbur S. Smith Award; the National Highway Engineering honor presented by the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society (FES) award for outstanding service to the profession-government and most recently, Miami-Dade Community College Hall of Fame.

Mr. Abreu was born in Cuba on April 1, 1954. He and his wife Miriam have two grown children; Marisa and José.

WWW.FACERS.ORG

YOUR WEB SITE!! Don't miss the myriad of pictures as well as some of the presentations from the NACE meeting in Orlando last month!

The Florida Association of County Engineers and Road

Superintendents (FACERS) web site, FACERS.org, is chocked full of facts, information and fun! The web site carries details about *your* FACERS organization, membership, best practices, job postings, technical and legis-

lative information, award winners including FACERS Urban Engineer of the Year, Rural Engineer of the Year, Public Works Employee of the Year, and Team Project of the Year, FACERS scholarship winners,

WWW.FACERS.ORG (Continued)

past conference presentations, and more! And, of course, the site has a hot link to the NACE web site. Soon we will have Sustaining Members listed with hot links to their organizations!

FACERS.org is there to assist YOU and it's a FREE service!

Need a good employee? Send us the job information to post. Want feedback on county practices or issues? Post them for comments. Share

your county's successes with your peers, just send us the details! Want to nominate someone for a well deserved award? Just click on www.facers.org and submit your heroes on line!

This is YOUR site so use it to the fullest to help you in your professional work and growth. Be sure to share this site with your administration and potential members. Membership applications and all the details are available on line, of course!

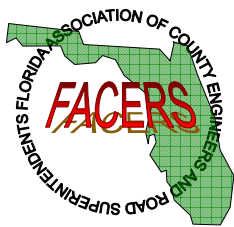
Please take a moment today

and visit www.facers.org and tell us what you think! We welcome your comments for improving and expanding the content. We have made it easy to submit your ideas and suggestions online.

The Florida Transportation Technology Transfer (T²) Center staff at the University of Florida developed and maintains the site for us.

It's free, it's easy, it's YOURS! Check out www.facers.org today!

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