

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

**Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2020**

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

**Call to Order:** President Brian Singleton called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary's Report:** George Gadiel distributed meeting minutes from the November 22, 2019 Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting via email.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Benjamin Bartlett emailed out financial report.

**Vice President's Report:** Tracy discussed with the group many topics to possibly include at the Annual Conference in June. Elections will be held during a General Membership on either Wednesday or Thursday instead of the Board meeting on Friday.

**President's Report:** Brian notified the Board of Directors of his change in employment.

Scott moved approval for Brian to remain as President; seconded by Amy. Motion carries unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Memberships:** Benjamin emailed out list of paid members. We currently have 148 members, 88 County/City, 9 honorary, 19 life and 32 sustained. When a member changes employment, we must make sure to get the new email address.

**FACERS Budget:** Ramon discussed the budget and that it is better off than previously discussed as more money from the conference has come in. The proposed amended budget shows a shortfall of \$1,210.00. Discussion on attendees to the two conference must register for the conference to receive credit for PDH's. We will continue to monitor if this is a problem moving forward.

Scott moved approval of the amended 2020 FACERS Budget; seconded by Fred. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sponsorships:** A discussion of changes to the sponsorship levels occurred.

Scott moved approval of Platinum Sponsor to cost \$2,500 with one at the annual conference and two at the legislative conference, to be ten minutes long and held right before lunch; seconded by Amy. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy moved approval of Gold Sponsor to cost \$1,000 plus the cost of coffee or the break which includes two break and two coffee sponsorships per day, Wednesday and Thursday; second by Scott. Motion approved unanimously.

Tracy moved approval of Meeting Agenda Sponsor to cost \$1,000 and include a spot in the conference agenda page and a full page ad on the back cover and no introduction of the first speaker; Amy seconded. Tracy moved approval of amended motion to change the cost to \$1500; Amy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy moved approval of the Badge Sponsorship to cost \$1,500 and include a company logo on each attendee badge; Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy moved approval to change Silver Sponsor to \$1,000 and Bronze Sponsor to \$500; seconded by Shane. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved approval that if unique sponsorship situations arises, the President has the authorization to work directly with FAC to sign the sponsorship deal; Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Education: FACERS is approved through 2023 as a provider and through 2021 for Professional Engineering PDH's.

NACE: The annual conference is April 20-24<sup>th</sup> in Alabama and the information will be added to the agenda for our fall meeting. NACO will be held at the end of February.

FAC: No update.

Legislative Issues: John discussed two topics: HB 6073 – Educational requirements for surveyors and SB 1000/HB 1371 Pedestrian crosswalk signals. HB 6073 would remove education requirements for surveyors. SB 1000/HB 1371 would require all midblock crosswalks to be controlled by a traffic signal with pedestrian control.

Scott moved approval for FACERS to stay neutral on HB 6073, seconded by Fred. Motion carried unanimously.

Ramon moved approval to oppose SB 1000/HB 1371, seconded by Shane. Ramon moved approval of amended motion to oppose with a recommendation for FDOT to conduct a study to find out if there is an existing problem at midblock crosswalks, seconded by Shane. Motion carried unanimously.

LAP Community of Practice: John Goodknight spoke about the roadway lighting agreement. The roadway lighting agreement includes an opt-out option. The Committee is setting up a meeting with FDOT to discuss.

LTAP: Pei –Sung Lin discussed upcoming webinars, training and workshops: project bundling on February 12<sup>th</sup>, LAP Professional Services Checklist Training on February 19<sup>th</sup> and Low Cost Roadway Safety Improvements workshop on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in various locations.

T-Squared: No update.

Awards Committee: Gator says we have received one application for an award. The deadline to submit is April 10, 2020.

Green Book: Green Book Committee will be holding their meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Florida Turnpike headquarters.

Newsletter: The newsletter needs projects and we recommended Deborah Snyder for member spotlight.

Scholarships: No update.

Website: No update.

### **New Business**

Shane discussed modifying FACERS constitution since it does not allow Life members to hold elected offices and fix the deadline date for paid dues. Shane, Fred, John and Scott will serve on the nominating committee to look for future Board members.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.