

FACERS ON THE MOVE!

Letter from the President, Brian Barnes



First, I want to congratulate our own George Webb on his election as President of the National Association of County Engineers at the NACE Conference this spring. I would also like to thank Todd Buckles for his leadership and guidance as the FACERS President this past year. Todd left his presidency with a bang by issuing a challenge to the membership to help make FACERS a more dynamic, forward-looking organization, both within Florida and nationally.

There was a lengthy discussion at our meeting in Orlando, June 13-15, about mobilizing the expertise and clout within FACERS. It was generally agreed that FACERS needs both the financial support as well as the active participation of ALL of its members. With the recent happenings in Tallahassee, all of us are facing doing more with less. One way we can accomplish this is by working collectively. The membership of FACERS is a vast mind trust in the State of Florida. We need to tap into that expanse of knowledge to the benefit of all FACERS members.

How??...I'm glad you asked!...FACERS needs each and every member to get involved and share your expertise with the rest of us. I don't care if you represent the biggest county or the most rural county in Florida. You have experiences and solutions to problems that someone is struggling with today. Why not share and keep that other person from spending their time and money trying to figure out the solution

you already know about? Likewise, that person knows something that will help you.

To that end, we are creating various "Task Force Groups" (task forces get this done while committees just meet!), made up of FACERS members with similar concerns, who can collectively find the perfect solution. Each Task Force Group can then share their solution with the entire group at our next general membership meeting. Our first group was formed at the June Annual Meeting in Orlando. Marion and Volusia Counties, in association with the T² Center, are working on writing a pavement construction inspection course. Anyone wishing to help in the effort should send me an e-mail (see the FACERS website at www.facers.org).

These Task Force Groups can meet via teleconference and e-mail to exchange ideas. By spreading out the membership in these groups, no one will have to dedicate a massive amount of time.

One of our first opportunities is the FDOT and working on developing Local Specifications for LAP projects. We have been invited to join this process to help write specifications the counties and cities will be using on LAP projects in the foreseeable future. This is a tremendous opportunity for us, and we need to be players in this process. Anyone with an interest in writing specs, please contact me so we can get this group together and working with the FDOT.

You will soon be receiving a call from someone within the FACERS organization asking you to help PLEASE say YES!!! If you don't hear from us, call one of the officers and volunteer (OK, at least express your interest!). We will work on getting the FACERS website (www.facers.org) more informative as to what we are doing and how you can help. Your Officers and Board of Directors need your help...they cannot succeed in accomplishing our goals and objectives without it!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FAC Legislative Conference

November 13—16

World Golf Village

St. Augustine, FL



Commemoration

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD RUSSELL



Howard had been a long-time member of The Metroplan Transportation Technical Committee representing Osceola County. Howard also served on the Citizens Advisory Committee as the Representative of the City of St. Cloud, and was a past president of FACERS.

After moving to Osceola County in the early 1990's, Howard served as the Osceola County Engineer for a number of years. His most recent position was Public Works Director for Associated Poinciana Villages.

Howard will be remembered as a professional, dedicated community volunteer and a true gentleman.

Out thoughts and prayers are with his family!

Member Spotlight

Danielle Slaterpryce, PE
Vice President



Danielle Slaterpryce, P.E. has been employed by the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners as the Public Works Director since 1999. She is responsible for the management and operations of the Engineering, Surveying, Land Development Review, Road and Bridge, Parks, Solid Waste, Mosquito Control and Artificial Reef divisions. She also provides in-house contract management and administration for other county departments on an as needed basis. Her divisions are staffed by 200 employees.

She is an active member of the Eglin Installation Growth Committee (Chair of the Transportation subcommittee and member of the Executive Committee), the Okaloosa – Walton Transportation Plan-

ning Organization (Technical Advisory Committee), and the Okaloosa Walton / Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Technical Advisory Committee).

Previous employment includes:

Putnam County BCC, Public Works Director/
County Engineer

St. Johns County BCC, Director Solid Waste
Management

St. Johns County BCC, Civil Engineer

Mills, Brody & Associates, Inc., Design Engineer Intern

Lee Brock, P.E., P.L.S. and Plandev, Inc,
Design Engineer Intern

Current Professional affiliations:

Florida Association of County Engineers and
Road Superintendent, Vice President

National Association of County Engineers

Florida Engineering Foundation Board of
Trustees

Florida Engineering Society, State President
Elect

National Society of Professional Engineers

Solid Waste Association of North America

American Public Works Association

Education:

AA in Mathematics from Palm Beach
Junior College

BSME Mechanical Engineering Florida
Atlantic University

On a personal note, Danielle's Mom, Jeannine Pitt, is always a welcome addition to conferences and social events. She is truly a bright spot for the FACERS organization!

FAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE November 14–16, 2007 Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village St. Augustine

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Conference is fast approaching. This year, it is being held at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village. The resort is between St. Augustine and Green Cove Springs. FAC has reserved a block of rooms at \$159.00 per night. For more information, check out their website at www.fl-counties.com.

As an alternative, there is another hotel next to the conference site called The Grande Villa at World Golf Village. The Grande Villa is about a quarter of a mile from the Renaissance Resort and, if you search through www.priceline.com, you

can book this hotel for \$92.00 per night!

Danielle Slaterpryce, our Vice-President, has a very exciting agenda planned for us!

In addition, Carolyn Steves, Sustaining and Social Director, is planning a fantastic evening at a great restaurant for our FACERS Social Night!

We hope to see you there!

Brian Barnes, President

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CHECK OUT THE
FAC WEBSITE
AT
www.fl-counties.com**



FAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE *2007–2008 Officers and Board of Directors*



From left to right: Carolyn Steves, Ramon D. Gavarrete, Hector Bertran, Brian Barnes, Diane Slaterpryce, Alan Holbach, Travis Davidson, Gene Calvert, Jim Davis

2007 FAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Endowed Scholarship Awards*



Awarded to the University of South Florida
\$25,000



Awarded to the University of Florida
\$25,000



2007 FAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Awards Ceremonies*



Team Project of the Year
Lake County Public Works



Todd Buckles
Receiving Plaque for Service as
President of FACERS



Public Works Employee of the Year
John Shields
Charlotte County Public Works

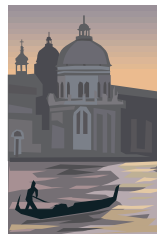
2007 FAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Social Event*

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



The Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) invites you to become a member of one of the most dynamic organizations 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 two 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 others interested in the field.

Our affiliation with FAC affords us an opportunity to meet twice a year along with FAC during the Legislative (November) and Annual (June) Conferences. At each of these conferences we are able to interact with the decision and policy makers, both elected officials and staff, in Florida government. Each conference's agenda is packed with interesting topics for both the technical and operations sides of our membership. As a source for 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 cleanings as hazardous waste? Been asked to install some traffic calming device, etc.? Ask the other counties how they resolve the same problem and find out what worked and what didn't before spending your tax dollars. Anything you are facing, one of our member counties most likely has experienced before. Why reinvent the wheel when the answer is out there for the cost of a question? We schedule open discussion time at the conferences as well as open e-mail to the members between conferences. We also maintain a website www.FACERS.org that lists job openings, membership applications, awards, etc.

FACERS is also dedicated to providing Engineering Scholarships to Universities, with Engineering Programs through the State of Florida.

We hope you will consider joining FACERS. We know you will benefit from the association with your counterparts across the State of Florida.

Brian J. Barnes, President
2007-2008 FACERS



**Florida Association of County Engineers
And Road Superintendents
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Title: _____

County (Active Member): _____

Company (Sustaining Member) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

Please mail this form with your check
(made payable to FACERS) to:

Hector M. Bertran, P.E.
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Orlando, FL 32839
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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

County Public Works Employee (*Choose only one option*)

Active Member FACERS..... \$50.00

Active Member FACERS and NACE.....\$170.00

(Note: NACE membership is optional, not required to be a member of FACERS)

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Other County Employee, Vendor, Consultant, University Staff, etc.

Sustaining Membership.....\$50.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$_____