

# FACERS ON THE MOVE!

2008



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS  
A ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS

## NEWSLETTER

### Letter from the President, Brian Barnes

Hope everyone had a happy and, more importantly, a safe holiday season. Now that we are all writing the wrong date on our checks, it's time to look forward to the best year ever!!!

Before we get too far into 2008, let me look back over the past few months and update you on the last conference. Danielle Slaterpryce, our Vice President, put on a **GREAT** program at our November meeting. We met in association with the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference at the World Golf Center just outside of St. Augustine. Not only did we have a great program, we took some important steps in obtaining the goals I talked about in our last newsletter. During this conference, we established two new committees.

The first committee will work closely with members of the Florida Engineering Society (FES) to develop cooperative solutions to problems we are jointly facing. FES is working on issues such as the Florida Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), which establishes how the various governmental agencies can select engineering consultants. Since all of us use CCNA to hire engineering consultants, it is critical that we work with the consultants to ensure any modifications to the existing legislation both protects the consultants' rights, while still giving us the flexibility to hire the best qualified consultants for our projects.

The second committee we established is to support the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) during the development of their legislative agendas

each year. Currently, by the time FACERS hears about the FAC Legislative agenda, usually during the November conference, the issues are well established, and we have very little input. This committee will work with the FAC staff early in the process so that FACERS can help mold the "official" positions FAC pushes each year during the Legislative session.

There were good discussions on various topics, including changing our meeting schedules. A proposal to not participate in the FAC Legislative Conference was discussed at length. Rather than meet for 3 days in association with FAC, we discussed the possibility of holding one day specialty meeting/field demonstrations in various locations so that members can make a one day trip to attend only those meetings they have special interest in. Various topics were mentioned, such as a field visit to the Highlands County asphalt plant to see how landfill gasses can be used to make new asphalt, field demonstrations of various different kinds of maintenance equipment, a joint FES/FACERS planning meeting, a joint FACERS/FDOT policy meeting, etc. Tight travel budgets will limit the attendance at conferences, so we need to do whatever we can to help our members get the biggest bang for their buck. To ensure we remain active with FAC, full participation with FAC at the Annual Conference will be maintained. The 2008 Annual Conference will be in Miami-Dade County, June 25-27, 2008, at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa. Please plan on attending this meeting, as



some major decisions will be made there.

Last June, the membership expressed interest in having the newsletter mailed out rather than via e-mail as we had done in the past. We did this for the Fall newsletter. Unfortunately, the cost, approximately \$500.00 for printing and mailing, does not warrant the benefits, so we are going back to the electronic version. We will be moving up production to 6 issues each year, starting with this one. Each issue will be shorter and have fewer graphics, so it will load quicker and not be caught in Spam filters as much. With a bi-monthly schedule, members will know when the next newsletter will be coming.

In order to send out 6 issues each year, we need your input. Send the newsletter editor, Carolyn Steves at [carolyn.steves@rsandh.com](mailto:carolyn.steves@rsandh.com), your thoughts on topics, articles you have written, and things you are doing, etc., and we can put them in the next edition.

Now, on into 2008!!!!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*FAC Annual Conference*

**June 25-27**

*Doral Golf Resort and Spa*

*Miami-Dade County, FL*

# Member Spotlight

Hector M. Bertran, P.E.  
Treasurer



Hector Bertran has been employed with Orange County Public Works since January 2003. His primary responsibility is managing the County's Traffic Calming, Annual Traffic Counts and Guide Sign Programs.

Hector has over 18 years of diverse experience. He started his career in New York working for Underpinning and Foundation, Inc. as a superintendent in charge of construction operations. He then accepted a position as an estimator/engineer and worked on bidding and value engineering multi-million dollar construction projects with Slattery Associates Inc., an engineering/contracting company rated in the top 500. Before finding a home at Orange County, he

worked as a traffic engineer with The New York State Department of Transportation. Hector enjoys working in the transportation industry and helping the citizens of Orange County.

Hector is actively involved and currently the Treasurer of The Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents. He is also a member of The Institute of Transportation Engineers and The American Public Works Association. Hector received his Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering from The City University of New York at the City College of New York and is registered in The State of Florida as a Professional Engineer and a Certified Building Contractor-inactive.

Hector takes pleasure by serving his Church as a greeter. Hector also has been involved in the community by participating in several Paint the Town events hosted by Orange County and as a United Way Coordinator. He was the Player Agent, coached and umpired for Goldenrod Little League. Hector has also previously served as the Secretary of the Adult Steering Committee for the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training program at Winter Park High School. He enjoys Latin

dancing, playing all kinds of sports, especially basketball, and loves spending time with his two sons, Fernando and William. Hector appreciates the opportunity to serve as an officer for FACERS and looks forward to meeting everyone at this year's annual conference.

## FAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE 2007 Bridge of Lions Tour



## 2007 FACERS Scholarship Recipient at USF

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From left to right: Nizar Jetha, Sr. VP, Ayres and Associates / Adam Klinstiver, scholarship recipient / John Wiensek, Professor and Dean of the College of Engineering / Dr. William Carpenter, Professor and Interim Chair for the Department of Engineering

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## Upcoming Classes for the Florida T2 Center

### Advanced Maintenance of Traffic

- 6 Feb - 08 Feb 2008 in Clearwater
- 13 Feb - 15 Feb 2008 in Palm Coast
- 13 Feb - 15 Feb 2008 in Panama City
- 5 Mar - 07 Mar 2008 in Orlando
- 2 Apr - 04 Apr 2008 in Plantation
- 14 May - 16 May 2008 in Sanford
- 18 Jun - 20 Jun 2008 in Tampa
- 15 Jul - 17 Jul 2008 in DeLand
- 22 Oct - 24 Oct 2008 in DeLand

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# Upcoming Classes for the Florida T2 Center

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## **Advanced Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Refresher**

- [5 Feb 2008 in Clearwater](#)
- [12 Feb 2008 in Palm Coast](#)
- [25 Feb 2008 in Tallahassee](#)
- [4 Mar 2008 in Orlando](#)
- [1 Apr 2008 in Plantation](#)
- [13 May 2008 in Sanford](#)
- [17 Jun 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [23 Jun 2008 in Tallahassee](#)
- [14 Aug 2008 in Bartow](#)
- [21 Oct 2008 in DeLand](#)

## **Asphalt Combo - Inspection and Maintenance**

- [24 Apr 2008 in DeLand](#)

## **Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic**

- [8 Feb - 09 Feb 2008 in Ft Myers](#)
- [19 Feb - 20 Feb 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [20 Feb - 21 Feb 2008 in Ocala](#)
- [21 Feb - 22 Feb 2008 in Punta Gorda](#)
- [21 Feb - 22 Feb 2008 in Pompano Beach](#)
- [7 Mar - 08 Mar 2008 in Ft Myers](#)
- [12 Mar - 13 Mar 2008 in Orlando](#)
- [24 Mar - 25 Mar 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [2 Apr - 03 Apr 2008 in Leesburg](#)
- [11 Apr - 12 Apr 2008 in Ft Myers](#)
- [14 Apr - 15 Apr 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [8 May - 09 May 2008 in Naples](#)
- [9 Jun - 10 Jun 2008 in Gainesville](#)
- [13 Jun - 14 Jun 2008 in Ft Myers](#)

### **Now Hear This!**

- [4 Mar 2008 in Sarasota](#)

### **OSHA Competent Person**

- [2 Feb 2008 in Panama City](#)

### **Pilot/Escort Flagging Training**

- [15 Feb 2008 in Leesburg](#)
- [19 Feb 2008 in Jacksonville](#)
- [20 Feb 2008 in Hamilton](#)
- [22 Feb 2008 in Ft Myers](#)
- [29 Feb 2008 in Milton](#)
- [1 Mar 2008 in Pompano Beach](#)
- [8 Mar 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [8 Mar 2008 in Tallahassee](#)
- [14 Mar 2008 in Ft Myers](#)
- [28 Mar 2008 in Starke](#)
- [31 Mar 2008 in Orlando](#)
- [4 Apr 2008 in Milton](#)
- [5 Apr 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [12 Apr 2008 in Tallahassee](#)
- [18 Apr 2008 in Ft Myers](#)
- [25 Apr 2008 in Leesburg](#)
- [3 May 2008 in Tallahassee](#)
- [9 May 2008 in Tampa](#)
- [27 Jun 2008 in Ft Myers](#)

### **Plans Reading Fundamentals**

- [27 Mar 2008 in DeLand](#)

### **Road Safety Assessments for Local Governments**

- [11 Mar - 12 Mar 2008 in Pompano Beach](#)
- [24 Mar - 25 Mar 2008 in Ocoee](#)

### **Surveying Methods For Local Highway Departments**

- [15 May 2008 in DeLand](#)

### **The Power of Feedback**

- [4 Mar 2008 in Sarasota](#)

# 2007 – 2008 FACERS OFFICERS

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# **FACERS Board of Director's Meeting**

## **October 10, 2007**

### **Present**

Brian Barnes – President

Danielle Slaterpryce– Vice President

Hector Bertran – Treasurer

Fred Schneider - Secretary

Gene Calvert – Director

Travis Davidson - Director

Alan Holbach - Director

John Newton – Director

Todd Buckles – Past President

Ramon Gavarrete – NACE Representative

Janet Degner – T2 Director

With a quorum present, Brian Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

## **Secretary's Report**

Minutes for the February 16, 2007 were provided by email. A hardcopy was available at the meeting. The minutes were approved with a correction to correct the spelling of "Gavarrete". Discussion took place regarding previous FACERS minutes. Brian Barnes (and anyone else) who has copies of previous minutes will provide them to Fred Schneider who will create a binder for this purpose. As a new secretary is sworn in, the binder will be transferred in order to maintain a record in succession of Board Actions.

Discussion took place regarding the need to send out the newsletter by email. The cost to mail is excessive at \$500.00. A Motion was made to utilize email only by Ramon Gavarrete, seconded by Alan Holbach. The Board voted to approve same.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Hector Bertran provided a copy of the report. Hector will check membership to see that it is up to date with current membership renewals. Hector will contact the Trophy Factory in Deland, FL to straighten out issues regarding payment for a trophy which is now in hand. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Alan Holbach, seconded by Fred Schneider. The Board voted to approve same.

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## Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Brian Barnes

We have two new members who are HT Tompkins of St. Johns County, and Leigh Ann Pyron of Hillsborough County.

**Scholarships:** Danielle Slaterpryce

We received \$12,500.00 from HDR for the University of Central Florida match. Danielle will contact FAC to work on finding a time slot to present the award to UCF at the December FAC meeting at the luncheon.

**Green Book:** Fred Schneider

Janet Degner stated that they are working on completing a training program.

**FDOT Specification:** John Goodknight (not present)

No new items.

**By Laws:** Todd Buckles

Todd stated that the current by laws were reviewed and looked good.

**NACE:** Ramon Gavarrete

Ramon reported that Tony Giancola was stating that NACE was not paid the \$500 sponsorship for NACE president George Webb. Hector Bertran will look into it and make sure that this is paid.

**Annual Conference:** Danielle Slaterpryce

Danielle provided a possible program and schedule for the FACERS meeting. Discussion took place on possible topics. Ramon will bring someone from Highlands County to discuss the new asphalt plant that they have constructed. Other items included requesting someone from FES to discuss CCNA issues. Danielle requested that members send her ideas and contacts as this is a difficult process to put together a program. She welcomes all help and suggestions.

**T2 Center:** Janet Degner

Janet reminded everyone to submit nominations for FACERS awards. They are not getting many nominations. Discussion took place whether to eliminate one of the awards and just have one award. No action was taken.

**Newsletter:** Carolyn Steves (not present)

As discussed previously, the newsletter will be emailed.



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## **New Business:**

1. Membership: All members should contact adjoining counties if they are not members and invite them to December FAC meeting.
2. Hector Bertran will send out a new list of members.
3. Janet Degner reminded everyone that the Rural/Urban Engineer of the Year award would run in the February newsletter and on the website.
4. The next meeting is November 14, 15, 16, 2007 in St. Augustine at the FAC conference.
5. Hector Bertran will need to get all Board Officers signature for Bank of America
6. Discussion took place regarding FDOT LAP procedures. LAP is being used extensively in Florida but being reviewed/enforced differently in each FDOT district. Counties should review LAP agreements carefully for how maintenance will be applied to local agency after construction is completed.

Have no other business; the meeting was adjourned 11:45 AM

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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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](http://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:**

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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.....\$\_\_\_\_\_