

# FACERS ON THE MOVE!

June 2008

## Letter from the President, Brian Barnes



Greetings:

I would ask how things are going for all of you around the State of Florida, but I know. Charlotte County, like everyone else, is in the middle of one of the messiest budget processes in memory. We have undergone major personnel decreases in our Building and Permitting sections and are looking at more personnel cuts as we finalize the FY 08-09 budget. With our union contract, the reduction in positions has resulted in "Bumping", which allows a person with more seniority to bump another employee with less seniority out of a singular position in another department. So now we must do more with less and do it with new personnel.

The peer to peer relationships we have in FACERS can help with this evolving situation with the exchange of information. You know someone in FACERS has faced a particular problem and can help you with the "experienced" view before you have to reinvent the wheel in your county. If you can work it into your budget, please consider attending the Annual Meeting in Miami June 25-27. I know there will be a lot of discussions on the current state of our budgets. Danielle Slaterpryce has put together another great agenda.

With the tight budgets the Counties and consultants are facing, we will be holding our normal social night on Thursday, but know it would be unreasonable to expect the consultant community to pick up the tab. Therefore, this year the event will be up to the individual to pay for his or her own meal. Reynolds, Smith and Hills has been very generous in the past to pick up the cost of the meals, but I have asked them to forgo this until the economic times greatly improve. Carolyn Steves from Reynolds, Smith and Hills, however, will continue putting together the normal Thursday Night Social Gathering.

See all of you in June!

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## **FACERS SOCIAL GATHERING**

**Thursday, June 26**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Doral Ale House  
3271 NW 87th Ave.**

**RSVP to  
Carolyn Steves at  
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**ASAP**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*FAC Annual Conference*

**June 25-27**

*Doral Golf Resort and Spa  
Miami-Dade County, FL*

**June 24 – 27, 2008**

**Annual Meeting at Doral Golf Resort & Spa, Miami, FL**

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**Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Registration desk open

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: FAC Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: John Newton III, Director Transportation Maintenance Division, Hillsborough County  
“Sidewalk Management and Maintenance”

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Mike Maltebos, General Manager I,  
Jim Thigpen, General Manager III, Hillsborough County  
“Asset Management, Past, Current and Future Applications”

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Paul Foley, P.E., President KCA  
Florida Institute Consulting Engineers and Local Government Roundtable

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Peter N. Rogas, PE, Tampa Bridge Leader, RSH  
“Tale of Two Bridges”

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Round Table Forum (Budget Issues and other Challenges)

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## **Thursday, June 26, 2008**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m.: FAC Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Dr. Patricia Galloway, PE, PMP  
CEO The Neilsen-Wurster Group, Inc.  
“Role, Responsibility and Risk Consideration of the Engineer Regarding Sustainability”
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Networking Break
- 10:30 a.m. –12:00 a.m.: Larry Low, P.E., Senior VP, HDR, and  
Nelson Canjura, P.E., Bridge Section Manager  
“Connecting Communities One Crossroad at a Time” Downtown Miami Infrastructure Project
- 12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: FAC Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. –2:00 p.m.: Drive to Miami Airport for New Terminal Tour
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Miami International Airport – New Terminal Tour
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: FAC President’s Reception
- 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: FACERS Social gathering
- 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.: FAC Restaurant Tour/Shuttle to South Beach

## **Friday, June 27, 2008**

- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: FACERS Business Meeting

## Member Spotlight

### Fred Schneider, PE, PTOE Secretary



Fred was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, but spent his early years in Connecticut and Virginia. His family moved back to Florida, where he completed high school at Coconut Creek High School in Coconut Creek, Florida. After graduating at UF with a BSSM, he moved to Orlando. He completed a BSCE at UCF while working full time. His wife of 19 years is Mary Ann, and they have 3 children; Kyle (15), Carly (12), and Lauren (10), and also a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier named Rocky.

He worked in Orlando for a total of 6 years as a land surveyor with Boyle Engineering and as an engineer technician with the Orange County Department of Public Utilities. After receiving his BSCE at UCF, he became employed by Lake County Department of Public Works, where he has been for 16 years. Some of his highlighted accomplishments while at Lake County have been to provide leadership and policies needed to implement improvements in County Operations and Services such as a GIS-based Flood Mapping Program; Computer-

based Crash Data Management System, and GIS Right-of-Way Mapping. He was recently given the 2008 Horizon Award from the Lake Sumter MPO for his role in implementing a County-wide Transportation Concurrency Management System involving Lake County, the MPO, and all 14 Towns and Cities.

Lake County has doubled in population from 150,000 to 300,000 persons during his tenure. The Engineering Division has 41 full time employees. Road Projects have gone from paving clay roads to building new 4-lane urban arterials. They recently completed a new 4-lane project in Clermont, Florida, at a construction cost of \$13M. Their development review process is very efficient, with only 2 development review engineers on staff. The Stormwater Section continues to provide Major Basin studies and evaluations and retrofitting of flood and water quality systems. The Transportation and Traffic Engineering section has 3 employees who keep very busy with PD&E studies, traffic studies, signal studies, and design reviews. The Right-of-Way section provides the support for acquisitions of land and right-of-way for all Public Works projects.

His best employees are those that can work independently, value teamwork, and have the initiative to get things done. His best spot is when he feels too busy to get everything completed that he needs to in a day. On the flip side, he expects to deal with big problems, but it's the little overlooked things which cause major issues that aggravate him.

The Engineering Division website is at [http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public\\_works/engineering](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public_works/engineering) where you can see current and completed projects.

The 5 year work program can be reviewed at [http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public\\_works/funding\\_and\\_production/2008-2012\\_transportation\\_construction\\_program.aspx](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public_works/funding_and_production/2008-2012_transportation_construction_program.aspx)

#### **Professional Licensure / Affiliation:**

PE—State of FL Registration as of 1996

PE—State of PA Registration as of 2002

American Society of Civil Engineers—Member since 1992

Institute of Transportation Engineers—Member since 1999, Certified PTOE in 2004

Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents—Member since 1999

Florida Greenbook Committee—Associate Member since 2001

# Upcoming Classes for the Florida T2 Center

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Below are all of the scheduled workshops for the Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T2). If you have any questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

*There are 58 workshops scheduled*

### **ADA/Accessibility Requirements for Hwy Design and Pedestrians**

West Palm Beach July 15 — 16, 2008  
St Petersburg July 17 — 18, 2008  
St Augustine July 21 — 22, 2008  
Milton July 24 — 25, 2008

### **Advanced Maintenance of Traffic**

DeLand July 15 — 17, 2008  
Pompano Beach July 30 — 01, 2008  
DeLand October 22 — 24, 2008  
Tampa February 10 — 12, 2009

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

Tampa June 16, 2008  
Tallahassee June 23, 2008  
Pompano Beach July 29, 2008  
Bartow August 14, 2008  
DeLand October 21, 2008  
Tampa February 9, 2009  
Tampa February 13, 2009

### **Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic**

Ft Myers June 13 — 14, 2008  
Tampa July 14 — 15, 2008  
Pompano Beach July 17 — 18, 2008  
Orlando July 21 — 22, 2008  
Ft Myers August 11 — 12, 2008  
Leesburg August 18 — 19, 2008  
Tampa September 9 — 10, 2008  
Orlando September 22 — 23, 2008  
Punta Gorda October 9 — 10, 2008  
Ft Myers October 28 — 29, 2008  
Tampa November 24 — 25, 2008  
Ft Myers December 5 — 06, 2008  
Leesburg December 15 — 16, 2008

### **Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic Refresher**

Tampa June 13, 2008  
Ft Myers August 4, 2008  
Tampa November 6, 2008

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# Upcoming Classes for the Florida T2 Center

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## **OSHA Competent Person**

Bartow July 17, 2008

## **Pilot/Escort Flagging Training**

Lakeland June 19, 2008

Ft Myers June 27, 2008

Tampa July 12, 2008

Orlando July 15, 2008

Milton July 25, 2008

Tallahassee August 9, 2008

Ft Myers August 15, 2008

Leesburg August 26, 2008

Cocoa September 4, 2008

Tampa September 13, 2008

Milton September 22, 2008

Tallahassee October 11, 2008

Ft Myers October 17, 2008

Orlando October 27, 2008

Milton November 7, 2008

Tampa November 15, 2008

Milton December 1, 2008

Ft Myers December 12, 2008

Leesburg December 17, 2008

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

DeLand July 9, 2008

Troy Chapman

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# 2007 – 2008 FACERS OFFICERS

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**Draft Minutes**  
**FACERS Board Meeting**  
**Orlando, FL**  
**February 29, 2008**

**Present**

Brian Barnes – President \*

Danielle Slaterpryce– Vice President (via phone) \*

Hector Bertran – Treasurer \*

Fred Schneider - Secretary \*

John Newton – Director \*

Todd Buckles – Past President

Carolyn Steves, RS&H Sustaining Member \*

Ramon Gavarrete, Member, State NACE Director

John GoodKnight, Member

Bob Gordon, Member

Janet Degner, T2, Univ. of Florida

**Not Present**

Gene Calvert – Director \*

Travis Davidson - Director \*

Alan Holbach - Director \*

Jim Davis - Director \*

**Also Present:**

Amy Bent, RS&H

\* Current Board Members



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With a quorum present, Brian Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM.

## Secretary's Report

Minutes for the November 16th , 2007 General Membership and Board Meeting were provided. The minutes were approved with a motion from Hector Bertran and seconded by Todd Buckles. Final minutes will be emailed to all Members.

## Treasurer's Report

Hector Bertran provided a copy of the report. Total fund balance is \$54,265.22. Discussion took place to put on hold any further scholarships until a later date. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Hector Bertran and seconded by Todd Buckles. The Board voted to approve same.

## Committee Reports:

### **Membership:** Hector Betran

Hector discussed current membership which shows downward trend. Hector will send reminder notices to all members who have not yet paid there annual dues which may be the cause of this item.

### **Scholarships:** Bob Gordon

Currently, we have UF, FIU, UCF, and USF under scholarship. It was decided to hold on any further scholarships at this time. A motion was made by Danielle Slaterpryce and seconded by Ramon Gavarrete to hold further scholarships. The Board approved the motion.

### **Green Book:** Fred Schneider

The next Green Book Committee meeting is in March of 2008. Janet Degner stated that they are working on completing a training program. Fred Schneider will be discussing Street Lighting at this meeting.

### **By Laws:** Todd Buckles

No new report. Todd will look over and make recommendations and will be ready for the June Meeting.

### **NACE:** Ramon Gavarrete

George Webb and Ramon are attending the NACE convention. Ramon mentioned that FHWA plans on making numerous changes to the MUTCD. Ramon suggested that everyone visit the FHWA website to view the proposed changes.

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**Annual Conference:** Danielle Slaterpryce

Danielle provided a draft agenda for the June Meeting. One of the items is to hold a joint FACERS/FICE/APPWA roundtable. Carolyn Steves offered her assistance to Danielle to help set up the agenda and contacts.

**T2 Center:** Janet Degner

Janet reminded everyone to submit nominations for FACERS awards! Very Important to remind everyone! Janet passed out the 2008 training list and also the FDOT Research Showcase magazine. Janet is still working out the issues for LAP training. She is working with Lora Hollingsworth in Tallahassee FDOT.

**Newsletter:** Carolyn Steves

As discussed previously, the newsletter will be emailed. Carolyn continues to offer her assistance to the Board.

## New Business:

1. **House Bill 683** – Ramon Gavarrete reminded everyone to please send individual letters to their legislator and copy Eric Poole regarding this issue. This is a significant issue affecting all counties and cities in Florida. Ramon provided a letter to Eric Poole and copied all FACERS members with the letter. Members have only a short time to send letters as the legislatures opening session is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. Danielle Slaterpryce will be FACERS contact on this issue. Carolyn Steves will send out an email newsletter to all FACERS members after receiving information from Ramon Gavarrete.
1. **FDOT State Quality Partnership Participation:** The Board approved membership and Fred Schneider will be the Contact Person to FDOT.
2. Brian discussed issues with the **SWFWMD** requiring developer built improvements to have county sign off on the permit application for Stormwater. In the past this was not required. Now SWFWMD wants his county to also be a permittee even on such items as sidewalks. Discussion took place among the members regarding permitting rules and how the Water Mgmt Districts have different policies and rules in place.

Have no other business; the meeting was adjourned 12:10 PM

DRAFT MINUTES Respectively submitted by Fred Schneider, Secretary

# 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:

Hector M. Bertran, P.E.  
FACERS Treasurer  
Orange County Public Works Department  
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Orlando, FL 32839  
(407) 836-7890

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