

# FACERS ON THE MOVE!

Fall 2008

## Letter from the President, Brian Barnes



Greetings from Southwest Florida:

I am betting we are all in the same no-frills boat at this point. Once again, this year we have been asked to do more with less...but look at the bright side; next year we will look back at this year and remember 2008-09 as the "Good Ol' Days!"

In case you have not heard, our Vice President, Danielle Slaterpryce, is now the President of the Florida Engineering Society (FES). She took office in June at the FES annual conference in Naples. I attended her installation as the FACERS representative. That afternoon, Danielle and I had a chance to sit down with the American Public Works Association (APWA) Governmental Liaison, Chris Evers, to work on one of her goals, which is to foster better relationships between the various professional organizations throughout the state. The three of us

had a very good discussion on how we can work smarter as a group rather than harder as individual organizations with cross interests. Basically, the three organizations are working toward the same goal; we just have different points of view periodically. With good communication between the organizations, I think we can help each be successful.

A Board of Directors meeting was held in Orlando on September 24th. Danielle Slaterpryce is planning a wonderful one-day program for the legislative conference in Daytona on November 20th. She has arranged for the PE Board License staff to attend and help all of the PE's with on-site renewal of their licenses. So, bring all of your information about your education and \$5.00 with you on the 20th, and you can walk away renewed for another 2 years. In the cooperation effort, Danielle will be inviting both FES and APWA members to take advantage of this opportunity.

Another issue brought to the Board by Gene Calvert, Collier County, was the state law that allows the state to withhold accident reports from local governments for 60 days. While not all agencies have had a problem with this, Collier County has had problems in getting these records. FHP cited an Attorney General's opinion that local

governmental agencies are not listed as an exemption to the 60 day rule, so Collier County has had to wait 60 days to obtain the records to find out what happened, compile accident histories, and seek reimbursement for repairs caused by the accident. Currently, there is a proposal to amend the law to allow more groups access to accident records without the 60 day wait. The Board of Directors voted to ask both the legislature and the Florida Association of Counties to include local governments in the proposed list of exemptions to the 60 day wait. I will bring you more on this as things develop.

Look for your renewal notices in the next month or so. Hector Bertran, Orange County, will be getting them out for 2009. Have a great fall and hope to see you in Daytona Beach on November 20th. As soon as the hotel and registration information is available, we will be sending it out to everyone.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS & ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS

# NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*FAC 2009 Legislative Conference*

**November 19-21, 2008**

*Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort*

*Volusia County*

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# November 20, 2008

## Legislative Meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida

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### Thursday, November 20, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: DOT Secretary Stephanie C. Kopelousos (invited)
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Florida Bureau of Professional Regulation - “How to Renew Your P.E. Online”
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Networking Break
- 11:00 a.m. – Noon: Robert P. Wallace, P.E., AICP - “Crash Data Management”
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: David W. Mulholland, P.E. and Kevin K. Bergman, P.E. - “Lake County Concurrency Transportation System a GIS Based System”
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Mike McCarthy/Jeff Prewitt - “Effective Management of Sustainable Initiatives & What to Expect in a Green Audit”
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: General discussion and opportunity for online P.E. license renewal

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# **FAC 2009 Legislative Conference**

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Volusia County**



**Make your hotel reservations TODAY  
by calling (866) 536-8477.  
Be sure to request the special  
Florida Association of Counties rate of  
\$129 plus applicable taxes (Group Code FAC) .**

# FACERS NIGHT OUT **BAR-B-QUE!!!!!!**

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NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – 6:00 PM  
AT THE HOME OF  
TODD AND YOLANDA BUCKLES  
2290 HAMILTON AVENUE  
ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA 32763

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PLEASE RSVP TO



DEENA RAVELLA

([deena.ravella@rsandh.com](mailto:deena.ravella@rsandh.com))  
BY NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

**THE AMOUNT OF FOOD SERVED WILL BE DETERMINED BY  
YOUR RSVP, THEREFORE, PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

## MENU

**Ribs and Chicken**

**Baked Beans**

**Cole Slaw**

**Salad**

**Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine**

## Member Spotlight

R. Alan Holbach, FP  
Member, Board of Directors

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Alan Holbach was born at a very early age to itinerant students in the Republic of Texas. After graduating from High School, Alan enlisted in the United States Navy. He made three Southeast Asia tours aboard the USS Guadalupe AO-32 where he had the opportunity to help make the world safe for democracy by destroying the Philippine's stockpile of San Miguel; one beer at a time.

After six years, Alan and the Secretary of the Navy decided that Alan would be better suited as a civilian than a Machinist Mate. Alan maintains that the real reason SecNav wanted him gone was that the war wasn't going well and they needed someone to blame it on.

Alan's civilian career started with the State of Maryland where he was employed as a water and wastewater operator for the Maryland Environmental Service. In 1985 Alan decided that it was colder than he liked in Maryland and packed up his wife (Bonnie) and his two kids (Jennifer and Christopher) and two dogs into his 1975 Gran Torino and headed south. After a year of underemployment, Alan signed on with the Hernando County Utilities Department where he was in operational charge of the water, wastewater and solid waste divisions.

In 1992, Alan was selected to be the Director of Public Works for Hernando County. This change of hats required Alan to learn how to spell and properly say asphalt and a whole new set of acronyms. The highlight of Alan's time as Public Works Director was meeting Carolyn Steves who was making cold calls while trying to expand the RS&H Empire.

1998 was a year of change for Alan. He served as Acting County Administrator for three months and Deputy Director for six months before resigning and taking his current position as the Maintenance & Operations Manager for Charlotte County Public Works. Alan is quick to note that he has never worked with a better crew than in M&O. The highlight of Alan's time in Charlotte County has been continuing to get to meet with Carolyn Steves who is omnipresent when it comes to FACERS and APWA events.

Alan appreciates being a member of FACERS and, after looking at his latest deferred comp statement, plans to be a member for the foreseeable future. He attributes his success to God, his wife and Carolyn Steves.

# 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).

**ADA/Accessibility Requirements for Hwy Design and Pedestrians - 2 classes scheduled.**

15 Dec 2008 in Sebring  
16 Dec 2008 in Sebring

**Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - 5 classes scheduled.**

12 Nov - 14 Nov 2008 in Tallahassee  
10 Feb - 12 Feb 2009 in Tampa  
18 Mar - 20 Mar 2009 in Crestview  
16 Jun - 18 Jun 2009 in DeLand  
26 Aug - 28 Aug 2009 in Orlando

**Advanced Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Refresher - 5 classes scheduled.**

9 Feb 2009 in Tampa  
13 Feb 2009 in Tampa  
17 Mar 2009 in Crestview  
19 May 2009 in Orlando  
25 Aug 2009 in Orlando

**Asphalt Pavement Maintenance - 1 class scheduled.**

18 Feb 2009 in DeLand

**Construction Estimating - 1 class scheduled.**

13 Jan 2009 in DeLand

**Economic Evaluation of Public Projects - 2 classes scheduled.**

2 Dec 2008 in Gainesville  
4 Dec 2008 in Pompano Beach

**Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - 12 classes scheduled.**

18 Nov - 19 Nov 2008 in Orlando  
24 Nov - 25 Nov 2008 in Tampa  
5 Dec - 06 Dec 2008 in Ft Myers  
15 Dec - 16 Dec 2008 in Leesburg  
8 Jan - 09 Jan 2009 in Oldsmar  
21 Jan - 22 Jan 2009 in Orlando  
3 Feb - 04 Feb 2009 in Gainesville  
9 Mar - 10 Mar 2009 in Ft Myers  
10 Mar - 11 Mar 2009 in DeLand  
25 Mar - 26 Mar 2009 in Tampa  
8 Apr - 09 Apr 2009 in Tallahassee  
16 Apr - 17 Apr 2009 in Punta Gorda

**Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic Refresher - 1 class scheduled.**

6 Nov 2008 in Tampa

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# Upcoming Classes for the Florida T2 Center

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**Plans Reading Fundamentals - 1 class scheduled.**

11 Mar 2009 in DeLand

**Roadside Maintenance Safety - 1 class scheduled.**

1 Apr 2009 in DeLand

**Safe Mobility for Life Program: Preparing Our State for the Future - 8 classes scheduled.**

5 Nov 2008 in Sebring

11 Feb 2009 in Vero Beach

4 Mar 2009 in Sarasota

22 Apr 2009 in Bushnell

20 May 2009 in New Port Richey

15 Jul 2009 in Jacksonville

19 Aug 2009 in Miami

16 Sep 2009 in Cantonment

**Surveying Methods For Local Highway Departments - 1 class scheduled.**

15 Jul 2009 in DeLand

**Traffic Engineering Fundamentals - 1 class scheduled.**

10 Dec - 12 Dec 2008 in Punta Gorda

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## ARTICLE: “Red Light Running” - submitted by Hector Bertran, Orange County Public Works

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I viewed a video on Red Light Running and it inspired the following speech. As you know this is a controversial topic. Some believe these programs are an invasion of privacy. I would like to give this presentation to the FAC during the 2009 Annual Convention on behalf of FACERS. We can discuss and decide if FACERS wants to allow this presentation during the November 20, 2008 legislative meeting. Here is the preview:

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Greetings and thank you for your time and your attention. I am here today on behalf of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Roadway Superintendents to try and make you feel the same urgency, the same desperation, the same frustration, and the same disgust that we do for motorists that don't obey the traffic laws. These laws that were created for the safety of the public; these laws that were created to protect you, me, our loved ones everyone are being held in contempt by unsavory, irresponsible, reckless, and indifferent individuals. Individuals that have let time and convenience get in the way of courtesy and safety. These are the multitasking motorists that send text messages while swerving between two lanes; the testosterone road raging buffoons that would rather rear-end the car in front of them than let you in the flow of traffic; or how about the 20 foot drag racing royalty that is treasured by the brake pad manufacturing industry. You know the motorists that accelerate and stop, accelerate and stop over and over again. Then there are the passive aggressive types that try and fit 36 hours into a 24 hour day. You have seen them. They are the ones that are riding so close behind you they could be your conscience. Or others that swerve in and out of traffic continuously until you finally catch up to them at the next traffic signal. Then there are the motorists that are oblivious and drive the same way regardless of the road conditions. In Florida alone there were 214,914 injuries and 3,365 fatalities due to crashes in 2006. I have personally reviewed thousands of crash reports and know that the three leading causes of crashes are careless driving, speeding or disobeying traffic control devices. And some of these causes are combined with DUI.

So you say the answer is simple. We have established the laws. All we need is enforcement. I agree. I totally agree. Enforcement works when enforcement is out on the roads. We have all seen it. My friend is a State Trooper and finds it humorous how the vehicles take nose dives because they are braking to slow down when they approach his patrol car on the side of the highway. I have personally witnessed the folly of a platoon of cars following a law enforcement vehicle on the highway because no one wants to pass it - even if that vehicle is clearly driving below the speed limit. So enforcement is the answer. However, law enforcement agencies can only do so much. With the recent budgetary challenges we can not afford to have manned patrols, no it is impossible to cover all the roadways at once. That is with manned patrols. So you ask how can we climb this Mount Everest? Please play the video.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/pol/districts/FSB/sod/speed.wmv>

Thank you.

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Very powerful! Very powerful! So, where do we stand? We stand at the cross roads of safety and privacy. We stand at a time where technology allows us to do what we could not do before. Today FACERS is asking, please, choose safety over privacy. These two concepts are weighted equally in the Preamble of our Constitution. These automated programs are only an extension of the arm of the law. They are not a device to monitor motorists and invade their privacy but only catch those that would otherwise be caught by a law enforcement officer. Many counties in Florida are not pursuing these programs because there are no supporting statutes. Today FACERS is asking you to accept the District Court of Maryland District 1 report on the Maryland's red light running camera enforcement system as a precedent. This report concluded, "The central purpose of the red light camera enforcement system should be to ensure public safety. If citizens feel protected from red light running and believe the RLCEs is operating with integrity, they will support the RLCEs. In order to achieve its purpose, the RLCEs must therefore be operated in a consistent and fair manner." Today FACERS is asking you to feel the same urgency, the same desperation, the same frustration, and the same disgust that we do and take action and do what is right and what is needed. Provide the legislation and invest on improving the safety of our roadways. Thank you and may God grant you heavenly discernment.

Please send your comments and questions to [Hector.Bertran@ocfl.net](mailto:Hector.Bertran@ocfl.net).

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## ARTICLE: “It PAYS to be a Member of NACE for County AND City Agencies!”

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### **Improve Your Agency’s Traffic Signs with a NACE/3M Grant!**

National Association of County Engineers (NACE) members can apply for a one-time, safety initiative grant to significantly reduce the cost of traffic signs to meet new, federal retro reflectivity standards that requires agencies to address the need for higher performing signs. The grant is in partnership with 3M, a leading maker of reflective safety products.

Just ask the folks at Highlands County and Marion County and they will tell you how easy it was to apply for and receive their NACE /3M grant which saved them thousands! Talk about benefits of membership! You too can impress your local officials and citizens. Are YOU a NACE member? If so, take advantage of this terrific opportunity. NACE membership is only \$130 per year or \$120 if your agency has personnel who are also members of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS). Increase your membership savings and benefits by joining FACERS too! It will be some of the best money your agency has ever spent! What a great return on your investment. There are many other benefits of NACE and FACERS memberships, so join today and your membership will be good through December 2009!

Hey, cities, you too can join FACERS and NACE and apply for and receive the same grant. Both organizations accept city members!

Each NACE member county or city is eligible for one grant to purchase 3M reflective signing material, either fabricated signs or roll sheeting, from participating independent sign fabricators. The criteria are: be a member of NACE representing a local (county or city) agency and have a commitment to upgrading their signs from engineer grade (Type I, II) to a prismatic material (Type III, IV, IX, X or proposed Type XI). An agency can apply for the 500 sq. ft. minimum and there is no maximum amount. However, the grant can only be applied to one order and will need to be used within six months of date issued. The NACE grant provides substantial savings on sign sheeting materials that can be applied to purchasing roll goods directly from 3M or signs through a fabricator of the agency’s choosing that uses 3M sheeting materials.

Learn more about the new retro reflectivity guidelines by visiting: <http://www.minimumreflectivity.org/index.asp>.

**Grant applications will be received through June 30, 2009.** For current NACE members, visit the “Members Only” page (top right side of Home page) at [www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org) and to obtain your ID and password or if you have questions, contact the NACE office (202) 393-5041. For FACERS membership information, go to [FACERS.org](http://FACERS.org)

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# Approved 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 personnel in the Roadway Design office 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

FINAL MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AT JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting Respectively submitted by Fred Schneider, Secretary

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# Approved Minutes

## FACERS Board Meeting Doral, FL June 27, 2008

### Board Members Present

Brian Barnes – President \*

Danielle Slaterpryce– Vice President \*

Hector Bertran – Treasurer \*

Fred Schneider - Secretary \*

Jim Davis - Director\*

Travis Davidson - Director \*

Alan Holbach - Director \*

Gene Calvert – Director \*

Carolyn Steves, RS&H Sustaining Member \*

### Not Present

John Newton – Director \*

Also Present:

Amy Bent, RS&H

Todd Buckles – Past President

Bob Gordon, Member

Ramon Gavarrete, Member, State NACE Director

Janet Degner, T2, Univ. of Florida

George Webb, NACE Past President

Bart Arrington

Shane Parker

\* Current Board Members

With a quorum present, Brian Barnes called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

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FACERS Awards Presentation was provided to:

<b>Public Works Employee of the Year</b>	<b>Cindy Bell</b>	<b>Hillsborough County</b>
<b>Rural Engineer of the Year</b>	<b>Bart Arrington</b>	<b>DeSoto County</b>
<b>Urban Engineer of the Year</b>	<b>William (Roger) Cox</b>	<b>Hillsborough County</b>
<b>Team Project of the Year: Liberia Ave.</b>		<b>Palm Bay Public Works Department</b>

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am for picture taking of award winners.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 am.

## Secretary's Report

Minutes for the February 29th , 2008 Board Meeting were provided. The minutes were approved with a motion from Alan Holbach and seconded by Bob Gordon. Final minutes will be emailed to all Members. Later in the meeting, it was decided that in order to get minutes out sooner, draft minutes will be sent out to Board members for initial comment, and then immediately sent out to all FACERS Members. This will prevent the 3 or 4 month delay that occurs while waiting for a vote on final minutes approval.

## Treasurer's Report

Hector Bertran provided a copy of the report. Total fund balance is \$27,464.00. Discussion took place to continue to put on hold any further scholarships until a later date. Hector will look into our investment account (\$5,304) to determine the best options available. A concern was that the current investment account is not insured. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ramon Gavarrete and seconded by Danielle Slaterpryce. The Board voted to approve same.

## Committee Reports:

### **Membership:** Hector Bertran

Hector discussed current membership of 67 members. The Board discussed reaching out to counties not currently involved. The Board also discussed bringing in Cities into membership. FAC did not have a problem with allowing cities to join our membership. The cities would be in a new category similar to Sustaining Members. The Board discussed creating a new seat for a city representative. These items will be worked on by Todd Buckles and proposed in a new By Laws at the next Board meeting.

### **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.

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**Green Book:** Fred Schneider

Minutes from the March of 2008 Greenbook Committee Meeting were provided. Street Lighting will be revised in the next edition to allow for spot lighting of rural intersections. Janet Degner stated that they are working on completing a training program for the Greenbook, including a Train the Trainer program.

**By Laws:** Todd Buckles

Todd will provide a By Laws update at the next meeting regarding City membership.

**NACE:** Ramon Gavarrete: Discussion was held on the possibility of Florida hosting the NACE conference in 3 to 4 years.

**Annual Conference:** Danielle Slaterpryce

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

**T2 Center:** Janet Degner

Janet is still working out the issues for LAP training. She is working with personnel in the Roadway Design Project Management office 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 thanked everyone who participated in defeating this bill. It looks for the most part to be dead in committee.
2. **LAP** – Local Agency Program is a national issue. Federal Highway is looking at how they can help counties and cities understand and comply with the process and resolve problems. Counties with good and bad experiences utilizing the LAP program are asked to forward experiences and comments to Ramon Gavarrete, including FM project number.

The Federal Highway Administration as well as the Florida Department of Transportation have requested feedback to improve the process for implementing Local Agency Program (LAP) projects.

Ramon Gavarrete, Highlands County Engineer serves as the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) director representing the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS). Ramon will be our spokesman and he has asked FACERS members to send him specific problems and issues which you have experienced while implementing LAP projects. Although the main focus is to improve/streamline the process, if you have any positive input, please include that, as well.



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Please provide specific "FM numbers" with the associated issues or concerns for each project.

Please send this information to Janet Degner (jdegner@ce.ufl.edu) and Ramon Gavarrete (rgavarrete@hcbcc.org) no later than Thursday July 10, 2008.

3. **Fall Meeting 2008**– the Fall meeting is in Daytona. FACERS will meet only on Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>. The following people will provide speakers:  
  
    9am – 10am   Jim Stivender  
    11am – 12pm   Ramone Gavarrete  
    1pm – 2pm     Fred Schneider  
    2pm – 3pm     Carolyn Steves and Alan Holbach
4. **June Meeting 2009**- FACERS will meet for two days. The Business and Awards will be Thursday afternoon. Wed afternoon will be free to visit exhibits, tour, etc.
5. **September Meeting** - FACERS Board of Directors will be meeting about September 29<sup>th</sup> at Orange County Public Works to discuss future of FACERS and future membership such as adding cities as additional members.
6. **Newsletter** – Send a list of people email addresses that you think would be interested in FACERS to Carolyn Steves.

Have no other business; the meeting was adjourned 12:00 PM

*Final Minutes approved by Board Sept 26, 2008*

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  
4200 South John Young Parkway  
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.....\$\_\_\_\_\_