FACERS ON THE MOVE!

Spring 2009

Letter from the President, Brian Barnes





Looks like the long cold winter is now over, and we are now all enjoying the warm spring as each one of us finalizes our individual County's FY 09-10 budget!! I just heard recently that the number of homes sold in February was more than double the number of homes sold in February of 2008. The bad news was that less than 15% of those homes sold were "normal sales". That means 85% of the sales were either foreclosure or short sales, and the average price is down 30% to 40% below 2006 prices. This has created the "perfect storm" of falling house prices, property tax caps and unfunded mandates handed down to us, making this budget season the most challenging one in my memory. I am beginning to think the old saying

We the Willing, We have done So Much With So Little for So Long We are now qualified to do Anything with Nothing is about to come true. I'm sure we will be discussing this topic at the Annual Conference on Marco Island on June 24th and 25th.

I hope everyone has been receiving and reading the National Association of Counties updates that Ramon has been sending out. Take a minute and read these updates, as they do give an insight into what is going on in D.C. I have been able to get ahead of the curve on several topics and get to the County administration on transportation issues. I'm sure we will be discussing the Federal Stimulus at the Annual Conference on Marco Island on June 24th and 25th.

I know how tight budgets are now, and next year looks even tighter. That being said, now is the time to get active in FACERS. This organization can be a wonderful source of information and support. We have cut the conferences shorter to save precious dollars in each of our budgets. The Legislative Conference was only one day and was full of great information. We even tested out Todd Buckles' new home with our social event. Todd, for the most part, behaved himself and cooked up some great grub. We did talk about what we would like on the agenda for the Annual Conference on Marco Island on June 24th and 25th.

I do not think we can top that social night! On behalf of everyone who attended that night, <u>*Thanks!!!*</u>, Yolanda, for opening up your lovely new home and putting up with all of us. You and the entire Buckles family were great hosts! Hope to see you at the Annual Conference on Marco Island on June 24th and 25th.

On a closing note, I don't know if you know this or not, but we will be holding the Annual Conference on Marco Island on June 24th and 25th. See you there!!!!!!

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IEWSLETT

FOR THOSE CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO ARE RECEIVING THIS *FACERS* NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS IS OUR WAY OF INTRODUC-ING OURSELVES AND INVITING YOU TO JOIN THE *FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS AND ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS (FACERS).* PLEASE SEE PAGES <u>18 THRU 20</u> FOR MEMBER-SHIP APPLICATION AND INFORMATION AND NOTE THAT YOU CAN JOIN FOR <u>FREE</u> FOR THE BAL-ANCE OF 2009!! THIS WILL GIVE YOU THE OP-PORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF BEING PART OF OUR ORGANIZA-TION.

UPCOMING EVENTS FAC 2009 Annual Conference June 24th and 25th, 2009 Marriott Marco Island Resort Marco Island, FL



June 23 – 26, 2008 Annual Meeting Marriott, Marco Island, Florida

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

1:00 p.m.	FAC Golf Tournament ***
3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.:	Early Registration

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.:	FAC Continental Breakfast***	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:	Exhibit Hall/Networking Opportunities***	
12:00 p.m. –1:30 p.m.:	FAC Awards Luncheon***	
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.:	Local Agency Program Project Design Standards: PPM vs. Florida Green Book;	
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.:	Networking Break	
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:	Local Agency Program Project Specifications: FDOT Specifications/Special LAP Specifications vs. Local Agency Specifications;	
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.:	FAC Welcome Reception***	

Thursday, June 25, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m.:	FAC Continental Breakfast***	
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.:	Stormwater Treatment with a Water Quality Park;	
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.:	Networking Break	
10:30 a.m. –12:00 a.m.:	Road Safety Audits;	



- 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.: FAC Installation Luncheon***
- 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.: FACERS Award Presentations
- 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.: FACERS Business Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.: FAC President's Reception***
- 6:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.: FACERS Social Gathering

NOTE: FACERS does not charge a registration fee for its activities. However, attendance at all events/functions marked by ******* are activities provided by FAC and require that you are a registered participant.



Ramon D. Gavarrete, P.E., Highlands County Engineer/Utilities Director, has just been elected to the office of National Association of County Engineers Southeast Region Vice President!

> FAC Legislative Conference Todd and Yolanda Buckles' House *FACERS NIGHT OUT!*



MORE FACERS NIGHT OUT!



<u>Spotlight:</u> Florida Transportation Technology Transfer (T²) Center

Describe a FACERS member and you will hear the words passionate, dedicated, determined, and downright crazy about what they do. Folks from the Florida Transportation Technology Transfer (T^2) Center resemble those words, too.

Working with the FACERS and NACE has been a great experience for the T^2 center staff. It is not often that you get a group of folks who work so well together, year after year. It is a real tribute to the "character" of the members, or is it that the members are "real characters"?

The Florida T² Center serves as an umbrella for a number of integrated technology transfer initiatives and training programs. Our first program, known today as the Local Technical Assistance Program or LTAP, was established in Florida in 1984. Nationally, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) wanted to assist the 38,000 local transportation and public works agencies who are responsible for nearly 90 percent of the nation's roads. Many of the agencies did not have adequate access to training and technical assistance to build and properly maintain their infrastructure. In partnership with each state Department of Transportation (DOT), FHWA established a technology transfer program. Today's LTAP now has 58 centers: one in each state, one in Puerto Rico, and seven that serve Native American Tribal Indian areas [called the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)].

Many of the LTAP/TTAP directors across the nation never expected to stick with the new program but the technology transfer bug bit, and bit hard. That's true in the Florida center. Janet Degner said she agreed to assist with the center "part time and no more than one year." That was in 1987. Degner says "What makes the job so enjoyable is its ever changing challenges. The phone rings each day and gives us lots of opportunities to help people increase knowledge and skills, whether it is providing materials to assist with a technical problem, presenting a new course or hosting an international symposium." "If you like change, challenges and working with dedicated people, and lots of them, you will love working in this field and especially the Florida center," adds Degner. And, as far as the challenges? "Everything is possible. We've produced and delivered conference newsletters in the middle of the night, lead a field trip at 2 AM in the morning (yes, AM) to observe Precast Concrete Pavement Systems (PCPS) in a real-time installation procedure, and presented training with no electricity," says Nina Barker, who joined the center in the mid 1990s. She, too, originally had other career plans!

Through the years, formal partnering agreements have been established with professional organizations including NACE, AASHTO, APWA, and ARTBA. Degner says "Having access to partner resources greatly increases our ability to provide assistance and leverage resources." Florida T² Center assisted NACE and FACERS in hosting the 2004 NACE Annual Conference in Orlando. Degner says, "It was one of the best NACE meetings ever! Participating was so much fun. How can you top great technical sessions, Florida weather, Hawaiian shirts and flamingo hats?!"

LTAP/TTAP services are now utilized by the entire transportation community: local agencies, state DOTs, municipal planning organizations (MPOs), regional planning agencies (RPAs), and private organizations. Providing training, technical assistance, a free lending library and quarterly newsletter are key program efforts that strengthen and enhance the professional skill sets. The Florida T² Center's newsletter reaches over 17,000 transportation professionals and decision makers in Florida.

The center annually conducts hundreds of training sessions for thousands of participants. David Page, the center's Workshop Coordinator, says "Agency personnel appreciate the flexibility of our training which can be customized to meet their needs, especially in these economically stressed times." Courses can be developed and delivery methods include instructor-led, computer-based, webinars, video based/instructor assisted, and self study. Topics are available for professional engineers, supervisors, mangers and field level employees.

The LTAP/TTAP centers worked so well that FHWA expanded the idea and helped establish technology transfer centers internationally. "Our counterparts in other countries have experience with many technologies that can be applied here in the states," says Degner. The networking has grown to what is now one of the most powerful transportation knowledge-sharing groups in the world. Florida has assisted KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa and is currently working with the US Embassy in Iraq to establish a center.

At FHWA's request, the Florida T^2 Center organized and hosted a series of international symposiums on technology transfer. One drew participants from 58 nations that have T^2 Centers. Florida T^2 has also contracted to present a number of professional meetings, including the upcoming TRB International Low Volume Roads Conference scheduled for 2011. "We love any opportunity to learn from other states and countries," said Barker.

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<u>Spotlight:</u> Florida Transportation Technology Transfer (T²) Center (continued from page 6)

The Florida T^2 Center is also closely tied to our University Transportation Center, Center for Multimodal Solutions for Congestion Mitigation, and our Transportation Research Center provides even greater opportunities to deliver services and education, especially important for students who will soon join the workforce. Knowing that a center like the Florida T^2 Center is available in every state to assist with their professional needs and challenges can be a great comfort.

The founding principles of LTAP/TTAP have been applied to the development and management of all other Florida T^2 Center programs and activities over the past 25 year, many which were initiated at the center.

The national **Product Demonstration Showcase (PDS)** program helps move innovative transportation technologies from "state-of-theart" to "state-of-the-practice" at the local level. PDS provides hands-on opportunities to observe the technology and participate in question and answer periods, allowing participants to make educated decisions about the technology's viability to their application. Past Showcases presented for locals here in Florida included Reusable Sidewalk Form Boards, Roundabouts, Pavement Management Programs, GIS for Small Agencies, Smart Crosswalks, Multi-Use Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails, and Geosynthetics. Other past Showcases conducted around the country include: Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) and the Safe Corridor Program which led to the pilot program, Safety Circuit Rider.

A similar demonstration program was recently developed to assist FHWA's **Highways for LIFE (HfL)** and features technologies used by DOTs and larger municipalities. Examples are Performance Contracting for Construction (PCfC), Alternate Project Delivery and Accelerated Bridge Construction, Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Design/Build, and Precast Concrete Pavement Systems.

The center's **Safety Circuit Rider Program** (**SCR**) (the spinoff from the PDS Safe Corridor Program) helps reduce intersection, roadway departure, and pedestrian crashes and is focused on rural areas and low-volume roads. Low cost solutions are often identified and easily implemented. Part of the SCR is the presentation of Road Safety Audits, RSAs (or Assessments--as Floridians like to call them). This popular FHWA program will be featured in a Southeast Regional Road Safety Audit Forum this fall, probably in conjunction with the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Coalition quarterly meeting to be held in Orlando.

To provide more efficient services, the Florida T² Center recently merged with the **Center for Transportation Training**, which provides road construction training that leads to required qualifications mandated by FHWA and FDOT.

The Florida T² Center now houses the **Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Resource Center**, funded by FDOT, which provides Ped/Bike safety resources to organizations in the state.

The Florida T^2 Center assisted the FDOT with their 2007 Research Symposium, a first in Florida. The T^2 Center also assists FDOT in developing research promotional media. FDOT is a well recognized leader in research and implementation and provides cutting edge and innovative ways to deploy and implement research results.

We have become a close knit family, here to serve the transportation and public works community. Visit <u>t2.ce.ufl.edu</u> to learn more about the Florida T^2 Center.

** The Florida T² Center will be happy to send you their quarterly newsletter via regular mail. Just send your name and contact information to <u>jddegner@ufl.edu</u> to receive the free publication. Or you can access current and past issues online at <u>http://t2.ce.ufl.edu/</u>.

*** Transportation Engineering Professionals Facebook Page Created: http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=58210669534&ref=ts

Below are all of the scheduled workshops for the Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T2).

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic Class Specific Certificate - Not part of Elective Training Program - 6 classes scheduled.

* 20 May - 22 May 2009 in Orlando * 3 Jun - 05 Jun 2009 in Bartow

* 16 Jun - 18 Jun 2009 in DeLand

* 22 Jul - 24 Jul 2009 in Panama City

* 26 Aug - 28 Aug 2009 in Orlando

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Refresher Class Specific Certificate - Not part of Elective Training Program - 5 classes scheduled.

* 19 May 2009 in Orlando
* 2 Jun 2009 in Bartow
* 21 Jul 2009 in Panama City
* 25 Aug 2009 in Orlando
* 24 Oct 2009 in Gainesville

Geotechnical Engineering for Non-Geotechnical Engineers - The Basics - 5 classes scheduled.

- * 27 Apr 2009 in Crestview
- * 28 Apr 2009 in Tallahassee
- * 29 Apr 2009 in Gainesville
- * 30 Apr 2009 in Winter Park
- * 1 May 2009 in Winter Haven

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic Class Specific Certificate - 15 classes scheduled.

* 8 Apr - 09 Apr 2009 in Tallahassee

- * 16 Apr 17 Apr 2009 in Port Charlotte
 - * 21 Apr 22 Apr 2009 in Lake City
 - * 28 Apr 29 Apr 2009 in Crestview
- * 12 May 13 May 2009 in Gainesville

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- * 18 May 19 May 2009 in Orlando
- * 19 May 20 May 2009 in Tampa
 - * 9 Jun 10 Jun 2009 in Naples
- * 30 Jun 01 Jul 2009 in Pompano Beach
 - * 4 Aug 05 Aug 2009 in Naples
 - * 4 Aug 05 Aug 2009 in Crestview
- * 11 Aug 12 Aug 2009 in Gainesville
 - * 2 Sep 03 Sep 2009 in Orlando
 - * 9 Nov 10 Nov 2009 in Orlando
- * 17 Nov 18 Nov 2009 in Gainesville

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic Refresher Class Specific Certificate - 12 classes scheduled.

* 30 Apr 2009 in Crestview
* 14 May 2009 in Gainesville
* 21 May 2009 in Tampa
* 11 Jun 2009 in Naples
* 2 Jul 2009 in Pompano Beach
* 20 Jul 2009 in Panama City
* 6 Aug 2009 in Naples
* 6 Aug 2009 in Crestview
* 13 Aug 2009 in Gainesville
* 18 Aug 2009 in Tampa
* 2 Oct 2009 in DeLand
* 19 Nov 2009 in Gainesville

Safe Mobility for Life Program: Preparing Our State for the Future - 5 classes scheduled.

* 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

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Traffic Engineering Fundamentals - 1 class scheduled.

* 30 Jun - 02 Jul 2009 in Jacksonville

Qualified Aggregate Sampler

Gainesville: May 6, 2009

LBR Technician

Gainesville: May 7 - 8, 2009

Asphalt Mix Designer

Gainesville: June 2 - 5, 2009

Asphalt Paving Level 1

Gainesville: March 30, 2009 Orlando: April 27, 2009 Panama City: May 18, 2009

Asphalt Paving Level 2

Orlando: April 28 - 30, 2009 Panama City: May 19 - 21, 2009

Asphalt Plant Level 1

Gainesville: May 27 - 29, 2009 Miami: June 24 - 26, 2009

Asphalt Plant Level 2

Miami: June 23 - 25, 2009

Concrete Batch Plant Operator

Gainesville: May 28, 2009

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FDOT Concrete Field Inspector Spec.

West Palm Beach: April 14 - 15, 2009 Gainesville: May 4 - 5, 2009 Orlando: June 9 - 10, 2009

Earthwork Construction Level 1

Panama City: April 20 - 21, 2009 DeLand: May 12 - 13, 2009 Davie: June 16 - 17, 2009

Earthwork Construction Level 2

Panama City: April 22 - 23, 2009 DeLand: May 14 - 15, 2009 Davie: June 18 - 19, 2009

Drilled Shaft Inspection

Orlando: April 13 - 15, 2009

Pile Driving Inspection

Gainesville: May 11 - 13, 2009

QC Manager

West Palm Beach: April 16 - 17, 2009 Panama City: May 7 - 8, 2009 Sarasota: June 2 - 3, 2009

Final Estimates Level 1

Miami: April 22, 2009

Final Estimates Level 2

Miami: April 23 - 24, 2009

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FACERS Board / General Membership Meeting Daytona Beach, FL November 20, 2008

Board Members Present

Brian Barnes – President * Danielle Slaterpryce– Vice President * Hector Bertran – Treasurer * Fred Schneider - Secretary * Travis Davidson - Director * Alan Holbach - Director * Gene Calvert – Director * Carolyn Steves, RS&H Sustaining Member * John Newton – Director *

Not Present

Todd Buckles - Past President

Also Present:

Ramon Gavarrete, Member, State NACE Director John Goodknight, Marion County Amy Bent, RS&H Janet Degner, T2, Univ. of Florida Tim Kelley, BCI Steve Ferrell, HDR Phil Bishop George Webb, Palm Beach County Bill Steves, RS&H Bob Siffert Randy Shane Mike McCarty, RS&H Jim Stivender, Lake County

* Current Board Members

With a quorum present, Brian Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

New Business – Constitution and By-Laws

Brian Barnes handed out draft revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws for FACERS. The following changes were discussed and final votes were tallied:

Article II.Section 1: Revised as follows: Membership in this Association shall be divided into *five* classes: Active, *Municipal*, Sustaining, Honorary, and Life.

Motion by John Goodknight, Second by Gene Calvert, and voted unanimous approval to accept the revision.

Article II.Section 2: Revised to strike the word "three" as follows: Active Members of the Association may consist of *three* members in public works positions,

Motion by John Goodknight, Second by Danielle Slaterpryce, and voted unanimous approval to accept the revision.

Article II.Section 3. Revised to include the following statement: <u>Municipal Members of the Association may consist of persons from a</u> <u>municipality in the State of Florida, not already eligible for membership as defined by Section 2 above who are regularly employed on a</u> <u>full time basis by same. Each municipal member whose dues have been paid in full for the entire year in which a vote is cast shall have a</u> <u>vote.</u>

Motion by John Goodknight, Second by Gene Calvert, and voted unanimous approval to accept the revision.

Article IV.Section 3.d.iv.: Revised as follows: Annually invoice all dues paying members for their annual dues. Deposit said dues and maintains a record of all dues paid by the Active, Sustaining, and <u>Municipal Members</u>.

Motion by George Webb, Second by Ramon Gavarette, and voted unanimous approval to accept the revision.

Additional discussion took place on a proposed change in Article IV.Section 2 to allow a municipal member on the Board of Directors. The proposed change was rejected on a motion by Danielle Slaterpryce and second by Ramon and a unanimous vote of approval to reject the change.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for the September 26th, 2008 Board Meeting in Orlando were provided. The minutes were approved with a motion from Gene Calvert and seconded by Carolyn Steves. Final minutes will be emailed Carolyn Steves to disseminate to all members.

Treasurer's Report

Hector Bertran discussed the current status of the treasury. Hector is still working on an investment account transfer. He is going to check first into an interest bearing E Trade account. He is also going to move funds out of the money market into an insured investment account. These options were brought up for discussion and a motion to approve. There is currently \$26,735.42 cash on hand which includes an investment account of \$4,910.14, all in Bank of America.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Hector Bertran

Hector discussed current membership. Membership applications for the new year were mailed out. Carolyn Steves is sending the newsletter to cities. Send her a contact list if you know of someone who is interested. Brian Barnes will draft a letter to give to Carolyn/Deena to send to municipalities regarding the benefits of membership.

Scholarships: Bob Gordon

No update at this time.

Green Book: Fred Schneider

Janet Degner stated that they are still working on the Greenbook pilot course but budget restraints have slowed down the progress.

By Laws: Todd Buckles (not present)

By Laws were updated previously in the meeting.

NACE: Ramon Gavarrete: Ramon will be sending out NACE information by email. Ramon sent out an email regarding the FHWA looking at how to improve the Local Agency Program (LAP) process. He has received two responses from FACERS members. Ramon's name will be entered in NACE Elections in 2009 for S.E. Regional Vice President. There was discussion concerning future Federal Funding for roads and bridges.

Annual Conference: Danielle Slaterpryce

The Annual Conference will be June 23 to 26, 2009 at Marco Island. FACERS will meet the 24th and 25th. Proposed agenda will have the business meeting will be Thursday before lunch with the General business meeting in the morning and awards just before lunch. Danielle needs submittals by the end of March of 4 to 5 programs from members.

T2 Center: Janet Degner

Janet requests that we send in FACERS awards applications as soon as possible. FHWA is looking into a web based LAP training program. The Greenbook Pilot will be near the end of Spring 2009. Janet passed out upcoming class list for the T2 center.

Newsletter: Carolyn Steves

The newsletter was mailed out to many counties including cities and those not currently members of FA-CERS. As discussed previously, the newsletter will be emailed. Carolyn continues to offer her assistance to the Board.

New Business:

- Legislative Issues Procurement Associations including those associated with FAC are supporting changes to CCNA to allow price/fee to be a factor in determining professional awards. After discussion a motion was made by George Webb and seconded by Danielle Slaterpryce to oppose the change. The Membership voted unanimously to oppose the proposed changes.
- FACERS/FES Danielle Slaterpryce was congratulated as the new president of the Florida Engineering Society (FES). She is working with APWA, FACERS, and FES to bring joint issues to the forefront and have a united discussion and support of legislative issues and issues important to engineers, and public works professionals. If any member has comments regarding the proposed CCNA language by the procurement group, they should send those comments to Ramon Gavarette by Dec. 22nd.
- CEU's Brian Barnes will email the CEU list to those who want them.
- **Marco Island Meeting 2009** As mentioned previously, The Annual Conference will be June 23 to 26, 2009 at Marco Island. FACERS will meet the 24th and 25th. Proposed agenda will have the business meeting will be Thursday before lunch with the General business meeting in the morning and awards just before lunch. Danielle needs submittals by the end of March of 4 to 5 programs from members.
- **Officers of FACERS** Brian Barnes requested that anyone interested in serving as an office or on the Board of FA-CERS to email Todd Buckles with the request.
- **FDOT O&M agreement for ITS:** Hillsborough County is proposing a policy to require FDOT to provide maintenance expenses for ITS on State Roadways. Mike McCarthy, Director Traffic Services Division, Hillsborough County Public Works Department is the initiator of the proposed policy. A number of members stated that they already have agreements with their respective FDOT districts for this purpose. This can be done through the MPO process. Send your comment to : John Newton at Hillsborough county who will put together a report on how different FDOT Districts support funding of ITS.

Have no other business; the meeting was adjourned 10:35 AM

FINAL MINUTES

Respectfully submitted by Fred Schneider, Secretary

INVITATION: FREE FACERS MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS



The Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) Board of Directors and Officers are waiving membership fees for new members who sign up for 2009. Also, FACERS Bylaws have been amended to include members representing cities and municipalities in Florida.

As a member of FACERS you will benefit from being part of a network of public works professionals and those associated with public works operations throughout all of Florida. FACERS are kept abreast of state and national legislation affecting transportation and public works; contribute to the development or revision of statewide standard specifications and guideline documents; are part of a forum for the exchange of ideas, technical information and best practices; and assure every community has the best possible engineering available by providing opinion on related local, state and national legislation. I encourage you to visit our website regularly at <u>www.facers.org</u>. Our website has a wealth of information such as our scholarship program and schedules of upcoming events.

Enclosed is the 2009 membership application for the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents.

The Board of Directors and Officers hope that you take this opportunity to become a FACERS member.

You may contact me at 407-836-7763 or preferably by email at Hector.Bertran@ocfl.net.



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 <u>www.FACERS.org</u> that lists job openings, member-ship 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 FACERS

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County Public Works Emplo	yee (Choose only one option)	Orlando, FL 32839 (407) 836-7890		
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