

FACERS News



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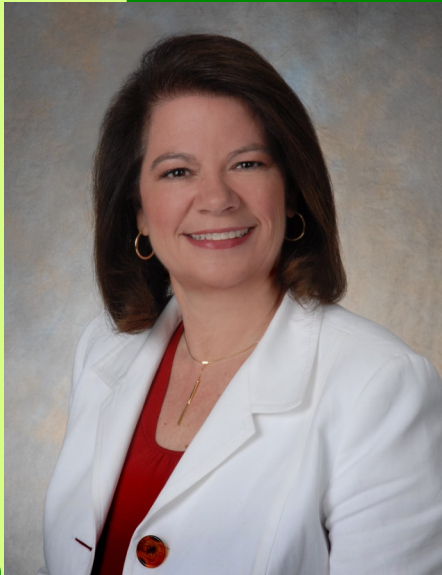


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A Message from the President

Hope everyone is enjoying the winter months and the unusual snow fall we have been seeing. I never thought that a hot topic of discussion at a FACERS Board meeting would be safe and efficient methods to use for ice control on our roadways along with repair of the associated damage. I guess I'll have to start reading the articles on snow removal when they come across my desk. Maybe I'll even buy a pair of skis; after all it did snow in Crestview last weekend.

On a more serious note the Board, asked George Webb, our NACE representative, to discuss several legislative issues at the national level. They include the possibility of an expansion of the new American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the Transportation Reauthorization Bill, FHWA review of the LAP program, status of Direct Funding from FHWA, and possible alternative funding mechanisms to the gas tax. George will bring back a report and the information will be shared with our members via our newsletter and at our

Roundtable Discussion at the Annual Meeting.

The Board agreed to support a change to F.S. 337.403(1) and F.S. 337.401(2) that would allow a 90 day notice to utilities required to relocate as part of a transportation project. We thank all our members who sent comments to Eric Poole. He will use the information to help formulate a legislative issue stand for the Florida Association of Counties.

Fred Schneider wants everyone to be aware that the next Green Book meeting will be March 24th at the Turkey Lake Plaza Turnpike Office. If you would like to participate or you have concerns you would like addressed please don't hesitate to contact Fred at fschneider@lakecountyfl.gov. Fred has done an outstanding job as our representative on this committee and is very interested in your input so that he can truly represent you.

For the professional engineers amongst us, the Board voted to support legislation that would rectify some language on professional liability that applies to both private and public sector engineers. Representative Steve Precourt is sponsoring HB 701. Please make sure to inform yourselves about this very important issue and talk to your elected officials about the importance of passing this legislation. You will sleep much easier at night.

The Board has stepped up to the plate and has asked that FACERS be allowed to host the 2014 NACE meeting. The proposed location is the new conference center in Volusia County. Ramon Gavarette will be discussing this issue with Tony Giancola and bring more information to the Board at its next meeting. I want to challenge our membership to get on board with this and start thinking about how we can make this the most successful NACE meeting ever!!! Remember that we were able to endow several scholarships with the proceeds of the last NACE meeting we hosted. Let's do it again bigger and better.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS ARE DUE APRIL 19TH. Please make sure to submit nominations for your deserving employees, teams, and programs by the deadline. We don't want anyone to go unrecognized that has earned the right to be cheered and praised by his/her peers. Visit our website www.facers.org for the applications. The applications are very easy to complete so don't let that stop you. With budgets as tight as they are you may not be able to recognize your employees.

Danielle



Meet the Bulls



FACERS & HDR teamed up to endow an engineering scholarship at the University of South Florida. Bob Gordon, Hillsborough County's Public Works Director presented the checks to this year's recipients



September 4, 2009

Mathew Perrino
963 Greenway Ave
Dunedin, Florida 34698

Scholarship Selection Committee
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL 336250-5350

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee,

I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of the College of Engineering Florida Association of County Engineers & Road Superintendents Scholarship. This generous award will greatly support my educational ambitions.

Having worked in the engineering field as a draftsman, I have an appreciation for the work done by engineers. It was through this experience that I first aspired to become an engineer. My goal is to focus on environmental and water resource engineering, eventually striving to abate Florida's current and future water quality issues.

I convey my earnest gratitude to the Selection Committee and the scholarship patrons for this award, and look forward to meeting you at the Heart of Gold Scholarship Luncheon.

Sincerely,

Mathew Perrino

September 2, 2009

Jonathan Ticknor
4079 O'Berry Road
Kissimmee, FL 34746

Dear Selection Committee,

I would like to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of a College of Engineering Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents Scholarship for the 2009/2010 academic year. Receiving this award has helped me financially in a very important way for this academic year. It is an honor to be chosen for an award as it has shown me that the hard work I have demonstrated in the last year has earned recognition. I would like to thank you for this award because it has filled a significant portion of my overall financial cost of attendance at the University of South Florida. This scholarship is very important to my family because my sister is also attending the University of South Florida this year. This scholarship will provide the support needed to move me further along the path to eventually representing the university as an environmental engineer. My career goals include graduation from USF, the attainment of a graduate degree, with the ultimate goal of working for Environmental Protection Agency in the future. I hope to one day use the skills I have learned at USF to serve the nation at large protecting public health. This financial support is a large part of the continuation and attainment of a Civil and Environmental Engineering degree and will help me ultimately reach my goals in the engineering industry. I would like to thank the selection committee for their generosity and kindness in awarding me a College of Engineering Scholarship. It is an honor and I will continue to work hard to attain my dreams and represent the USF College of Engineering to the highest degree.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ticknor

FACERS would like to congratulate Mathew Perrino of Dunedin, Florida, and Jonathan Tickner of Kissimmee, Florida, for their excellent work at USF and winning FACERS / HDR Engineers 2009/10 Scholarship. We're sure they both will be a credit to the engineering profession. Please join us in wishing them great success in their studies at USF and a long and distinguished engineering career.

GO BULLS !

FACERS & PARTNERS SUPPORTING ENGINEERING EDUCATION

In 2004, FACERS hosted the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Convention in Orlando. Many FACERS worked long and hard to make that convention a reality. Due to the tireless fund raising and the generous support of consulting firms, suppliers, manufacturers, and equipment dealers, FACERS was able to raise funds to advance our goal of establishing a scholarship at each of the 6 state universities with engineering programs. The minimum amount of an endowed scholarship is \$25,000 and we did not have sufficient funds to complete our goal. At the 2006 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors proposed a plan to partner with other entities to equally share the cost of the scholarships. To date we have now established a scholarship at 4 of the 6 state universities offering an engineering program.



**University of Florida in association with
the Karl Kahlert family**

**University of South Florida in association with
Ayers and Associates, HDR, Inc. and URS**



**University of Central Florida in association with
HDR, Inc.**

**Florida International University in association with
Chastain Skillman, Inc.**



FACERS continues to work toward funding scholarships at the remaining engineering programs within the state university system, Florida State University, Florida A & M University, and Florida Gulf Coast University. If you know of any firm, individual, or organization wishing to contribute \$12,500 toward a joint scholarship at one of these universities, please contact Bob Gordon gordonr@hillsboroughcounty.org and he will be happy to work with you in establishing the scholarship.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

1 Year New Membership

FREE

FACERS

Invite a new Member to join FACERS

County ~ Municipal ~ Consultant

Good for the 2010 Membership Year

The free, **YES I said FREE!!!**, one year membership is still going on. In an effort to increase membership and reach out to our counterparts in the cities and counties, your Board of Directors has authorized this offer to all new members. This would be the best time to reward your neighboring counterparts, or make a new friend by offering your counterparts this once in a lifetime offer. I don't know how much longer this offer will continue this offer, so why not invite the City Engineers and Public Works Directors as well as your counterparts in your neighboring counties?



F.A.C.E.R.S.

The Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents

Membership Application 2010

Name

Title

Address

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Telephone

AREA CODE

PHONE NUMBER

Fax

AREA CODE

FAX NUMBER

E-Mail

@

Membership Type (Check One) Please provide your county, city, or company as indicated.

☐ Active Member FACERS (\$50.00)

County
Public Works Employee

☐ Active Member FACERS and NACE (\$170.00)
NACE membership is optional, not required to be a member of FACERS

Your County

City

☐ Municipal Member FACERS (\$50.00)

Public Works Employee

Your City

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

☐ Sustaining Membership FACERS (\$50.00)

Your Company

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

Fred Schneider, P.E.
FACERS Treasurer
Lake County Public Works
437 Ardice Avenue
Eustis, Florida 32726

Total Amount Enclosed

\$

“PROWAG”

Are You Compliant?

What, you don't know what PROWAG is? How about ADAAG? Then you must have missed out on a FREE webinar David Page at T-Square Center put together. Late last year, the FHWA in cooperation with FDOT and the T-Square Center put on a multi-day webinar to get the information out on PROWAG, that Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines. PROWAG is to the roadways what ADA is to buildings.

Currently PROWAG is in the rule making process of the federal government. Until it makes it way through the process, it remains a suggested guideline. Once the US Department of Justice approves it, PROWAG will become the standard we all will be required to design to and develop a plan to retrofit our rights-of-way to be compliant with. The proposed guidelines can be downloaded from the US Department of Justice web site at www.Access-board.gov/prowac/draft.htm.

PROWAG sets standards for visually and mobility challenged users of our public rights-of-way. Most of the standards are modifications of the existing ADA standards. It does change the travel speed for crosswalks and makes some changes on the details of the sidewalk curb ramps. It also sets the requirement for “vibrotactile” and audio systems for pedestrian crossing signals.

PROWAG will change the way we all deal with new construction as well as maintenance on our existing roadways. As with all new regulations there is a “cottage industry” growing up around the nation to force compliance by using the court system. Currently the City of Sacramento, California, is under a court order requiring them to spend 20% of its program budget on retrofitting existing roadways and pedestrian facilities to meet existing ADA and proposed PROWAG standards. Seems the courts found the City did not budget sufficient funds to improve their existing facilities and were not compliant with the City's published plan. How many improvements on your system will have to wait if your already shrinking budgets get cut by another 20%?

The bottom line is, keep informed about PROWAG and make very good friends with your FDOT's District Accessibility Coordinator as that may well be your best chance to stay out of a situation where the court system determines how you spend your budgets.



Training on Your Terms

The Florida Transportation Technology Transfer (T²) Center and the Center for Transportation Training (CTT) together offer courses to fit your training and workforce development needs. Take a look at the catalog on line www.t2ctt.ce.ufl.edu for your training needs.

Training

We are proud to offer a complete portfolio of courses to train workers in virtually every sector of the roadway industry. We take employees at any level and give them the training that ensures safety and competence, including hands-on, in-the-field classes, workforce development, as well as management and executive-level supplements. Needs and requirements are always changing, and we are the experts that can help workers prepare for those changes. Our training programs offer the results our clients need to ensure that their businesses thrive and excel.

On your terms

Even though training needs are as urgent now as ever, decreasing budget dollars and higher costs require wise training decisions. A training package is no help to clients who cannot afford to travel or lose time on the job. That is why our quality course packages are portable, allowing us to bring classes and travel savings directly to our clients, giving them the best education their dollars can buy.

What does it mean for you?

It means that we are a complete training provider that offers instruction at affordable prices, enhancing your effectiveness without emptying your wallet. Our expertise makes your workforce a top-quality organization, and our efficiency gives you back your budget.

In the coming editions we will present more about our other services such as Production Demonstrations, Safety Circuit Rider Courses, & PedBike Resource Center.

WEB BASED TRAINING AVAILABLE

The Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC)/National Highway Institute announce that the following new trainings are available.

It is hoped that you find these Web-based training courses to be of significant value to your organization. All of the no-cost Web-based training developed by the TCCC/NHI is made possible through contributions to the TCCC pooled fund (TPF-5(209)). If you find the Web-based training courses to be useful and would like to see future training courses, we would like to request that you encourage your organization to make a contribution to the pooled fund. For additional information regarding other TCCC products, the pooled fund, or to suggest future Web-based training courses, please contact Chris Newman in the FHWA, Office of Asset Management at (202) 366-2023 or christopher.newman@dot.gov.

New Web-based Training! FHWA-NHI-131126B TCCC Concrete Pavement Evaluation

This two hour standalone module discusses how preventative maintenance impacts pavement preservation, good candidates for preservation, and the benefits to pavement preservation. It also describes the common procedures associated with conducting thorough pavement evaluations. This module is also part of the curriculum from the **Concrete Pavement Preservation Series (FHWA-NHI-131126)** which presents current guidelines and recommendations for the design, construction, and selection of cost-effective concrete pavement preservation strategies.

This training was prepared by the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC) in partnership with NHI to provide guidance on critical concrete pavement preservation issues. The training was sponsored by the FHWA and developed by the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center at Iowa State University. This course is recommended for the TCCC levels I - IV.

New Web-based Training! FHWA-NHI-131126C TCCC Slab Stabilization and Slab Jacking

This one hour standalone module covers the use of slab stabilization (also known as undersealing) and slab jacking of concrete pavements. Slab stabilization restores support beneath slabs where voids have been detected, and slab jacking is used to raise depressed or settled slabs. This module is also part of the curriculum from the **Concrete Pavement Preservation Series (FHWA-NHI-131126)** which presents current guidelines and recommendations for the design, construction, and selection of cost-effective concrete pavement preservation strategies.

This training was prepared by the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC) in partnership with NHI to provide guidance on critical concrete pavement preservation issues. The training was sponsored by the FHWA and developed by the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center at Iowa State University. This course is recommended for the TCCC levels I - IV.

New Web-based Training! FHWA-NHI-134106 TCCC Basic Construction Surveying

This training was prepared by the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC) in partnership with NHI to review the basics of construction surveying. It is prepared to provide guidance and instruction to those involved in construction surveying. The important surveying tasks involved in this work and the surveying procedures to be followed are also described in this training.

The training is targeted for those who are new to the construction surveying experience or for anyone needing a refresher. It is recommended for TCCC levels I and II. We've broken this training into three modules:

WEB BASED TRAINING (Cont)

- Basic Surveying Concepts
- Measurement and Construction Surveying
- Survey Mathematics

New Web-based Training! FHWA-NHI-131126D TCCC Partial-Depth Repairs

This one hour standalone module covers the procedures for partial-depth repairs (PDR) on PCC pavements. PDR is the removal and replacement of small, shallow areas of deteriorated PCC at spalled or distressed joints.

New Web-based Training! FHWA-NHI-131126E TCCC Full-Depth Repairs

This two hour standalone module covers the procedures for cast-in-place Portland cement concrete (PCC) full-depth repair (FDR) of jointed concrete pavements (JCP) including jointed plain (JPCP) and jointed reinforced concrete pavements (JRCP). FDR techniques for continuously reinforced concrete pavements (CRCP) are discussed

separately toward the end of the presentation. FDRs are the cast-in-place concrete repairs that extend the full-depth of the existing slab.

New Web-based Training! FHWA-NHI-131126F TCCC Retrofitted Edge Drains

This one hour standalone module presents design and construction information on retrofitted edge drains. This treatment is not as widely used as it once was, largely because it has limited applicability. Specifically, it must be targeted to those pavements that are 1) in good structural condition and 2) have bases with some degree of permeability that would allow water to be drained from beneath the pavement to the edge drain.

Other Web-based training modules in the series include:

- FHWA-NHI-131126A Preventative Maintenance and Pavement Preservation Concepts
- FHWA-NHI-131126D Partial-Depth Repairs
- FHWA-NHI-131126E Full-Depth Repairs
- FHWA-NHI-131126F Retrofitted Edge Drains
- FHWA-NHI-131126G Load Transfer Restoration
- FHWA-NHI-131126H Diamond Grinding and Grooving
- FHWA-NHI-131126I Joint Resealing and Crack Sealing
- FHWA-NHI-131126J Strategy Selection

T²/CTT Upcoming Workshops

March - July 2010

Aggregates

Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) Technician

Mar 3 - 4, 2010 Gainesville
Jun 24 - 25, 2010 Gainesville

Qualified Aggregate Sampler

Mar 5, 2010 Gainesville
May 7, 2010 Gainesville

Asphalt

Asphalt Mix Design

May 17 - 20, 2010 Gainesville

Asphalt Paving Level 1

Mar 9, 2010 Panama City
Mar 30, 2010 Miami
May 3, 2010 Gainesville
Jun 8, 2010 Clearwater
Jul 12, 2010 Orlando

Asphalt Paving Level 2

Mar 10 - 12, 2010 Panama City
Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2010 Miami
May 4 - 6, 2010 Gainesville
May 19 - 21, 2010 Miami
Jun 9 - 11, 2010 Tampa
Jul 13, 2010 Orlando

Asphalt Plant Level 1

Apr 7 - 9, 2010 Gainesville
May 12 - 14, 2010 Gainesville
Jul 7 - 9, 2010 Gainesville

Asphalt Plant Level 2

Jun 2 - 4, 2010 Gainesville

Concrete and Cement

Concrete Batch Plant Operator

Mar 1, 2010 Lakeland
Apr 12, 2010 Orlando

FDOT Concrete Field Inspector

Specification

Apr 5 - 6, 2010 Lakeland
May 25 - 26, 2010 Davie

Earthwork

Earthwork Construction Inspection

Level 1

Mar 22 - 23, 2010 Orlando
Apr 19 - 20, 2010 Miami
Apr 26 - 27, 2010 Panama City
May 10 - 11, 2010 Davie
Jun 14 - 15, 2010 Gainesville
Jul 26 - 27, 2010 Orlando

Earthwork Construction Inspection

Level 2

Mar 24 - 25, 2010 Orlando
Apr 21 - 22, 2010 Gainesville
Apr 28 - 29, 2010 Panama City
May 12 - 13, 2010 Davie
Jun 16 - 17, 2010 Gainesville
Jul 28 - 29, 2010 Orlando

Geotech

Drilled Shaft Inspection

Mar 15 - 17, 2010 Davie
May 17 - 19, 2010 Orlando
Jul 19 - 21, 2010 Orlando

Pile Driving Inspection

Apr 13 - 15, 2010 Orlando
Jun 7 - 9, 2010 West Palm Beach

Maintenance of Traffic

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic

Mar 24 - 26, 2010 Tallahassee
Apr 7 - 9, 2010 Naples

Apr 12 - 14, 2010

Apr 14 - 16, 2010

Apr 21 - 23, 2010

May 12 - 14, 2010

Jun 2 - 4, 2010

Jun 2 - 4, 2010

Jun 16 - 18, 2010

Jul 14 - 16, 2010

Jul 28 - 30, 2010

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic

Refresher

Mar 23, 2010 Tallahassee

Apr 6, 2010 Naples

Apr 13, 2010 Gainesville

Apr 20, 2010 Pompano Beach

May 11, 2010 Orlando

Jun 1, 2010 Gainesville

Jun 1, 2010 Tallahassee

Jun 15, 2010 Pompano Beach

Jul 13, 2010 Orlando

Jul 27, 2010 Naples

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic

Mar 17 - 18, 2010 Orlando

Mar 24 - 25, 2010 Gainesville

Mar 30 - 31, 2010 Saint Petersburg

May 5 - 6, 2010 Cape Coral

May 12 - 13, 2010 Gainesville

May 19 - 20, 2010 Orlando

May 27 - 28, 2010 Saint Petersburg

Jul 20 - 21, 2010 Saint Petersburg

Jul 21 - 22, 2010 Gainesville

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic

Refresher

Mar 16, 2010 Orlando

Mar 23, 2010 Gainesville

Port Charlotte Mar 29, 2010

Gainesville May 4, 2010

Pompano Beach May 11, 2010

Orlando May 18, 2010

Gainesville May 26, 2010

Tallahassee Jul 19, 2010

Pompano Beach Jul 20, 2010

Orlando

Naples

Pilot Escort

Pilot/Escort Flagging Training

Mar 13, 2010 Tallahassee

Mar 27, 2010 Orlando

Apr 5, 2010 Milton

Project Management

Final Estimates Level 1

Mar 24, 2010 West Palm Beach

Apr 23, 2010 Orlando

May 7, 2010 Lakeland

May 26, 2010 West Palm Beach

Jun 18, 2010 Fort Myers

Jun 21, 2010 Tampa

Final Estimates Level 2

Mar 25 - 26, 2010 West Palm Beach

May 27 - 28, 2010 Tampa

Jun 22 - 23, 2010 Tampa

Quality Control Manager

Apr 7 - 8, 2010 Lakeland

May 27 - 28, 2010 Davie

Safety

Chainsaw Safety in Disaster Recovery

Mar 11, 2010 Fort Myers



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FACERS Constitution

At the Board of Directors meeting it was discussed that the current FACERS Constitution is somewhat outdated and in need of clarifications. Therefore, as the Chair of the By-Laws Committee, Brian Barnes is putting a draft rewrite of the Constitution together for consideration at the Annual Meeting in June.

Anyone wishing to make suggestions on modifications to the Constitution, please forward them to Brian at brian.barnes@charlottefl.com.

2010 Annual Conference

This year's meeting will be held Thursday June 30th through Friday July 2nd, in Tampa.

As we approach the 2010 Annual Conference, Hector Bertran is working to put on a full schedule for us. As we always are trying to strike a balance between the engineering side and the operational side of membership we are always looking for good programs.

If you know of a program or presentation that would be of interest to the membership, please contact Hector at hector.bertran@ocfl.net.

See you in Tampa in June!

JOB OPENINGS

Hendry County - General Superintendent, Engineering / Road & Bridge Dept.

Hendry County is seek qualified applicants for General Superintendent within the Engineer/Road and Bridge Department. This is administrative and supervisory work in Road and Bridge and Airports that manages two Area Superintendents who supervise approximately 40 employees in the Road and Bridge Department and is on-call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and must possess a valid Florida CDL Class "B" or better driver's license with air brake endorsement.

Sumter County - Public Works Director

Sumter County is currently recruiting qualified candidates for the position of **Director of Public Works**. The Public Works Director oversees the Public Works Division which consists of four divisions: Mosquito Control, Parks and Recreation, Road and Bridge, and Solid Waste. The Department has 65 FTEs and an annual operating budget of approximately \$23 million.

Anyone interested in this position is urged to contact:

S. Reneé Narloch, Director - Eastern Region, Bob Murray & Associates

6753 Thomasville Road, #108-242

Tallahassee, FL 32312

(850) 391-0000 office (916) 751-2293 fax

reeneen@bobmurrayassoc.com

If you have a job opening and would like to advertise it with FACERS, please send it to Carolyn Steves carolyn.steves@rsandh.com or Brian Barnes brian.barnes@charlottefl.com and we will get it in the next issue of FACERS News.



WANTED

FACERS Award Nominations

It's time to send in your nomination for the FACERS Awards. With tight budgets, why not use this FREE service to recognize outstanding employees by filling out the form below and sending to the T2 CTT Center or fill it out on line at the FACERS web site www.facers.org.

FACERS ANNUAL AWARDS

Every year the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) honors a Public Works Employee, Rural* Engineer, Urban* Engineer and a Team Project of the Year for projects completed in the previous year. Awards are open to all individuals in public works and engineering in Florida's cities and counties. There is no requirement to be a FACERS member. Nominees receive a congratulatory letter. Winners receive statewide recognition at the annual FACERS conference and are featured in the Technology Transfer Quarterly newsletter. The engineering award recipients may also qualify for national recognition.

*Rural agencies are defined as having a population less than 100,000. Urban agencies have a population of 100,000 or more.

How do I nominate someone?

Nominating someone for the FACERS award is easy! Choose the method of submittal that best fits your schedule and style. Please attach text briefly describing the project. An awards committee member may call for more details. The following should be included:

A brief description of the project

Need – timeliness

Innovation

Leadership

Impact on the agency budget

Impact on the community

Online: Go to FACERS.org and enter the information, then press submit.

Download: Go to FACERS.org to download the nomination form. Type or print the information and:

Email the completed form to t2@ce.ufl.edu

or

Fax the completed form to 352.392.3224

Nominee / Team Leader Information:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____ Best time to call: _____

Nominated for (check one):

☐ Team Project

☐ Public Works Employee

☐ Rural Engineer

☐ Urban Engineer

Project Name: _____

County: _____ Date finished: _____

By signing below, I certify that this individual / team has participated in a local project that has had a major impact toward improving our local services and protecting our citizens' best interests.

Your Information:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

For assistance, please call Janet Degner at 352.273.1676

The deadline for applications is April 19, 2010

Member Spotlight

Scott Herring



Scott Herring was born in the Great State of Texas, where after six weeks, the US State Department and NOAA immediately blamed Scott for the disastrous hurricane season of 1961 and immediately deported him back to Venezuela where his parents were living at the time.

Scott managed to sneak back into the United States undetected to the Chicago area where he caused the Great Blizzard of 1964. Shortly thereafter, Scott was forced to move to Memphis, Tennessee, site of the great Mississippi River Floods of 1969. Scott managed to escape Memphis to Birmingham, Alabama, only to be blamed for the Great Winter White-Out of 1977.

Scott left Birmingham to attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1983, the height of the last great recession. (Prior to the Current Great Recession!)

After graduation, Scott toured the East Coast of the United States until he was finally able to land a job with Kimley-Horn and Associates in their West Palm Beach office. After two wonderful years in the private sector, Scott moved on to Martin County as the County Traffic Engineer, without causing any great weather or economic misfortune.

Forgetting how much he enjoyed the private sector, Scott went to work for Calvin Giordanno and Associates in both the Fort Lauderdale and West Palm offices. Commuting from Martin County, Scott became an expert at throwing quarters into the Turnpike's exact change baskets.

Scott then returned to the Public Sector in 1995 as the Traffic Engineer for St. Lucie County, immediately causing the worst Thanksgiving weekend storm in Florida's history at that time. While at St. Lucie County, Scott had the great fortune to have Mike Bowers as his boss. Mike is one of Florida's foremost practitioners of the Dark Side Arts. Mike taught Scott the power of the Dark Side and Scott used these powers to become President of FACERS in 2000-2001. Additionally, Scott and Mike cast a spell on NACE and convinced NACE to hold the 2004 National Convention in Orlando which was a rousing success. After mastering the powers of the Dark Side, Scott forced Mike to become the Utilities Director for St. Lucie County, so Scott could become the Road & Bridge Manager for St. Lucie County.

After the disastrous Hurricane Season of 2004, during which not one but two hurricanes made landfall in St. Lucie County within three weeks of each other, and the 2005 hurricane season which extended into the Greek alphabet for storm names, Governor Bush banished Scott to Georgia prior to the 2006 season. Notice how quiet the Hurricane seasons have been since Scott has been gone?

After three years in Colombia County, Georgia as Director of Construction and Maintenance Services, Scott has returned to Florida as the County Engineer for Nassau County. Since Scott didn't start at Nassau County until the middle of the Hurricane Season, you can't blame 2009 on him. However, watch out for the 2010 Season!

Scott appreciates being a member of FACERS and figures since he has been out of the state for the past three years, people will have short memories and forget about all the havoc the members of the Dark Side cause.

FACERS Board Meeting

Orlando, Florida - February 4, 2010

Board Members Present

Danielle Slaterpryce – President *

Hector Bertran – Vice President *

Fred Schneider – Treasurer

John Newton – Secretary *

John Goodknight – Director *

Todd Buckles – Director *

*Ramon Gavarrete, Director

George Webb – State NACE Director

Brian Barnes – Past President

Carolyn Steves – RS&H Sustaining Member *

Not Present

Alan Holbach – Director *

Also Present

Janet Degner, T2 Square

Amy Bent – RS&H

With a quorum present, Danielle Slaterpryce called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Secretary's Report:

John Newton presented the minutes from FACERS Board Meeting held December 3, 2009 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Minutes were discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Fred Schneider reported FACERS had an overall account balance totaling \$30,357.93. Checking account stood at \$25,549.04 and the investment account totals \$4,808. Expenses for the quarter included payment for NACE memberships totaling \$2,760.00.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Fred Schneider reported, 35 paid members from the previous year, 2 new members, 3 free memberships, Total 40 active

Scholarships: Bob Gordon (not present) Danielle suggested we look at criteria for awards and scholarships. Ramon added that Florida International University (FIU) was awarding scholarships. The idea to award Public Works employees scholarships was brought forward. Brian Barnes will publish an article in the newsletter describing our program. All agreed that Bob Gordon would need to do an overall review of the scholarship program and report back to the Board.

By Laws: Brian Barnes - Discussion centered on moving Article X, Purposes of Association to the front page. All agreed and Brian Barnes will rewrite the Constitution, send to Board for review and it would be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Tampa.

Green Book: Fred Schneider - March 24, 2010 (tentative) is the next meeting to discuss the "Green Book". T Square offering Green Book training.

T Square: Janet Degner - FACERS/T Square publishing partnership was discussed as another way to spread the word. Awards deadline is April 19, 2010. Training opportunities were passed out; over 200 courses available.

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Newsletter: Carolyn Steves/Brian Barnes - Brian needs newsletter information by February 15, 2010. Plan is to publish newsletter every other month.

NACE: George Webb - Legislative meeting will be conducted in March time frame in Washington D.C. Federal stimulus under fire by local government. Requesting input – Federal funding processes Local road funding issues. Gas taxes – what are the alternate funding sources

Annual Meeting: Hector Bertran - in association with the FAC Annual Conference – Tampa, Florida. Conference Dates: June 28 – July 2, 2010. Conference Site: Marriott Waterside. Hector working on topics and FACERS schedule. FACERS tentative schedule is June 30, 2010 starting at 9:00 a.m. ending July 2, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

Legislative Issues: Ramon Gavarrete - Many of the Legislative issues were covered under the NACE. (See committee report) HB 701 – Professional Liability

FACERS/FES: Danielle Slaterpryce - Scholarship Issues – Bob Gordon to take the lead. Professional Education Program – Bill Steves will run the program. Discussed and approved a Continuing Education Committee Report at each FACERS Board Meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion on By Laws – See By Laws Committee report.

New Business:

Five items were discussed

George Webb/Todd Buckles – FACERS sponsoring NACE National Conference in Volusia County.

T Square hosting 2011 Summer Conference on Low Volume Roads. FACERS involvement requested.

George Webb – Local Roads issues

Ramon Gavarrete Utilities Notification – FACERS supports 90 day notification limit.

Developing FACERS chapters

Board voted no; however, does support local Public Works Departments training initiatives. John Newton to bring “business plan” to April Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

FACERS Annual Meeting

Remember all roads lead to Tampa June 30 thru July 2. Because that's where we will hold our 2010 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). Go to the FAC web site www.fl-counites.com to book your room at the Tampa Marriott Waterside and register for the conference as soon as it is posted because it **will** sell out!

In our next issue we will include the agenda, but don't delay register today!



In this issue of the newsletter we continue a new feature, "What Were They Thinking?" where we will include a picture of a sign that seems to have missed the target.

Keep an eye out and send us a picture of a sign you feel somehow just did not quite hit the nail on the head.

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Let's see...let me get this straight... according to this sign

visitors are to go up the stairs, in their wheelchairs to get go down to a sunken garden.

I guess the standards for mobility changed visitors to this tourist site are a little different than our ADA Standards in this country!