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## A Message from the President

First, I'd like to thank our lovely Past President Danielle Slaterpryce for her many years of dedicated service to FACERS. As some of you already know, Ms Slaterpryce accepted a position with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and has now joined the esteemed rank of Sustaining Member within the FACERS organization. The FACERS Constitution requires that the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and all members serving on the Board of Directors, with exception of the Sustaining Member Director, have Active Membership status. Active Membership status requires full time employment with a Florida county government agency such as a County Engineer, Public Works Director, or County Road Superintendent. Ms. Slaterpryce had to resign as President because of this requirement. The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting to address this issue during the Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida this past July. It was then that Ms. Slaterpryce officially gave her

resignation and the Board appointed me as President. Accepting this appointment was bittersweet. I am honored to receive their support and excited at the prospects but lament losing such a dedicated professional as a leader of FACERS. She has assured us of her continued support of which I am pleased.

On a lighter note, the transfer of the presidency brought on a sudden end to another member's 12 year continuing service to the organization. Unfortunately, there is no recognition for this unbelievable dedication and commitment. FACERS recognizes the contributions of professionals working in the field of public works with awards such as Team Project of the Year, Public Works Employee of the Year, Urban Engineer of the Year, Rural Engineer of the Year and through scholarships to those who study in a field related to pursuing a public works career. We also have the Christmas blow up ornament tradition started by our own Todd Buckles a couple of years ago and the flamingo hard hat tradition that was in place before I became a member of FACERS. Who might this committed individual be? How should we give him thanks? Well, I will have something the next time we see each other. He is certainly one of the sparkplugs of our engine and our engine does misfire when he is not involved. Stay connected and you will know who he is.

As always, FACERS has been working on many new and exciting projects. For instance we have been working closely with Mr. Eric Poole of the Florida Association of Counties on the proposed revisions to Florida Statute 337.403 and with Mr. Roosevelt Petithomme, Mr. Duane Brautigam and Ms. Cheri Sylvester of FDOT with their efforts on the Local Agency Participation Program. We also have been working with Technology Transfer Center, known as T<sup>2</sup>, on providing cost effective training programs. Some of these training programs are free thanks to our devoted Ms. Janet Degner and T<sup>2</sup>. We are making sure your voices are heard where it counts and also providing venues that help enrich your professional careers! Remember that FACERS is entrusted by professional obligation to: monitor and offer opinions on related state and national legislation affecting transportation and public works; contribute to the development and/or revision of statewide standard specifications and guideline documents; provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, technical information and best practices; and offer opinions on related local, state and national legislation to assure every community of the best possible engineering available.

The Legislative Conference is coming soon. Look for updates on our website. Our Vice President, Mr. Fred Schneider, has put together a great agenda and a few surprises you might enjoy this year. This is a great way to get a few of those last minute CEUs for all of the PEs attending the Conference and a great way to voice your concern on legislative issues affecting your County. I hope to see you there.

Finally, please visit our website regularly, participate with emails, nominate members of your staff or co-workers for FACERS awards and attend our meetings and conferences. Conference participants obtain valuable continuing education credits, create useful connections within our industry and enjoy learning about new and innovative techniques, processes and products. You will be a better and more valuable member of your organization because of your affiliation and participation. My focus will be to maintain the spirit of our purpose and make sure the process is enjoyable. I hope to see you all in November at the Legislative Conference.

# Meet your 2010-11 Officers

One of the major changes in the new FACERS Constitution is there it contains a succession of office procedures to be used when one of the office holders resigns. This procedure was put into use at the Annual Meeting when our President Danielle Slaterpryce tendered her resignation from the office of President. Danielle joined Kimley-Horn & Associates after leaving Okaloosa County employment. The Board of Directors then appointed Hector Bertran as President to fill out the remained year of Danielle's term of office. After Hector accepted the appointment he then had 30 days to appoint a replacement to fill out the last year of his term as Vice President.

Hector Bertran made the decision to move all the remaining officers up. He appointed Fred Schneider as Vice President, John Newton as Secretary, and appointed Jonathan Price as the new Treasurer.

## FACERS Officers

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Hector Bertran. P.E. Orange County
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Fred Schneider, P.E. Lake County
<b>TREASURER:</b>	John Newton Hillsborough County
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Jonathan Page, P.E. Nassau County
<b>PAST PRESIDENT:</b>	Danielle Slaterpryce, P.E. Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

## National Association of County Engineers

<b>NACE STATE REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	George Webb, P.E. Palm Beach County
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# Meet your Board of Directors

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

### **County Member Director**

John Goodnight, P.E.  
Marion County

R. Alan Holbach  
Charlotte County

Gene Calvert, P.E.  
Collier County

Todd Buckles  
Volusia County

### **Sustaining Member Director**

Carolyn Steves  
RS&H, Inc.

### **NACE Office Director**

Ramón Gavarrete, P.E.  
Highlands County  
NACE Southeast Vice President:

The appointments were then ratified by the Board of Directors at their meeting in August.

Under the terms of the new FACERS Constitution, the terms of office for all officers and directors will be 1 year with election held at the Annual Meeting in the summer. Therefore, all officers and directors will remain in the above office until the Annual Conference held in association with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference that will be held in June 2011.

## FACERS Scholarships

Bob Gordon, formally with Hillsborough County, represented FACERS at the University of South Florida Award Ceremony on September 17, 2010. Due to USF investment strategies, we were able to award two \$1,000.00 scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.



*From left to right in the photo:*

*Dr. William Carpenter, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering  
Casey Forner, USF Civil Engineering student, Senior, FACERS scholarship award recipient (also chosen to give a speech on behalf of all the award recipients for the entire College of Engineering)  
Shirley Suprina, USF Civil Engineering student, Senior, FACERS scholarship award recipient  
Dr. John Wiensek, Professor and Dean of the College of Engineering  
Bob Gordon, Public Works Director, Hillsborough County, Graduating Class of 1980 USF College of Engineering*

On a side note, we have Dr. Carpenter to thank for educating Bob Gordon during his time at USF *(the actual date Bob was at USF has been withheld to protect Bob's image)*. Seems Dr. Carpenter is the last active educator that helped shape Bob back when he was much more impressionable!

Thanks, Dr. Carpenter, for all you have done and are doing to advance the Engineering profession.

## 2010 FACERS Annual Conference

A special thanks goes out to Hector Bertran, who put together another outstanding Annual Meeting Conference in Tampa in June. We had a very lively discussion on the new proposed FACERS Constitution. After some minor tweaks were made by the membership the Constitution was presented at the General Membership Meeting on Friday and was passed. The new Constitution will be on our web site or can be sent to you by requested a copy to [brian.barnes@charlottefl.com](mailto:brian.barnes@charlottefl.com)

Other topics presented included; John Newton, Hillsborough County, gave a presentation on how Hillsborough County is extending pavement service; Amy Blaida, RS&H and Herb Raybourn, Reedy Creek Improvement District, discussed social networking and how they are using it on the Disney property; John Goodknight, Marion County, and Joseph Santos, FDOT, showed us what improvements have been made recently in the FDOT Statewide Crash Data and Safety Program; Gene Calvert, Collier County, discussed how the County was using prefabricated bridges; and John Newton, Hillsborough County, gave a presentation on the issues the County has had with sink holes during the spring dry period and how they found solutions.

There was also a very good “roundtable” session where we discussed many items such as; what budget strategies the counties are using in these trying times, stimulus projects and how they are working, Green Book issues, L.A.P. issues and what can be done to help resolve them.

Thanks to generosity of RS&H, Kimley-Horn, & E.J. Breneman, who sponsored the heavy hor d'euvres, we had one of the greatest “Social Nights”. The event was very convenient as it was held in the conference hotel, which was great because it rained, what seemed several feet, during the event. The only down side was it was raining so hard we could not watch the Rays baseball game.





# June 2010 Social Night



## **FACERS on the Internet**



**Yes,** Ladies and Gentlemen, FACERS is going to bring a portion of the Legislative Conference to you via a web-cast on the World Wide Web.

All FACERS members are facing budget shortfalls thought-out the state. The first item to be cut out of all of our budgets is normally travel and conferences.

Therefore, to make your membership more valuable and facilitate the exchange of information to our members, your Officers and Board of Directors have decided to broadcast the Wednesday program on the internet. This way all the great information presented at the Legislative Conference in Nassau County in November will be available to all members, who are unable to make it to the conference site can attend at their desk.

Bill Steves, Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee has tried every way, but unfortunately, we will not be able to provide pdhs for your Florida PE renewal. The Florida Board of Professional Regulations rules requires pre-registration, log ins and tests of the subject material presented to be able to certify the pdhs. These requirements will not allow us to provide that service. So if you still need pdhs in you practice area, why not plan to attend in person? That way you will be able to receive your 4 pdhs during the meeting.

More details on this will be included in the next newsletter, but if you cannot make it to Amelia Island November 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> keep your calendar open on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> so you can take advantage of this opportunity.

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Your Officers and Board of Directors will be waiting to get the feedback from the members tuning in on the internet, once the web cast is complete.



# Member Spotlight

## JIM STIVENDER, JR.



Jim Stivender Jr. is a life-long Lake County Resident. He graduated from Lake Sumter Community College and went on to attend the University of Central Florida and graduated with a degree in Engineering. He is both a licensed land surveyor and engineer.

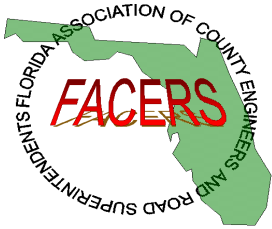
His career with Lake County government began in 1976. He was appointed the Senior Director of the Public Works Department in 1989, a position he has held for the last nineteen years.

In 1995, Jim was honored by the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents as Rural County Engineer of the Year, and served as the group president in 2002.

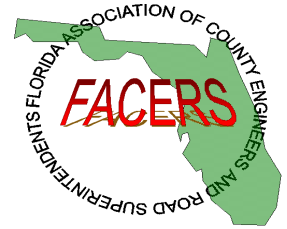
Jim has two children, Tim age 20 and Jamie age 18.







# **FACERS DRAFT AGENDA NOVEMBER 17-19, 2010 F.A.C. LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE MEETING**



## **Wednesday**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Titanic & Archaeology in Florida's Waterways ,  
(ESI, Mike Arbuthnot/ Brent Handley )
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Full Depth Reclamation and Microsurfacing,  
(APS & EJB, Bob Siffert/Chris Evers)
- Lunch (on your own)
- 1: 00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Asphalt Plant Green Features (Highlands Co., Kyle Green)
- 2: 30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Transportation Issues  
(Tindale Oliver & Assoc., Teresa Jacobs)
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. FDOT LAP Community of Practice Efforts  
(FDOT, Duane Brautigam)

## **Thursday**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Quality Based Roadway System  
(VHB, Matthew La Chance)
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legislative Issues: CCNA & Procurement Pricing  
(Steve Carnell, Collier County/FAPPO);  
Utility Relocation/LAP/CCNA  
(George Webb / Ramon Gavarrete Moderators);  
Eric Poole with F.A.C.
- Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Florida's Water Quality System and Standards and TMDL  
(Manson Law Group, Doug Manson & Laura Donaldson)
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Budget and the Effect on Your Department & Cost Efficiencies of  
Public vs. Private  
(George Webb, John Newton Moderators, Harry Lorick LA  
Consulting)
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion
- 6:00 pm FACERS SOCIAL NIGHT

## **Friday**

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting / Discussion  
with Jerry Smith, Florida Emergency Preparedness Association  
(FEPA)

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

# Florida Association of Counties

## 2010-11 Legislative Conference

Amelia Island Plantation — Nassau County  
November 17-19, 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! As you know FACERS always hold it's meeting in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Conference. This year the FAC 2010-11 Legislative Conference will be held in Nassau County at the Amelia Island Plantation, November 17-19, 2010. FACERS has a full schedule of meetings on November 17th & 18th with a General Membership Meeting the morning of the 19th (see page 9 for a copy of the preliminary agenda). Plan now to attend this very informative meeting.

FAC has posted the Legislative Conference Agenda and registration information on the website. Below is a the link:

[http://fl-counties.com/Pages/Member\\_Services/Conferences/Legislative\\_Conference.aspx](http://fl-counties.com/Pages/Member_Services/Conferences/Legislative_Conference.aspx)

### Hotel Information



The FAC room block at Amelia Island Plantation is officially open! The block always sells quickly, so make your reservations ASAP. Please only reserve the number of rooms you truly need so the hotel is able accommodate as many attendees as possible. **Call (888) 261-6165; the group code is 8BI4VH** and FAC's rate is \$139.00 plus applicable taxes.



## FACERS Legislative Conference

Remember all roads lead to Amelia Island November 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>. Because that's where we will hold our 2010 Legislative Conference in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). Go to the FAC web site [www.fl-counites.com](http://www.fl-counites.com) to book your room at the Amelia Island Plantation and register for the conference. Don't delay; it **will** sell out!

*See Ya in Northeast Florida!*



In this issue of FACERS News, Todd Buckles, sent in the "What Were They Thinking?" picture.

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.

[carolyn.steves@rsandh.com](mailto:carolyn.steves@rsandh.com) or [brian.barnes@charlottefl.com](mailto:brian.barnes@charlottefl.com)



Looks like there may be a **MINOR** ADA violation, or 2 here. Since the bottom of the sign is only +/-5 feet above the sidewalk. I





## Training on Your Terms

The Florida Transportation Technology Transfer (T<sup>2</sup>) Center and the Center for Transportation Training (CTT) together offer courses to fit your training and workforce development needs. Take a look at our course below to find the training you need.

Course	Day of the Week	Start Date	End Date	Location
Asphalt Paving Level 1	Monday	10/4/2010	10/4/2010	Chipley
Asphalt Paving Level 2	Tue-Thur	10/5/2010	10/7/2010	Chipley
Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 1	Mon-Tue	10/11/2010	10/12/2010	Lakeland
Asphalt Mix Design	Tue-Fri	10/11/2010	10/14/2010	Gainesville
Earthwork Construction Inspection	Wed-Thur	10/13/2010	10/14/2010	Lakeland
Concrete Field Inspector Specification	Mon-Tue	10/18/2010	10/19/2010	Chipley
Concrete Field Inspector Specification	Mon-Tue	10/18/2010	10/19/2010	Davie
Quality Control Manager	Wed-Thur	10/20/2010	10/21/2010	Chipley
Quality Control Manager	Wed-Thur	10/20/2010	10/21/2010	Davie
Drilled Shaft Inspection	Mon-Wed	10/25/2010	10/27/2010	Chipley
Asphalt Plant Level 1	Wed-Fri	10/27/2010	10/29/2010	Freeport?
Earthwork Construction Inspection	Mon-Tue	11/1/2010	11/2/2010	Tampa
Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 2	Wed-Thur	11/3/2010	11/4/2010	Tampa
Pile Driving Inspection	Mon-Wed	11/8/2010	11/10/2010	Orlando
Asphalt Paving Level 1	Monday	11/15/2010	11/15/2010	Fort Meyers
Asphalt Plant Level 1	Tue-Thur	11/16/2010	11/18/2010	Gainesville
Concrete Field Inspector Specification	Tue-Wed	11/16/2010	11/17/2010	Lakeland
Quality Control Manager	Thur-Fri	11/18/2010	11/19/2010	Lakeland
Drilled Shaft Inspection	Tue-Thur	12/7/2010	12/9/2010	Gainesville
Asphalt Paving Level 1	Tuesday	12/7/2010	12/7/2010	Davie
Asphalt Paving Level 2	Wed-Fri	12/8/2010	12/10/2010	Davie



## Training on Your Terms (Cont)

Course	Start Date	End Date	Location
Safe Mobility for Life Program: Planning and Designing for our Aging Population	9/30/2010	9/30/2010	Deland
Pilot/Escort Flagging	10/4/2010	10/4/2010	Milton
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	10/4/2010	10/4/2010	Gibson
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	10/5/2010	10/7/2010	Gibson
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	10/5/2010	10/5/2010	Tallahassee
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	10/6/2010	10/8/2010	Tallahassee
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	10/18/2010	10/20/2010	Stuart
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	10/19/2010	10/19/2010	Pompano Beach
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	10/20/2010	10/22/2010	Pompano Beach
Pilot/Escort Flagging	10/25/2010	10/25/2010	Saint Petersburg
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	11/2/2010	11/2/2010	Naples
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	11/3/2010	11/5/2010	Naples
Pilot/Escort Flagging	11/9/2010	11/9/2010	Gainesville
Pilot/Escort Flagging	11/13/2010	11/13/2010	Tallahassee
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	11/15/2010	11/15/2010	Naples
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	11/16/2010	11/16/2010	Orlando
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	11/16/2010	11/16/2010	Saint Petersburg
Pilot/Escort Flagging	11/16/2010	11/16/2010	Fort Myers
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	11/17/2010	11/19/2010	Orlando
Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic	11/17/2010	11/18/2010	Saint Petersburg
Safe Mobility for Life Program: Planning and Designing for our Aging Population	11/18/2010	11/18/2010	Cape Coral
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher	12/7/2010	12/7/2010	Pompano Beach
Advanced Maintenance of Traffic	12/8/2010	12/10/2010	Pompano Beach

To register for these course please contact the center at [2cttassist@ce.ufl.edu](mailto:2cttassist@ce.ufl.edu) or call at (352) 846-3593 or visit our web site [www.yourctt.com](http://www.yourctt.com) .

# Job Opportunities

As another service of your FACERS' membership is we try to advertise all job opportunities with our members. As of now we know of Nassau and Polk Counties are looking for good candidates.:

## **POLK COUNTY;**

The Polk County BoCC, Transportation Division is currently recruiting a Structural Engineer, PE. Major duties include managing the bridge inventory on the County roadway network, including any needed repairs or replacements. Requires a minimum of four year civil engineering degree, five years experience, registered Professional Engineer. Hiring range: \$56,492 - \$71,864.

The Polk County BoCC, Transportation Division is currently recruiting a Transportation Project Engineer, PE. Major duties include managing CIP projects such as intersection improvements, adding roadway capacity, recurring maintenance. Requires a minimum of four year civil engineering degree, four years experience, registered Professional Engineer. Hiring range: \$53,872 - \$68,556.

Please e-mail resumes to: [douggable@polk-county.net](mailto:douggable@polk-county.net)

## **NASSAU COUNTY;**

Nassau County has an opening for an Engineer III at \$57,325.73 - \$68,142.28 annually, plus benefits. Requires a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or relevant field experience and five years engineering and/or engineering services management experience. Preference given to candidates with experience in the area of roadway maintenance and drainage. Must possess Professional Engineer Certificate issued by the State of Florida. Must possess valid driver's license.

Applications will be accepted thru October 29, 2010. Application and job description can be obtained from Human Resources Department located at 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 5, Yulee, FL 32097. Telephone (904) 491-7332 or fax (904) 321-5797. [www.nassaucountyfl.com](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com) EOE/M/F/D/V Drug free workplace.