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President's Message



FACERS President 2012/2013
Jonathan Page, Nassau County

Greetings fellow FACERS members! It is hard for me to believe but 6 months have flown right by and we are making the final preparations for our next Legislative Conference in Sarasota. Our Vice President (Mr. Ryan Douglass) has put together a fantastic agenda. We will have something for everyone with sessions that cover a myriad of management, construction and design topics. I know that a lot of us are contemplating the impending deadline to renew our Professional Engineer's Licenses and I cannot think of a better way to earn the remaining hours.

As I sit here pondering how I am going to burn off the candy I consumed last night while handing out treats to the neighborhood kids (1 for you 1 for me!), I am also reminded that this is that magical time of year. The air has finally cooled and the smothering humidity is becoming a memory with each passing day here in North Florida and no matter what the paper and television commercials suggest, Christmas can wait. Yes I said it. Santa can wait. It is the time of year for my favorite holiday of all – Thanksgiving! No gifts, no stress - just family, friends, a ton of food and, of course a healthy dose of football!

I was chatting with the President of another organization the other day (you know the one that has all of our municipal members?) and he asked me how I liked being the President of FACERS. Since I know this “gentleman” well (and I’m not a very good liar anyway) I had to admit to him that it was in many ways much less taxing than my previous positions in our organization. As President, I get a unique insight (people CC me on everything!) into how the organization works that I had not previously enjoyed. While I do not intend to provide an exhaustive overview of that, I would like to share some things I am learning about FACERS for which we all should be thankful.

As you probably have noticed from your recent invoice, your FACERS dues have increased. Now why would that be a good thing? Well, our Budget Committee produced forecasts and a proposed budget that was approved by the membership at the FACERS Annual Meeting in June and the work that was included in that effort may very well keep FACERS from going broke and that is a GREAT thing. Other Committees are working



President's Message (cont.)

hard as well. We have really increased our presence on FACEBOOK and our Social Media Committee is doing a great job at promoting awareness of the organization. Our new Commissioner Orientation Committee is working to complete a presentation to FAC in January 2013 to give those commissioners an idea of not only what County Engineers and Public Works Directors do but also why FACERS is an important part of that effort. Our Sustaining Members are also amazing and have contributed generously in helping our Social Committee plan a fantastic social night at the past and upcoming conferences.

Just a few months ago I really did not know how this all happened. Well it is not by accident and I am truly thankful to be the President of an organization with such a committed membership! I also realize that your leadership is focused on serving YOU, our general membership. Without your support and participation, FACERS would not exist. So I am truly thankful for our all of our members because it is for you that we exist.

So I hope that at this point you have cleared your calendar and after you have counted your blessings with your loved ones this year I look forward to seeing you in Sarasota at our Legislative Meeting in a couple weeks!



FACERS MISSION

The Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) is entrusted by professional obligation to monitor and offer opinions on related local, state and national legislation affecting transportation and public works; to contribute to the development or revision of statewide standard specifications and guideline documents; and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, technical information and best practices to assure every community of the best possible engineering available.

2012/2013 FACERS Officers and Board of Directors

President, Jonathan Page, Nassau County

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Active Member Director, Douglas Gable, Polk County

Active Member Director, R. Alan Holbach, Charlotte County

Active Member Director, Christopher Mora, Indian River County

Active Member Director, Faith Alkhatib, Flagler County

Sustaining Member Director, Amy Blaida, RS&H

NACE State Director, Scott Cottrell, Sumter County

NACE Officer, Ramon Gavarrete, Highlands County



Left to right: Front Row: Jonathan Page, President, Nassau County; Faith Alkhatib, Active Member Director, Flagler County; Amy Blaida, Sustaining Member Director, RS&H; Judy Grim, Treasurer, Volusia County; Ramon Gavarrete, NACE Officer, Highlands County; Fred Schneider, Past President, Lake County

Back Row: Ryan Douglass, Vice President, Walton County; Todd Buckles, Active Member Director, Volusia County; R. Alan Holbach, Active Member Director, Charlotte County; Scott Cottrell, NACE State Director, Sumter County; James K. Harriott, Secretary, Sarasota County; Douglas Gable, Active Member Director, Polk County

Not pictured: Chris Mora, Active Member Director



FACERS Scholarships

USF HEART OF GOLD SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



Bob Gordon attended the University of South Florida's Heart of Gold Scholarship Luncheon on behalf of FACERS on September 21, 2012. To the left is a photo of Bob Gordon (FACERS member) with Wesley Kraft (USF College of Engineering Student), the recipient of the FACERS Scholarship. Mr. Kraft is a fine young man who is interning with a small, civil engineering firm to gain practical experience while pursuing his engineering degree. FACERS is proud to provide scholarships to engineering students in the following universities: University of South Florida, University of Florida, University of Central Florida and the and Florida International University.

To: Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents

My name is Wesley Kraft and I am writing this letter in regards to the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) scholarship I have received for the 2012/2013 academic school year. As you may already know I am currently a senior civil engineering student at the University of South Florida. First I want to say what an honor it is to be the recipient of the FACERS scholarship and how very excited I am to have been chosen from amongst a group of very bright engineering students. This really means a lot to me, in terms of personal satisfaction and academic achievement. Being a full time student today is difficult, the costs of living and education both are high and I want to tell you that I am very thankful for your contribution towards my education. Every dollar counts and the scholarship I've received will aid me that much more in focusing on my engineering education as it helps with the stress of the financial burden college students like me generally experience. It is difficult to find the words to express how being on the receiving end of this scholarship makes me feel, and it's that same feeling that motivates me as a future professional engineer to hopefully be able to joyfully give to students in need as you have. I want to say thank you for supporting our future engineers and thank you so much for blessing me with this year's FACERS scholarship.

Sincerely,

Wesley Kraft



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SOUTH FLORIDA

Dear Mr. Bob Gordon,

On behalf of the USF College of Engineering and all our scholarship recipients, thank you for your gifts to the College of Engineering Scholarship Program. We are so glad you were able to join us for this celebration, enclosed is a memento of this special occasion - a thank you letter from your scholarship recipient(s). Thanks to your support and generosity 111 students received over \$162,000 in financial assistance this year.

The Heart of Gold luncheon is one of our favorite activities at the College of Engineering because it gives us the opportunity to demonstrate how your financial support of the college literally changes the lives of students. With the much needed financial support that you provide, many of our students have achieved academic excellence. Here are some examples of how your support has paid off:

- One student awarded the prestigious Marshall Scholarship (first ever at USF!)
- Two students have been named NASA MUST Scholars
- Two students have received the Ernest Hollings NOAA Scholarship
- Another student has been named a Gilman International Scholar

These are high-profile achievements, but all of our students have the opportunity to achieve greatness through your generosity. Your support is more important today than ever.

If you took a photo after the luncheon you should have received it by email, please let me know if you have not received it so we can update your contact information. Thank you again for your continued generosity and for your investment in these engineers of tomorrow. If you ever have questions regarding your scholarship, please contact me at 813-974-9992 or bethfontes@usf.edu.

Best wishes,

Elizabeth C. Fontes
Director of Development

*Thanks again for attending.
We appreciate your support of
Scholarships at USF.*

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FACERS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Faith (Kifah) Alkhatib, P.E., Flagler County Engineering Director



Ms. Alkhatib is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida, with a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA). She has over fifteen (15) years of professional, management, and technical engineering experience in both the public and private sectors. Much of her career has been with The Florida Department of Transportation, St. Johns County and Flagler County. Her areas of expertise include Environmental, Planning, Stormwater, Drainage, Traffic, Permitting, Contracts, Construction, Roadway and Bridge Design, and Maintenance of Infrastructure. She has considerable experience working with Contractors, Consultants, Public Officials and the Public.

Ms. Alkhatib currently serves as Director of the Engineering Department for Flagler County. She manages capital projects from inception to completion including conceptual planning, funding administration, design, permitting with state and federal agencies, and construction. She has developed bid specifications and performed contract administration to ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget. Her major responsibilities have included managing, directing, and coordinating contractors and consultant's activities over a range of disciplines, including roadway design and construction, major structures design and construction, pavement management, planning & programming, engineering/CADD systems, road and bridges design and construction, geotech, utilities, right-of-way, permitting and traffic engineering design & operations.

Ms. Alkhatib received the 2010 Award from the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) for Local Agency/State Agency Collaboration for I-95 and Matanzas Woods Parkway Interchange's Justification Report (IJR) project. In 2012, she was selected to serve on the FACERS' Board of Directors. Ms. Alkhatib and her family reside in Palm Coast. She enjoys community service, traveling and chocolate.

Come join



on

facebook

Now is the time to join Facebook because it is official: FACERS has a FACEBOOK page!!!

Here is the link or you can click on the "Facebook" image above:

<https://www.facebook.com/FACERS.ORG>

The FACERS Board has agreed to create a FACERS Social Media Committee and to utilize social media as an additional form of communication with its members. FACERS encourages the use of social media technologies to enhance communication, collaboration, and information exchange in support of the FACERS' mission.

Come "Like" us on Facebook and be part of the conversation!



FACERS Legislative Meeting AGENDA

November 28 - 30, 2012

In Conjunction With 2012 FAC Legislative Conference
Hyatt Regency Sarasota, Sarasota County, FL

WEDNESDAY, November 28

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| 8:30 am – 9:30 am | Pavement Management – Clay County
<i>Mike Holcomb, Atkins Global</i> |
| 9:45 am – 10:45 am | Thirsty Duck - Buoyant Flow Control Devices
<i>Jeff Glenn and Liz Bartell – RS&H; and Jon Moody, Thirsty Duck</i> |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Lunch (on your own) |
| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | FDOT Roundtable
<i>Duane Brautigam, FDOT</i> |
| 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Roadway Safety Audit – Pedestrian Safety
<i>Craig Allred, FHWA</i> |
| 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Reducing Traffic Congestion and Improving Safety with Smart Signal Technology
<i>Mark Sullivant, Rhythm Engineering</i> |
| 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm | Round Table Discussion – Public Works Legislative Issues |

THURSDAY, November 29

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| 8:00 am – 9:00 am | Disaster and Emergency Management Workshop
<i>Agustin Maristany, David K. Brauner – King Engineering</i> |
| 9:15 am – 10:15 am | Trenchless Technologies – More Than A Fad
<i>Robert Kermitz, England, Thims & Miller, Inc.</i> |
| 10:30 am – 11:30 am | Generation X-Y
<i>Amy Blaida - RS&H; and Chas Jordan - City of Largo</i> |
| 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Lunch (on your own) |
| 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm | Orange County 311
<i>Brandy Davis, Lorenzo Williams – Orange County</i> |
| 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update
<i>Joe Santos, FDOT</i> |
| 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century - MAP 21
<i>Chris Richter, FHWA</i> |
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm | North Cattlemen Road/Benderson Park Project – Sarasota County
<i>James Harriott, Sarasota County</i> |
| 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm | FACERS Social – Marina Jack, 2 Marina Plaza Sarasota, FL 34236
*Please RSVP to Amy Blaida if you plan to attend the FACERS Social at amy.blaida@rsandh.com |

FRIDAY, November 30

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| 8:45 am – 12:00 pm | FACERS Business Meeting |
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FACERS Membership

FACERS accepts membership applications for the following categories: Active, Municipal and Sustaining. You can join FACERS at this link : [FACERS Membership](#). As a member of FACERS, you will receive regular communications via email, the Quarterly FACERS Newsletter, and you will have the ability to attend the FACERS Annual Meeting and FACERS Annual Legislative Meeting (including the FACERS Social Nights) at NO COST.

Member Type Descriptions:

Active - County Engineers, Public Works Directors, County Road Superintendents, etc., who are regularly employed on a full time basis by any one of the Counties of the State of Florida.

Municipal - City Engineers, City Public Works Directors, City Road Superintendents, etc., who are regularly employed on a full time basis by any one of the Cities of the State of Florida.

Sustaining - All other persons who are interested in the affairs of FACERS.

***Select your Fee Type (All FACERS Members can also register as NACE members):**

[Explanation of fees](#)

FACERS (public agency employees) - \$75

FACERS (non public agency employees) - \$125

NACE (National Association of County Engineers) - \$150

After your registration is complete, please send your check to:

Judy Grim
FACERS Treasurer
2560 W. New York Ave
DeLand, FL 32720

Make checks payable to "FACERS"

Sustaining Members

If you are a **Sustaining Member** of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS), your company logo can be displayed on the FACERS website!!

Sustaining Members, please send your logo to Jaime Carreon at the Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T2) so that it can be posted (jacarreon@ufl.edu).



Upcoming Workshops Nov '12—March '13

For more information about these, or any other Workshops, please contact us at 352-273-1670 or visit our website at <http://www.t2ctt.ce.ufl.edu>.

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic

Nov 14–16, 2012	Gainesville
Nov 14–16, 2012	Orlando
Dec 12–14, 2012	Temple Terrace
Jan 9–11, 2013	Tallahassee
Jan 15–17, 2013	Cantonment
Jan 15–17, 2013	Orlando
Jan 15–16, 2013	Pompano Beach
Jan 22–24, 2013	Gainesville
Jan 22–24, 2013	Milton
Jan 22–24, 2013	Temple Terrace
Feb 12–14, 2013	Crestview
Feb 12–14, 2013	Punta Gorda
Feb 19–21, 2013	Gainesville
Feb 19–21, 2013	Panama City
Feb 25–27, 2013	Jacksonville
Mar 12–14, 2013	Cantonment
Mar 12–15, 2013	Milton
Mar 19–20, 2013	Pompano Beach
Mar 26–28, 2013	Temple Terrace

Asphalt Mix Design

Mar 19–22, 2013	Gainesville
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Asphalt Paving Level 1

Nov 13, 2012	Gainesville
Feb 5, 2013	Jacksonville
Mar 11, 2013	Chipley

Asphalt Paving Level 2

Nov 14–16, 2012	Gainesville
Jan 23, 2013	Pompano Beach
Feb 6–8, 2013	Jacksonville
Mar 12–14, 2013	Chipley
Mar 12–14, 2013	Gainesville

Asphalt Plant Level 1

Jan 9–11, 2013	Gainesville
Feb 20–22, 2013	Gainesville

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher

Nov 6, 2012	Gainesville
Nov 13, 2012	Orlando
Nov 14, 2012	North Miami Beach
Dec 11, 2012	Temple Terrace
Jan 11, 2013	Tallahassee
Jan 17, 2013	Orlando
Jan 24, 2013	Gainesville
Jan 24, 2013	Milton
Jan 24, 2013	Temple Terrace
Jan 29, 2013	Pompano Beach
Feb 14, 2013	Crestview
Feb 14, 2013	Punta Gorda
Feb 21, 2013	Gainesville
Feb 21, 2013	Panama City
Feb 27, 2013	Jacksonville
Mar 6, 2013	Pompano Beach
Mar 14, 2013	Cantonment
Mar 15, 2013	Milton

Asphalt Plant Level 2

Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2013	Gainesville
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Drilled Shaft Inspection

Jan 15–17, 2013	Davie
Mar 19–21, 2013	Orlando

Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 1

Dec 4–5, 2012	Gainesville
Jan 8–9, 2013	Pompano Beach
Feb 25–26, 2013	Temple Terrace
Mar 19–20, 2013	Gainesville

Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 2

Dec 6–7, 2012	Gainesville
Jan 10–11, 2013	Pompano Beach
Feb 27–28, 2013	Temple Terrace
Mar 21–22, 2013	Gainesville



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FDOT Concrete Field Inspector Specification

Jan 16–18, 2013 Temple Terrace
Feb 11–13, 2013 Chipley

FDOT Concrete Laboratory Inspector Specification

Feb 18, 2013 Orlando

Final Estimates Level 1

Nov 7, 2012 Davie
Jan 9, 2013 Davie
Jan 9, 2013 Temple Terrace

Final Estimates Level 2

Nov 7–8, 2012 Gainesville
Jan 10, 2013 Davie
Jan 10–11, 2013 Temple Terrace

Highway Capacity and Traffic Impact Analysis

Dec 4–5, 2012 Bartow

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic

Nov 7–8, 2012 Punta Gorda
Nov 7–8, 2012 Temple Terrace
Dec 5–6, 2012 Orlando
Dec 12–13, 2012 Fort Myers
Jan 9–10, 2013 Crestview
Jan 29–30, 2013 Gainesville
Jan 30–31, 2013 Pensacola
Jan 30–31, 2013 Punta Gorda
Feb 6–7, 2013 Fort Myers
Feb 6–7, 2013 Orlando
Feb 6–7, 2013 Pompano Beach
Feb 6–7, 2013 Temple Terrace
Feb 7–8, 2013 Palm Coast
Feb 20–21, 2013 Tallahassee
Mar 6–7, 2013 Tallahassee
Mar 12–13, 2013 Jacksonville
Mar 20–21, 2013 Gainesville
Mar 27–28, 2013 Panama City

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher

Nov 6, 2012 Punta Gorda
Nov 6, 2012 Temple Terrace
Dec 4, 2012 Orlando
Dec 11, 2012 Fort Myers
Jan 8, 2013 Crestview
Jan 28, 2013 Gainesville
Jan 29, 2013 Pensacola
Jan 29, 2013 Punta Gorda
Feb 5, 2013 Fort Myers
Feb 5, 2013 Orlando
Feb 5, 2013 Temple Terrace
Feb 6, 2013 Palm Coast
Feb 19, 2013 Tallahassee
Feb 27, 2013 Pompano Beach
Mar 5, 2013 Tallahassee
Mar 11, 2013 Jacksonville
Mar 19, 2013 Gainesville
Mar 26, 2013 Panama City
Mar 26, 2013 Punta Gorda

Nuclear Density Gauge Safety and HazMat

Dec 3, 2012 Gainesville

Pile Driving Inspection

Nov 28–30, 2012 Gainesville

Pilot/Escort Flagging

Nov 6, 2012 Gainesville
Nov 15, 2012 Panama City Beach
Nov 17, 2012 Double Springs
Dec 6, 2012 Gainesville
Dec 18, 2012 Orlando

Quality Control Manager

Jan 14–15, 2013 Temple Terrace
Feb 14–15, 2013 Chipley