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President's Message



*FACERS President 2012/2013
Jonathan Page, Nassau County*

Whoosh! That is how it feels when I think that this will be the final President's message that I write before passing the gavel. It has been a great year for FACERS and we have gotten many things accomplished. With my final message I think I will use this opportunity to outline a few of the things we have accomplished over the past year.

Why, before the gavel was even passed my way last June, the membership passed our (to my knowledge) first budget. This was through the hard work of the **Budget Committee** whose formation has also now allowed for a very smooth transition for the Treasurer's position. We should no longer need the "Treasurer for Life" position and expect to be able to advance that position through the leadership in the same manner other officer's positions are done.

We are also strengthening our relationships with the **Florida Department of Transportation**. The **Greenbook Committee** made some long sought after progress. For the last few years FDOT had 2 "urban" members from District 5 serving on the Greenbook committee. The Florida Statute requires an "urban" and "rural" member. Through talks and correspondence with FDOT over the past year we now have the proper representation. I believe this is representative of a strengthening relationship with FDOT and this committee should be proud. We are also working with FDOT to consider creating and placing some of the **Pavement Management tools** (starting with Microsurfacing specifications) on the FDOT's website. We believe this will give uniformity state wide and also give these treatments some needed state recognition.

We have also worked on strengthening our **relationship with FAC**. We were able to make a presentation to the newly elected commissioners at the "**New Commissioner Orientation**" held by FAC in January 2013. FACERS was represented by Mr. John Goodnight (George Webb and Ramon Gavarrete prepared the Power-Point) and it sounds as if this presentation was well received. We will hopefully be invited back to promote public works and FACERS at this bi-annual event. We also continue to explore other areas in which our relationship with FAC can be strengthened as well. In fact, when you look at the agenda for this year's annual meeting you will notice some of the times have changed. We have done this to make our agenda more compatible with FAC's and allow our members to attend more FAC events and functions. We also encourage officers (and members!) to register for FAC and attend and get to know their staff.

We are also committed to strengthening our **relationships with municipalities**. We will be considering changes to the FACERS constitution at the June business meeting and some of those are aimed at encouraging potential municipal members to join FACERS. We realize that while sometimes our priorities put us in interesting positions, most of the time we have very similar experiences. We believe our organization would benefit by having more municipal members. (Who knows they may benefit as well!)

We have been pursuing a **Joint NACE/APWA FL Chapter Annual Conference in Daytona Beach in 2015**. As far as I know this has never been done before and we are excited about this synergistic opportunity. Stay tuned!

Finally, I would like to say a huge **THANKS!** Thanks to you our membership, our Board of Directors, Officers and Sponsors. We have also been blessed with the vision of prior boards to bring on John Goodnight as our Executive Liaison. John has been instrumental in helping us "stay on task" and stay focused on our goals. We would not be able to consistently put on top notch technical sessions, have *the best* socials, and remain a relevant advocate for local government without a lot of hard work! So I say thanks, it has been a blast and I'll see ya'll in Tampa.



FACERS Scholarships



Ms. Katrina Carroll

FACERS has partnered with several companies involved in public works to provide scholarships at four Florida universities. The most recent FACERS Scholarship recipient was **Ms. Katrina Carroll from the University of Central Florida**. She was awarded the FACERS/HDR scholarship at the UCF College of Engineering & Computer Science Annual Scholarship Reception on April 2, 2013.



About Katrina: *My name is Katrina Noelle Carroll and I'm from Indialantic, Florida. I'm currently in my 4th year at UCF and am studying Civil Engineering. I plan on graduating by next summer or next fall. I've always been good at math and I'm very interested in structures and how buildings are constructed. This interest is what led me to the field of Civil Engineering. Now that I have learned more about structures, I have become greatly interested in the remodeling and renovation processes involving residential homes. I hope to work in this field as a contractor for a home renovation company.*

FACERS is pleased to provide scholarships to engineering students in the following universities: University of South Florida, University of Florida, University of Central Florida and Florida International University. [Additional information on the FACERS Scholarship Program including universities, partnerships and past recipients, can be found at this link.](#)

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.



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NACE State Director, Scott Cottrell, Sumter County

NACE Officer (President-Elect), 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 and John Goodknight, FACERS Executive Liaison



FACERS Annual Meeting

June 26–28, 2013 — Marriott Tampa Waterside

In conjunction with the 2013 FAC Annual Conference and Educational Exposition



Wednesday, June 26

9:00am – 10:00am Disaster and Emergency – Public Works Interagency Coordination: *Lorenzo Williams, Danielle Cooper, and Brandy Davis – Orange County*

10:15am – 11:15am National Center for Asphalt Technology, NCAT – Update: *Dr. R. “Buzz” Powell, NCAT – Auburn University*

11:30am – 12:00pm Exhibit Hall / Networking Opportunities***

12:00pm – 1:30pm FAC Awards Luncheon or Lunch on Your Own

1:30pm – 2:30pm Warm Mix Asphalt – State of the Art Presentation/Discussion: *Matt LaChance, VHB*

2:45pm – 3:15pm GRS-IBS Bridge Case Study: *Robert Barrett and Nathan Beard – GeoStabilization International*

3:30pm – 4:30pm Strategic Planning for Public Works Agencies: *Charles R. “Chas” Jordan, City of Largo*

4:30pm – 5:00pm Round Table Discussion — Public Works Legal Issues

Thursday, June 27

9:00am – 9:50am SmartDitch – Stormwater Drainage Solution: *Mike Otway, Joshua Cockayne, and Mike Desvernine – SmartDitch*

10:00am – 11:00am Partnering with Elected Officials on Our Infrastructure: *Chris Evers, Pavement Technology, Inc.*

11:00am – 12:00pm Exhibit Hall / Networking Opportunities***

12:00pm – 1:30pm FAC Installation Luncheon or Lunch on Your Own

1:30pm – 2:30pm Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update and Crash Data Resources: *Joseph B. Santos, FDOT*

2:45pm – 3:45pm Sunshine 811 – Public Works Coordination: *Brian Dean, Sunshine 811*

4:00pm – 5:00pm Round Table Discussion – Public Works Operational Issues

6:00pm – 9:00pm: FACERS Social *To attend, RSVP to amy.blaida@rsandh.com**

Jackson’s Bistro on Harbour Island, 601 S Harbour Island Blvd, Tampa, FL 33602

Friday, June 28

9:00am – 12:00pm FACERS Business Meeting

*** Note — Registration with Florida Association of Counties (FAC) is NOT required to attend the FACERS meetings; and FACERS does NOT require a separate registration to attend either. However, you must purchase a separate ticket from FAC if you want to attend the FAC lunches or Friday breakfast (or any other FAC events). You MUST RSVP if you plan to attend the FACERS Social Night.

It’s Free! Whether you can attend in person or watch the technical sessions by broadcast right from your office, the price is the same: FREE! Visit www.facers.org/?p=2428 for more information or to register for the online broadcast. You can also email tassist@ce.ufl.edu if you have any questions or need assistance.

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RAMON D. GAVARRETE, P.E., HIGHLANDS COUNTY, INSTALLED AS NACE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Washington, D.C. April 29, 2013 – The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) installed Ramon Gavarrete, County Engineer and Solid Waste Director of Highlands County, Fla., as President-Elect during their 2013 Annual Meeting / Management and Technical Conference, held in Des Moines, Iowa, from April 21-25, 2013. The co-keynote speakers were U.S. Rep. Steve King (Iowa's 4th district) and Greg Nadeau, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. Over 900 attendees were present, representing county engineers and road officials from across the U.S.

Gavarrete stated his focus will be to raise the awareness of improved safety on county roads and streamlining the requirements for locally administered federally funded projects. "NACE is instrumental in many of the Federal safety initiatives being implemented. When the Feds enact road safety measures, they rely on the expertise and experience of us at the local levels. MAP-21's highway authorization, Towards Zero Death (TZD) program, and High Risk Rural Roads report to Congress are all the results of NACE's call for increased safety measures. NACE members provide the data, analysis, and interpretation needed to develop solutions to our country's road safety concerns."



Gavarrete has been elected to serve as NACE President for 2014-2015. He has previously served as Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Membership Committee. In 2002-2004 Gavarrete was President of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS) and the recipient of FACERS' Rural Engineer of the Year award in 2001. He has worked for Highlands County since 1996. He oversees an operating budget of over \$15 million and a staff of 60 employees.

Other officers elected were Duane Ratermann, P.E., Knox County, Illinois, as Secretary/Treasurer; Dennis McCall, P.E., Butler County, Ala., as Southeast Region Vice President; Rich Sanders, P.E., Polk County, Minn., as North Central Region Vice President; and Brian Stacy, P.E., Pierce County, Wash., as Western Region Vice President.

The National Association of County Engineers is a nonprofit, non-partisan professional association in their 7th decade, representing nearly 2,000 county engineers, road managers, and related professionals in the U.S. and Canada. In the US, local roads account for about 75% of our highways and roads, or 2.93 million miles. Counties manage 1.74 million miles of those roads while cities and townships account for another 1.19 million miles. Counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate one-third of the nation's transit systems.





FACERS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Chris Evers



This month's member spotlight shines on a gentleman who seems comfortable in that environment! He's been around this organization for the better part of ten years and passionate about advocating for our Infrastructure to anyone who will listen. He's also not opposed to using his speaking, poetry and rapping skills to get his points across.

When he's not doing these things though, Chris Evers represents Pavement Technology Inc., a company he began working with in 2012 after spending eleven years with E.J. Breneman, L.P. and five years with Koch Pavement Solutions. Chris has over 17 years experience in the heavy highway construction industry. Over the years he

has been involved in all facets of heavy highway educational efforts. Chris has been responsible for bringing multiple technologies to agencies across Florida and increasing the use of many more. He continues to do just that, helping companies to educate Public Works Professionals on innovative processes to address the various challenges facing our pavements.

He is the **Past President of the American Public Works Association Florida Chapter**. His involvement in the Florida Chapter has spanned a multitude of Committee Chairs, Task Forces and Officer Positions. He founded the **Public Works Director Roundtable** initiative and the **Florida Public Works Snapshot Survey** during his term as President last year. Chris was also instrumental in the founding of the Florida Pavement Preservation Council and he sits on the Cold In-Place Recycling Sub-Committee for the Asphalt Reclaiming and Recycling Association. He has been an active speaker for APWA, FACERS, ASCE, ARRA, PCA, Florida T2 LTAP Center and the Florida Airports Council.

One of Chris' current crusades includes the conjoining of the NACE and Florida Chapter APWA Conferences in 2015 taking place in Daytona Beach. Working as a liaison between APWA and FACERS, his energy is helping to meld two terrific organizations for what could be a tremendously successful joint conference. Chris is a true friend to the FACERS organization and counts his FACERS Chinese Christmas Decorations Award as the crowning achievement (read low-water mark) in an otherwise stellar public works career!

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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 PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: SUMTER COUNTY—C469 Project

by Scott Cottrell, Sumter County Public Works Director

The appearance, ride quality, and safety of C469 have greatly been improved. Starting at SR 50, and going north for nearly 5.6 miles to C-48E, this two-lane Sumter County maintained road has been upgraded by milling, resurfacing and widening. The improvements end as C469 enters the town of Center Hill.

The total construction cost of the enhancement was \$2.1 million. Engineering Branch of the Sumter County Public Works Division partnered with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to utilize State Grant Funding, and contracted with Florida road and bridge contractor, Ranger Construction Industries, to perform the work which began in November 2012 and finished in

April 2013.

The cooperative effort by Sumter County, FDOT, and the City of Center Hill resulted in a

very successful project which was completed within the projected time and also finished under budget.

Ranger Construction removed an average of 2" of the existing asphalt pavement and placed 2.5" of new asphalt back, including the new riding surface. Additionally, the road was widened by 4'

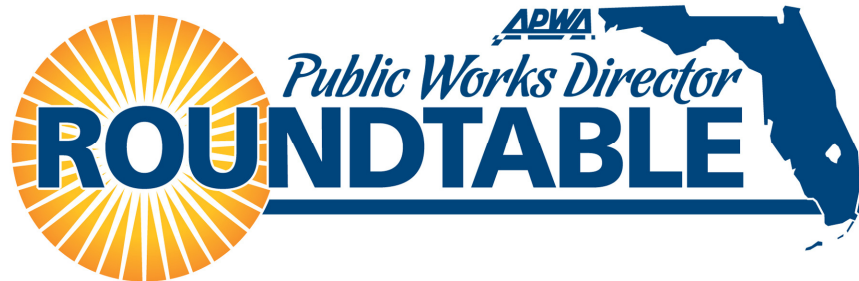


and striped to allow two 12' traffic lanes and a 2' wide shoulder on each side of the road. All driveways and side streets that tie into C469 were also paved. The existing drainage facilities were also improved in the area; old road signs were removed and replaced with new signs, including the flashing beacon and new stop sign at the SR 50 intersection.

Overall, more than 68,000 Square Yards of asphalt was removed, and replaced by approximately 28,000,000 Pounds of new asphalt; thermoplastic traffic striping was placed and new reflective pavement markers installed along with 39 new roadside signs.

Additionally, the intersection of C469 and SR 50 was improved .





Being a Public Works Director in today's challenging times is a difficult feat. Unprecedented budget constraints plus a contentious political environment and a historically under funded infrastructure is not exactly a recipe for success. The position doesn't come with an instruction book either. Last year the APWA Florida Chapter launched a new initiative called the Public Works Director Roundtable. The mission of the Roundtable is to provide Public Works Directors (PWD's) across Florida a network of peers to ask questions, share success, get advice and spread knowledge regarding all facets of the PWD role.

This new program is open to all Directors of any City or County in Florida no matter the size. You don't even have to be a member of APWA to participate. The Chapter also includes the City or County Engineer in Roundtable events. Each year at the Florida Chapter's Annual Meeting and Trade Show, PWD's from across the State come together to participate in the Roundtable. In addition throughout the year the different APWA Branches hold regional Roundtables.

On April 25th 2013, at the Florida Chapter's Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Jacksonville, over 50 Director's gathered for the Second Annual Roundtable to discuss the issues facing Public Works. Many FACERS members were present as well and the spirited discussion ranged from funding, advocacy, pavement management, Stormwater and many others. Since inception, this program has assisted Public Works Directors in developing media materials to aid in educating elected officials and citizens, developed a service industry survey for Public Works Directors to participate in, and discussed partnership efforts to make all departments more effective in providing services. This year to celebrate National Public Works Week, APWA provided an educational video to every PWD in addition to an intro video to air on local access TV channels and each Departments website and social media sites.

Over the last few months APWA also began distributing the comprehensive **2013 Florida Public Works Snapshot Survey** which helps each Director benchmark their respective departments and provide useful information to management, elected officials and citizens. This effort is the first of its kind and upon completion the results will be shared with the Roundtable.

If you would like to know more about a Public Works Director Roundtable in your area, or to participate in the Snapshot Survey please contact Chris Evers at chrise@apwaflorida.org or by phone at (727) 638-1699.



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.

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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/Active & Municipal Members) - \$75**
- ◇ **FACERS (non public agency employees/Sustaining Members) - \$125**
- ◇ **NACE (National Association of County Engineers) - \$150**

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

Make checks payable to "FACERS"

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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).



Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center

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Advanced Maintenance of Traffic

June 4–6, 2013 Tallahassee

June 11–13, 2013 Gainesville

June 18–20, 2013 Crestview

June 25–27, 2013 Panama City

July 9–11, 2013 Temple Terrace

July 16–18, 2013 Milton

August 6–7, 2013 Pompano Beach

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic -Refresher

June 6, 2013 Tallahassee

June 13, 2013 Gainesville

June 20, 2013 Crestview

June 27, 2013 Panama City

July 11, 2013 Temple Terrace

July 18, 2013 Milton

Asphalt Paving Level 1

June 11, 2013 Temple Terrace

July 7, 2013 Orlando

Asphalt Paving Level 2

June 12–14, 2013 Temple Terrace

July 9–11, 2013 Orlando

Asphalt Plant Level 1

July 17–19, 2013 Gainesville

Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 2

July 18–19, 2013 Gainesville

FDOT Concrete Field Inspector Specification

June 17–19, 2013 Davie

Final Estimates Level 1

July 17, 2013 Davie

July 17, 2013 Temple Terrace

Final Estimates Level 2

July 18–19, 2013 Davie

July 18–19, 2013 Temple Terrace

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic

June 5–6, 2013 Milton

June 12–13, 2013 Palm Coast

June 19–20, 2013 Pompano Beach

June 26–27, 2013 Fort Myers

June 26–27, 2013 Jacksonville

June 26–27, 2013 Temple Terrace

July 10–11, 2013 Panama City

July 10–11, 2013 Punta Gorda

July 17–18, 2013 Tallahassee

July 24–25, 2013 Gainesville

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher

June 4, 2013 Milton

June 5, 2013 Pompano Beach

June 11, 2013 Palm Coast

June 25, 2013 Fort Myers

June 25, 2013 Jacksonville

June 25, 2013 Temple Terrace

July 9, 2013 Panama City

July 9, 2013 Punta Gorda

July 16, 2013 Tallahassee

July 23, 2013 Gainesville

Intersection Capacity Analysis

June 25, 2013 Bradenton

Pilot/Escort Flagging

June 6, 2013 Gainesville

June 18, 2013 Orlando

June 30, 2013 Panama City

July 11, 2013 Gainesville

August 1, 2013 Gainesville

Quality Control Manager

June 20–21, 2013 Davie