

## FACERS – Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting

6-12-2020 - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Ramon Gavarrete, John Goodknight, Benjamin Bartlett, Brian Singleton, Scott Herring, Judy Clarke, Jennifer Laxner, Clinton Howerton, Tracy Straub, Pei-Sung Lin, Nithin Agarwal, George Gadiel, Shane Parker, Neal Shinkre, Fred Schneider, Amy Blaida, David Ricks, Steve Ferrell, Addie Javed, Joe Kunkel, Katie Peay, Jeff Earhart, Jim Stivender, Keven Stone (NACE), Scott McGolpin (NACE), Margaret Smith, George Webb, Timothy Kelly, Doug Gable, Randy Shane, Deborah Snyder, Laura Youmans (FAC), Mark Massaro, Cate Thompson, Kim Graham.

**1. Call to Order:** President Brian Singleton called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

#### **2. New Business**

a. NACE Update – Kevan Stone/Scott McGolpin/Scott Herring: Kevan and Scott gave updates from NACE. Impacts from COVID “stay at home”, national bills, NACE sponsorship, other updates.

b. Legislative Update – FAC: Laura Youmans, Legislative Counsel provided a Legislative update and reviewed each item. Also gave a CARES update.

c. Constitution Updates – Shane Parker: proposed updates to Life Membership. Discussion reference NACE Officers. Motion to adopt changes that were proposed made by Ramon Gavarrete. Seconded by Tracy Straub. Motion approved unanimously.

d. Elections & Swearing-in\* – Chairman Kathy Bryant, Marion County BoCC performed swearing in for the president, Tracy Straub on 6-11-2020. Others were sworn in by Tracy Straub via online conference during the meeting.

New officers were sworn in.

- **President:** Tracy Straub
- **Vice President:** Ben Bartlett
- **Treasurer:** George Gadiel
- **Secretary:** Clinton “Gator” Howerton
- **County Member Directors:** Judith Clarke, Fred Schneider, David Ricks, Chance Powell, Neal Shinkre
- **Municipal Member Director:** Brian Singleton
- **Sustaining Member Director:** Amy Blaida
- **NACE State Director:** Scott Herring,
- **NACE Officer:** Ramon Gavarrete, George Webb

#### **3. Officer Reports**

a. Secretary – Minutes – George Gadiel: Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Ramon Gavarrete. Seconded by Shane Parker. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Treasurer – Benjamin Bartlett: Update provided on screen. Discussion that expenses were lower due to not having the conference, but sponsorships were also greatly reduced.

c. Vice President – Tracy Straub: Had a great lineup scheduled for this year's conference, but due to COVID concerns, the conference was canceled. Hoping most of the scheduled speakers and presentations will be available for the Fall Conference in December.

Provided dates for upcoming meetings (below)

**Tentative Board Meeting Schedule 2020 – 2021**

Fridays, 10am at:

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the County Engineer

412 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala, FL 34471

(conference call in number will be provided as well, possibly Zoom/Web chat meetings as well)

August 21, 2020

October 23, 2020

February 5, 2021

April 23, 2021

**Other Scheduled Dates of Importance:**

FAC Policy Conference September 9 – 10, 2020, Palm Beach County

Fall Legislative Conference, December 2 – 4, 2020, Duval County

Annual Conference, June 30 – July 2, 2021, Orange County

**4. Committee Reports and Updates:**

a. Membership – Benjamin Bartlett: Updated provided. Membership is lowering, need to seek out new members and renewals where possible from other counties and within our counties. Membership revenues are way down.

i. Life Membership Nominations:

Bryan Barnes nominated for life membership by Scott Herring, Seconded by Shane Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

b. FACERS Budget – Ramon Gavarrete: no further update from treasurer's report.

c. Sponsorships/Continuing Education – Amy Blaida: No Update

d. Newsletter – Lisa Baker: no update. Need nominations for project/member spotlight. Tracy Straub had suggestion for project. Brian Singleton suggested that the incoming president pick a sponsor and recommended Chance Powell as the member to spotlight

e. FAC – Jennifer Laxner: Provided new committee updates affecting FACERS.

f. Legislative Issues/Proposals – John Goodknight: gas tax issue, proposed to initiate local gas tax indexing as we have in the past. Scott Herring made motion, Neal Shinkre Seconded. Motion carried.

Midblock crossing signalization bill discussed. HB1371/SB1000 passed House and Senate. Bill died in appropriations. Scott Herring will further look into this item, including contacting ITE.

g. LAP Community of Practice – John Goodknight: April meeting was canceled. July meeting to be virtual. Lighting reimbursement agreement: A new version has been provided by FDOT. New agreement has been drafted and ready for adoption. New version gives opt out provision.

h. LTAP – Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR: Webinar trainings being used due to COVID concerns. Trainings are being added to the webinar series. Go to website for new additions. If additional trainings are needed please let them know. Environmental Awareness for highway and street projects coming up. Build a better mousetrap program open and seeking submissions. Greenbook webinar was offered and was well attended via webinar. Very good feedback.

i. T-Squared – Nithin Agarwal: Autonomous truck mounted attenuator (ATMA) updates provided.

j. Awards Committee – Gator Howerton: no new applications. 1 award application received total, will work to award at legislative conference in December if able.

k. Green Book - Shane Parker: Anticipates the 2018 version will be adopted in July

l. Scholarships – Steve Ferrell: No new updates.

m. Website – John Goodknight: Thanks to Jennifer for her help maintaining it. Historical data being added. Input being sought for any improvements or issues.

**5. Open Forum:** Brian Singleton was thanked for his roll as president.

**6. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM

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Next meeting scheduled for August 21, 2020 at Marion County Engineers office, 412 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala, FL 34471. (conference call in number will be provided as well, possibly Zoom/Web chat meetings also)

Minutes taken by Clinton Howerton Jr.