



Minutes of Dec 3, 2020 Meeting

Board of Directors and General Membership
Meeting

Fall Conference at Jacksonville and Zoom

December 3, 2020

9:00 am

1. **Call to Order**, Tracy Straub, President –
Called to order approx. 9:04

2. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. Secretary's Minutes, Gator Howerton – Minutes from Oct 23rd meeting were distributed on Nov 13, 2020 via email. Motion made to accept by George, seconded by Neal. Motion passed.
 - b. Treasurer's Report, George Gadiel Motion made to accept by Scott, seconded by Judy. Motion passed
 - c. Vice President's Report, Benjamin Bartlett – Suggested looking into having streaming option for future conferences. Costs for this year's conference were reduced due to circumstances. Discussion to use Zoom for future meetings vs webex. Zoom is preferred if available.

3. **New Business:**
 - a. NACE Memberships and Dues – Scott announced NACE dues will increase. Also see 4.d.
 - b. Need for Awards Committee Members – Judy will stay on as new chair. Dave Ricks volunteered, and Shane will stay on. Will check on Margaret Smith if able to stay on.
 - c. Email Communications – John Goodknight has used the UF email system for mass emails. He is testing out a new system that will be more efficient in the future. Cost is about \$12-15/mo. Discussion to investigate if FAC has an email system that might be less cost. Be on the lookout for emails from jgoodknight@goodknightconsulting.com.
 - d. FAC Legislation – Gas Tax Update – Gas Tax Indexing was accepted on 12/03/2020 in Finance Committee to be placed on the FAC agenda. It is not considered a tax increase and would not need referendum if passed by State.

4. **Committee Reports and Updates:**
 - a. Membership, George Gadiel – George will look into the membership numbers vs paid memberships to make sure totals are correct and all members are paid if not eligible for free membership.
 - i. Roger Blaylock as a Life Member. Roger retires from Santa Rosa County January 4, 2021. He served as FACERS president in 1996 and has maintained an active membership.
 - b. FACERS Budget, Ramon Gavarrete – Motion to accept budget report by Neal, Seconded by Judy Clarke. Motion Passed
 - c. FAC, Karen Sapp and/or Milan Clayton – No report
 - d. NACE, Scott Herring
 - i. Payment of NACE Membership fees – Discussed issue of having everyone pay directly or have members pay dues via FACERS – NACE bylaws require affiliates to collect fees and

pass along currently. Scott will discuss this with NACE to see if it is still needed. For now, will continue as is until changed. All encouraged to pay NACE directly if able.

- e. Legislative, John Goodknight – Report discussed under 3.d. above
- f. Awards, Gator Howerton – one application has been received in the last 2 years. The committee will review this application for possible award at next conference. Was delayed from this one due to attendance concerns.
- g. Scholarships, Steve Ferrell – no report today. Last report was no changes to scholarships. Ramon reported FIU did award 2 scholarships.
- h. Green Book, Shane Parker – No change since last report
- i. LAP Community of Practice, John Goodknight – Next meeting Jan 27, 2021. Likely virtual. If anyone has items to discuss, please let John know. Other items to discuss other than LAP projects.
- j. LTAP, Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR – No Report
- k. T-Squared, Nithin Agarwal – No Report
- l. Website, John Goodknight – Have added old minutes to website and some old presentations. Please review the website from time to time and provide feedback. Tracy volunteered to help on the website committee.
- m. Newsletter, Amy Blaida – Gathering info for newsletter next week for next newsletter. Should have next one out in a few weeks.

5. **Open Forum**

-Scott inquired about when downloads of presentations will be available. Ben will be getting them to Milan/Karen to upload next week.

-Dues will be due Jan 1, 2021.

-Neal inquired about the meeting time to be credited as PDH's. Scott offered FBPE agreed that officers or board members do qualify. Discussion on how to generate certificates. Will discuss with Amy to see if we can add this.

-Tracy is checking on the new requirement of specialized training for any projects including sidewalks/ADA.

6. **Next meeting:** 10am, Friday, February 5, 2021 via remote/online and tentatively in person at the Marion County Office of the County Engineer, 412 SE 25th Ave, Ocala, FL 34471.

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting Adjourned 10:34 am

Members Present were: Ben Bartlett*, Ramon Gavarrete*, Jim Stivender, Jr.*, Chance Powell*, Brian Singleton*, Tracy Straub, Neal Shinkre, Judith Clarke, John Goodknight, George Gadiel, Shane Parker, David Ricks, Scott Herring, Addie Javed, and Clinton Howerton Jr.

**attended in person. Other attended remotely via ZOOM meeting*