

**Florida Engineers in Government
Administrative Committee Meeting
September 17, 2009
Conference Call
3:00 p.m. EST**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Called to order by Chair Engineer Perez at 3:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

<u>Members participating were:</u>	<u>#Attended</u>	<u>#Excused</u>	<u>#Unexcused</u>
Alex Perez, PE, Chair	1	0	0
Jason Autrey, PE, Vice Chair	0	1	0
John Yadon, PE, VC Federal	1	0	0
Amy Scales, PE VC State	1	0	0
Donald Jacobovitz, PE, VC County	1	0	0
Mark Fuller, PE VC Municipal	0	1	0
Michael Sweet, PE, VC SD Utilities	0	0	1
Kevin Becotte, PE, Sec/Treasurer	1	0	0
Christopher Wert, PE, NSPE/PEG Gov	0	0	1
David O'Hagan, PE, Past Chair	1	0	0
Charles Wu, PE, Big Bend Liaison	1	0	0
John Crouse, PE, Broward Liaison	0	0	1
Marlene Messam, PE, Calusa Liaison	0	0	1
Tim Madhanagopal, PE, CF Liaison	1	0	0
Edward Earnest, PE, Forest Liaison	0	0	1
Patrick Martin, PE, Palm Beach Liaison	0	1	0
Donald Ehlenbeck, PE, Ridge Liaison	1	0	0

Chair Perez asked everyone to give a brief self introduction.

III. Officers Report

A. Chairman

Chairman Perez gave a report of the Annual Conference at the Breakers. He noted that he attended the FES Board of Directors meeting as a proxy for O'Hagan. He mentioned that attendance to annual was slightly down and in turn due to low response the FPEG Boat cruise was cancelled. Perez noted that the 2010 conference will be at the Marco Island Marriott and the 2011 Conference will be at the Fontainebleau Miami. He reported that the awards and scholarship was presented to the winners at the FPEG Breakfast.

B. Treasurer's Report

Engineer Becotte had no report. In advance of the meeting, the committee received the July 2009 budget report. O'Hagan suggested that Becotte work with Shawn Stewart and request monthly statements regarding the Vanguard account, so FPEG can monitor and have a say in it.

C. NSPE/PEG Governor's Report

Governor Wert, was not present. Engineer Madhanagopal gave an NSPE report, speaking about membership, specifically State only membership, and that the NSPE Board has any action for a compromise on hold. He reported that the NSPE group recently did mini workshops on the value of being an NSPE Member. He mentioned that NSPE will have their Annual Conference in Orlando in July 2010. Madhanagopal noted that FPEG has the opportunity to nominate someone for NSPE Fellow. He mentioned that NSPE offers scholarships. He urged chair Perez to appoint someone to who can be active as the NSPE/PEG Governor.

D. Vice Chairs **only those listed had reports*

John Yadon, PE, Federal- Reported that he has received word for the call for nominations for the NSPE Federal Engineer of the Year through his workplace and that he is working on finding applicants.

E. Past President

Past President O'Hagan- reported that he would like to see FPEG as well as FES support legislation for a law requiring child booster seats.

VI. Old Business

A. Professional Development Award- Chair Perez reported that this award did not get any applicants again last year. Modification of the application was made to the application last year that reduced the data that must be collected to qualify. He urged everyone to push hard and try and get nominations. Adding that the deadline is April 2010.

VII. New Business

A. The Importance of Limiting Design Professional Liability- The committee received in advance a white paper written by Charlie Geer, PE, discussing the topic. Chair Perez noted that it was presented to the FES Board who adopted the white paper and decided to develop a strategy of attack with the legislature. He noted that the Board wants FPEG to become engaged with the strategy. Perez added that if anyone is interested in participating in the strategy group to let him know. O'Hagan also reported that a copy of Mr. Geer's whitepaper

had circulated within FDOT and that their lead counsel should be contacting Mr. Geer soon.

B. FES Dues- Perez urged everyone to renew their 2009-2010 FES Dues.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 19th at 3:00 p.m. EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.