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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Frank Cassidy

Welcome to the March edition of INTERFACE.

We had our board meeting on February 18th in Orlando at the UCF-IOG offices. Thanks to Marilyn, we had a great facility and no cost.

Our Board went through some difficult times over the past two months. We are not immune to the economic conditions that are affecting us all in our jurisdictions. We had two Board members resign and we are seeing a drop in membership. The good news is F.A.C.E. is sticking to our strategic plan, working hard at finding better ways to serve the membership, conserve monies everywhere possible, and maintain the professional standards past boards worked so hard to develop.

Hector Garcia has been successful at starting up a new chapter in the Southeast region- great job Hector and all those participating!!

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We have filled the Board vacancies as follows:

Joe Fenton is now serving as our Third Vice President, replacing Hector Garcia. Joe is on this year's Membership Committee, and was recommended by Hector Garcia as a replacement who can fill the seat seamlessly.

Shawn O'Rourke is now serving as your Secretary, replacing Lori Mobley. Shawn was already working on the single fee proposal and participating in Board meetings so he was a perfect fit.

Your Board worked swiftly and efficiently at filling the vacancies ensuring continuity and consistency as we head into the final months of this term. We wish Hector and Lori all the best and recognize them for their efforts and hard work in serving the Board for the time they did.

Your committees continue their hard work: The program committee is putting the final touches on this year's conference. They are finalizing the training sessions and have implemented an aggressive effort for sponsors.

Jim Dehne and his committee are working hard at putting together the Trainer's Guidelines, reviewing and updating our training courses, and ensuring professional standards are being met for continuing education courses and F.A.C.E. courses.

Joe Fenton is picking up where Hector left off assisting our new chapter in South Florida to be successful. Joe is also working with his committee monitoring membership and opportunities for members.

The Legislative Committee is continuing to be on watch for legislation that has the potential of affecting code enforcement. Debbi has been in contact with a new lobbyist and final details are being ironed out to get F.A.C.E. effective representation in Tallahassee. Debbi and her committee have also been reviewing our By-laws and working on some changes where needed.

James Acosta, your Treasurer continues to work hard with our finances ensuring that F.A.C.E. stays within our budget and remains solvent. F.A.C.E. continues to be financially stable.

Your Secretary, Shawn O'Rourke has put the final touches on the single fee proposal and he will be "rolling it out" very shortly.

Finally, Past President Terry Suggs is working hard to fill the slate for new officers for 2011-2012. Please help us by getting involved. We know that current times are making it difficult to participate, but we continue to inspire you all to get involved. F.A.C.E.'s strength is its membership. F.A.C.E. continues to be successful by involving new and diverse ideas from its membership. Please consider running and serving as a Board member; you will find it a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

We continue to be excited about the positive gains we are making for the image of code enforcement and the opportunities we are working on to provide to membership. We continue to be active participants at conferences and panel discussions statewide representing our profession. We continue to work hard at making F.A.C.E. work for you the members.

In order to make this work, we need you, our members to get more involved. If you have questions, let me know and I will do my best to provide the answers.

As always, I encourage and solicit any feedback on training and the F.A.C.E. courses- training is the back bone of F.A.C.E., so we all need to be involved. Please contact me with suggestions, questions, ideas, and feedback- thank you! Keep training and be safe!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD
1ST VICE PRESIDENT
Mark Caskie



Are you ready for some training? The excitement is building and I would like to invite you to check out the website for our upcoming Education and Training Seminar at www.ioq.ucf.edu/face. The Program Committee and the IOG have worked together to create the site and hope you find it informative and easy to use. There you will find a link for the course registration site and the Buena Vista Palace Hotel and Spa registration site. The Seminar registration fee was held to last year's price of \$315.00 for members who register by May 27. The hotel fee has been reduced this year to \$90.00 per night. Hope to see you there!

This year's theme, 22 Years – A Changing Scene, has been fun to work with and although the décor will have an old time movie look, the course work is designed to help you in a modern code enforcement world where change is constant, your workload has most likely increased, and undoubtedly, your scope of work may include new challenges.

The major change this year is the timing with the classes starting on Tuesday after noon and ending Friday morning. Registration will open at 11:00 on Tuesday with the first class starting at 1:00.

Because of this timing shift, the election for the new Board of Directors will be held Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4:30. The Awards Dinner will follow this at 7:00 PM. Voting delegate forms are available in this issue of the INTERFACE. Please make sure you follow directions on the form and send it in so our Sgt-at-Arms can be ready for Election Day.

Please sign up early and select your courses. Registration will only be online and will allow you to pay by credit card or an invoice can be sent to you. You must select classes when you sign-up, but you can change the classes later if you change your mind. Class selection changes will be allowed until June 13.

F.A.C.E. will again be awarding scholarships for the seminar registration and the application is available in this issue of the INTERFACE. Again, if you are in need, fill out the application form and return it by the deadline to be considered. Only complete and qualified applications will be considered. Your Board of Directors will be selecting/awarding scholarships at the May Board meeting and will send out notifications soon after the meeting. Scholarships will be awarded based on available funds.

If you know of any companies or organizations wishing to help sponsor our event or wishing to be a vendor, please direct them to our education and training seminar website where they can click on the Sponsors page and find all the info and forms. Please contact me if you have any questions.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Joe Fenton

I would like to say thank you to the Board for having the confidence in me to fill the vacated 3rd Vice President position for the remainder of this year. At the last meeting of the Membership Committee, we worked on changes to the INTERFACE, the costs and ideas for changing the F.A.C.E. web page, and drafting the policy for incoming chapters into our association.

Debbi Leigh was able to attend our meeting as our web master to work with the committee on changing the look of the web page. There were good ideas and we are now looking into the cost for implementing these changes. Also, we have turned the draft of our chapter policy over to the Legislative Committee for their review and approval so that we can take it to the Board for approval.

We are all fully aware of the economic times that we are in and cut backs that every jurisdiction is faced with. It is going to be up to the Membership Committee to work on keeping our membership up. The numbers have fallen but we are committed to keeping our membership up and active.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Hector Garcia for starting all the above projects and seeing them through. I would also like to congratulate him for his dedication on starting our newest chapter in the south. Hector, your dedication to this organization will surely be missed.

SECRETARY

Shawn O'Rourke

I'm pleased to have been in a position to step in and assist the F.A.C.E. Board of Directors when they were faced with the sudden resignation of two Board members. I feel very strongly about our organization and the need for all of us in Code Enforcement to present a united front. I am fortunate that my City supports my involvement in F.A.C.E. and will always do what I can to assist the organization, our membership, and our profession.

TREASURER

James Acosta

The financial status of F.A.C.E. to date is very good. Our accounts' totals as of 01/31/11 are:
Operating Account (Checking) - \$127,881.04; Scholarship account (Savings) - \$9,761.52; Reserve Account (Savings) - \$5,237.58

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Debbi Leigh

Your Legislative and Judicial Committee has been working on keeping up with the latest happenings in Tallahassee and keeping the Board abreast of anything that might affect code enforcement officers. Keep a look on the website for anything new that might be of interest. The Committee is also working on proposals for F.A.C.E. to obtain a new lobbyist to help us in Tallahassee on any of these issues.

There will be a small revision of the By-Laws this year and information on that will be sent to the members to vote on prior to the conference.

The committee is also keeping up with the Birthday Card program that was started a while back by Bob Gasper. Each committee member is involved in sending out the cards to all of our State Senators and Representatives.

The Membership Committee developed a set of Policies and Procedure for State Chapters and submitted it to the Legislative Committee for review prior to adoption by the Board. We look to adopt these procedures at the next Board meeting in May.

Great news about the F.A.C.E. Website. At the last Board meeting, the Board approved revamping the website completely. We will have a complete new look soon, so keep watch for that.

If anyone has any concerns or questions about the Legislative and Judicial Committee activities, or about the F.A.C.E. Website, please contact me at dleigh@seminolesheriff.org.

PAST PRESIDENT

Terry Suggs

HELP WANTED – POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS.

F.A.C.E. ELECTIONS FOR 2011-2012

Nominations are now being accepted for officers on the F.A.C.E. Board of Directors, which are open to candidates from the general membership.

The F.A.C.E. Board of Directors has six offices available. Only dedicated hard working individuals need apply. The work is rewarding, the leadership opportunities are boundless and the compensation (conference fees and travel expenses covered) are excellent. The elected Board members must be willing to devote a great deal of their personal time to concepts outlined in the adopted strategic plan of F.A.C.E. and the committees they chair.

Candidates that announce their intentions prior to the cut-off date for offices are highlighted in the May edition of the *INTERFACE*. Candidates that miss the deadline will have the opportunity for nomination from the floor on the morning of our opening session at the June 2011 Annual Education and Training Seminar in Orlando at the Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa.

As Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, I will collect the names of any candidates for office; ensure that the nominee has consented and that the individuals seeking these positions have the full support of their jurisdictions and are not only willing, but able, to devote the time necessary for the discharge of the functions of the office for which they are seeking.

Serving the membership as an elected member of the Board is a very rewarding experience and builds leadership skills and character. So come on and get involved. What are you waiting for? Prepare your candidate packet and get it in the mail today.

F.A.C.E.'s version of the Campaign Reform (Refrain) Act: Candidates need to adhere to the policy that campaign materials not be placed on any official F.A.C.E. or IOG table and candidates must gain permission from the hotel staff before placing anything on walls or doors, and as always, campaign with dignity and respect for others. Show the voting delegates why you are the person they should elect to represent the membership of F.A.C.E.

The following is a list of offices and their respective responsibilities:

First Vice President: This office is President-elect, presides over all meetings in the absence of the President. 1st Vice President chairs the Program Committee (for the annual conference).

Second Vice President: This office presides in the absence of both the 1st Vice President and President. 2nd Vice President chairs the Education and Certification Committee.

Third Vice President: This office presides in the absence of the 2nd and 1st Vice Presidents and the President. 3rd Vice president Chairs the Membership Committee and is editor of *INTERFACE*.

Secretary: This office keeps and maintains an accurate record of all official F.A.C.E. meetings, contracts and the names and functions of all appointed committees.

Treasurer: This office maintains all financial records, and is custodian of all the funds of F.A.C.E and chairs the Finance/Budget committee. The Treasurer attests to the names of all dues-paying members prior to the opening of the Annual Business meeting and prepares an annual financial statement for the membership to be presented at the annual conference.

Sergeant-at-Arms: This office maintains order during all F.A.C.E. meetings and chairs the Legislative and Judicial committee. The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for the proper casting of votes according to the Bylaws.

IMPORTANT NOTE: according to F.A.C.E.'s Bylaws the 1st Vice President ascends to the office of President automatically, therefore that position is not open for election. All candidates must be Active F. A. C. E. members in good standing and hold at least one (1) valid F. A. C. E. certification with exception of candidates for the office of 2nd Vice President which must hold all four F.A.C.E. certifications.

All nominations or requests to run for office should include the following information:

- * Name of nominee, who must be an ACTIVE member in good standing of F.A.C.E.
- * Jurisdiction that the nominee represents
- * Position / Title
- * Resume or biographical sketch (try to keep under 200 words, please)
- * Passport-size photo

Please send your nomination packet no later than APRIL 29, 2011 to:

Immediate Past President Terry Suggs, Chair, F.A.C.E. Nominating Committee
c/o Florida Institute of Government @ UCF
12443 Research Parkway, Suite 402
Orlando, FL 32826.



Attention F.A.C.E. Members

Article II Section1 of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement By-Laws reads as follows:

Voting Delegates. Each participating agency, as defined in section 5 of this Article, shall be entitled to one vote and shall designate one active member to be the primary voting delegate together with one active member to serve as an alternate who may vote only in the absence or incapacity of the primary voting delegate. Such voting delegate must be an active member of the jurisdiction he/she represents as the voting delegate. Such designation shall be in writing and signed by the appropriate representative of the participating agency.

In short, for an agency to vote at the conference in June, the form at the bottom of this page must be completed. It is short and painless, and will serve to avoid confusion when the elections are held at the conference in June. Please choose a delegate and an alternate from your jurisdiction, complete the form, have it signed by the appropriate representative, i.e. Supervisor, Department Director, Assistant or City/County Manager, etc., detach it from this instruction portion, and return it to the I.O.G. along with your conference registration.

If you are not attending the conference but wish to vote in the election, you may do so by coming to the conference in Orlando on June 23 between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Return the designation form below to Deborah Leigh, by mail to: F.A.C.E. Sgt. At Arms, P. O. Box 740345, Orange City, FL 32774-0345, or fax the completed form to 407-665-1474, Attn: Deborah Leigh.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 407-665-1487, fax 407-665-1474, or e-mail me at dleigh@seminolesheriff.org. I look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando.

Sincerely,
Deborah Leigh
Sergeant-at-Arms
Florida Association of Code Enforcement, Inc.

+++++**DETACH HERE**+++++

I, _____ hereby designate _____ and
Name of Designator (please print) Name of Delegate (please print)

_____ As _____ 's
Name of Alternate (please print) Name of Jurisdiction (please print)

Delegate and alternate, respectively.

Signature of Designator

Title of Designator

Return to: Deborah Leigh
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Orange City, FL 32774-0345
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SINGLE FEE PROPOSAL

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- F.A.C.E. is moving in a new direction
- F.A.C.E. is ending the confusion over multiple fees
- F.A.C.E. is giving you more options to pay your “ANNUAL FEE”
- F.A.C.E. is lowering your cost of membership and recertification
- F.A.C.E. is making membership and recertification simpler for you

**READ ON TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THESE
EXCITING CHANGES AND BENEFITS TO YOU!**

SO WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON WITH THIS NEW “SINGLE FEE” PROPOSAL

First, let's review the system we currently operate under.

- Right now, we pay \$30 per year to F.A.C.E. to be '**members**' of the organization known as F.A.C.E. There are different types of '**member**'; certain requirements; and certain rights and benefits.
- Every two years we pay a \$15 '**recertification fee**' to maintain our F.A.C.E. certifications that we hold, provided of course that we have completed our sixteen (16) hours of CEH's (Continuing Education Hours).
- Our \$30 F.A.C.E. '**membership**' is due October 1st each year and is valid for one year. We pay our '**membership**' to F.A.C.E. and we must pay by check, cash, P.O., or money order as F.A.C.E. is not equipped to take credit cards.
- Our \$15 '**recertification fee**' is due every other year, for those who are certified, and can be in either January or July, depending upon when we were first 'certified'. We pay our '**recertification fee**' to the IOG (Institute of Government) at UCF and we may pay by check, cash, P.O., money order or credit card, as the University is equipped to take credit cards.
- So right now, most F.A.C.E. members all have to pay two different fees to two different entities by two different payment methods, one fee every year and another fee every other year.
- This has caused confusion amongst members and a lot of unnecessary work for our Administrative entity, the Institute of Government at UCF. It has also resulted in a situation where F.A.C.E. is actually footing part of the bill for non-members to be tracked and recertified and the Board of Directors believes that the monies we, F.A.C.E., pay to our Administrative entity, the Institute of Government at UCF, should be used solely and exclusively for the benefit of our members.
- So, a special committee and the Board of Directors has worked with the Institute of Government at UCF to come up with a new "Single Fee Proposal", whereby we will pay one ANNUAL FEE that will cover our yearly membership in F.A.C.E., the organization, and cover our RECERTIFICATION every two years, provided of course that we have completed our sixteen (16) hours of CEH's (Continuing Education Hours) and are up to date with the ANNUAL FEE.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO ME

The new ANNUAL FEE will actually result in a savings of \$5 to each of us over the course of two years. Currently it costs \$75 over two years to be a **'member'** of F.A.C.E. the organization, and maintain our **'recertification'**. With a new ANNUAL FEE of only \$35 per year, that covers both **'membership'** and **'recertification'**, each of us will actually save money over that two-year period.

- We will pay only one fee per year
- We will pay only one time of the year
- Our fee will cover both our membership and our recertification
- We will pay the fee to only one entity instead of two different entities
- We will have multiple options by which to pay: cash, check, money order, P.O., purchase card, credit card
- We believe this will eliminate the confusion over membership fees and recertification fees
- We believe our membership and participation in F.A.C.E. will grow, resulting in a stronger and more influential organization
- We believe it will be easier on organizations and individuals to only have to deal with one annual fee each year instead of three fees over the course of two years
- We believe that this is a responsive and responsible step towards concerns that our members have raised over the years regarding these multiple fees at different times of the year, some annually and some every other year

I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS

- Q.** What if I don't want to be a 'member' of F.A.C.E., but I still want to recertify to maintain my certifications?
- A.** *You can do that, however you will be transacting independently with the Institute of Government at UCF to track and handle your recertification. The fee to do that will be substantially higher than the cost of an ANNUAL FEE that includes membership in F.A.C.E. the organization.*
- Q.** What if I don't pay my ANNUAL FEE one year and then decide I want to recertify under the lower F.A.C.E. fee?
- A.** *You can do that but you will have to pay the ANNUAL FEE for the year(s) you missed plus a small reinstatement fee to get you back into the system.*

- Q.** What is the difference in recertification fee if I choose not to be a 'member' of F.A.C.E. but still want to recertify to maintain my certifications?
- A.** *The recertification fee for those persons who choose not to pay the ANNUAL FEE to F.A.C.E. the organization will be \$125 each recertification period.*
- Q.** What other fees are different if I choose not to pay the ANNUAL FEE to F.A.C.E. the organization?
- A.** *Course registration fees, Annual Training Seminar fees, Reinstatement fees and various late fees will all be significantly higher.*
- Q.** Why is F.A.C.E. doing this?
- A.** *For a number of reasons but primarily to: 1) make it simpler for our members by having to pay only one fee to one entity only one time per year; and 2) to make sure that the monies we the organization spend, benefit our members solely and exclusively.*
- Q.** When will this all take effect?
- A.** *The Special Committee, Board of Directors, and the Institute of Government at UCF all believe we can implement this beginning October 1, 2011.*
- Q.** Where can I find the difference in fees?
- A.** *All fees are listed separately and available in hard copy and on the F.A.C.E. website.*



NEW FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2011

F.A.C.E Annual Fee

Active Member	\$35
Associate Member	\$25

Class Fees

Member	\$12/HR
Non-Member	\$16/HR

Certification Maintenance Fees

Member	\$0	Late	\$50
Non-Member	\$125		\$100

Exam Fees

Member	\$75	Late	\$110
Non-Member	\$125		\$160

Exam Fees @PTI

Member	\$115	N/A
Non-Member	\$175	N/A

Conference Fees

Member	TBD	Late	+\$50*
Non-Member	+\$75**		+100**
Cancellation	\$100		\$100

*over whatever Conference Fee is as established each year by the Board of Directors

**over the Member Conference Fee is as established each year by the Board of Directors



NEW RECERTIFICATION POLICY FOR MEMBERS EFFECTIVE – OCTOBER 2011

In order to maintain your certifications, you must pay the F.A.C.E. Annual fee of \$35.00 for active members and \$25.00 for associate members; and you are required to take 16 hours of approved Continuing Education Hours every two years.

The Annual Fee must be paid each year during the two-year certification period to maintain your certification.

1. If your Continuing Education Hours are on file with the IOG then you will not have to submit an "Affidavit of Completion of Continuing Education Requirements"; however, you must still pay the Annual Fee.
2. If your Continuing Education Hours are not on file with the IOG, or if you do not have the full 16 hours on file, then you will have to submit an "Affidavit of Completion of Continuing Education Requirements", specifically for those hours not on file.

If you do not meet the deadline for recertification, you have an additional six months to take the required Continuing Education Hours and upon payment of a late fee of \$50.00 plus the annual fee, you will be recertified.

3. Initial decertification will be limited to only losing your most recently obtained certification.
4. If you are certified in Fundamentals, Administrative Aspects, and Legal issues, and have the CEP (Code Enforcement Professional) designation and you fail to recertify, then when you lose your most recently obtained certification you will no longer be recognized as having the CEP designation. If you regain your lost certification, and have met all recertification requirements, then your CEP designation will be reinstated without having to write another Legal Issue Paper.
5. If you are decertified in any one certification, you may retake the exam for that certification within one year of decertification, providing that you have obtained the required 16 Continuing Education Hours and paid the annual fee and certification maintenance late fee. If you do not retake the exam for the certification that you lost within one year of being decertified, then you will have to take the entire course over again and pass the exam to receive that certification back.
6. If you fail to recertify six months after being decertified in one certification, then you will be decertified in all remaining certifications that you have.

NEW RECERTIFICATION POLICY FOR NON-MEMBERS EFFECTIVE – OCTOBER 2011

In lieu of payment of the F.A.C.E. Annual Fee, certification may be maintained by paying a certification maintenance fee of \$125.00 and acquiring 16 hours of approved Continuing Education Hours every two years.

If you do not meet the deadline for recertification, you have an additional six months to take the required Continuing Education Hours, and upon payment of a late fee of \$100.00 plus the certification maintenance fee of \$125.00, you will be recertified. In addition, items 3. through 6. above apply.



PUBLISHED IN THE AACE NEWSLETTER:

Greetings from the Southeast and the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.). As most of the country has been blanketed by snow this winter, Florida has not escaped the cold and we have set records in many parts of the state this year. My tourist department friends would want me to tell you that we are still open for visitors with lots of fun and activities here in Florida. As this newsletter comes out in March we should be enjoying great weather and sunny beaches, so come on down!

Speaking of visits, we are planning for another great Education and Training Seminar at our annual conference in Orlando, FL. June 21-24, 2011. This will celebrate 22 years of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement. You can find more info on our website at www.face-online.org.

In January, Florida welcomed a new Governor and we wait to see what direction he will lead our state. His platform included less regulation, less government, less taxes, and more jobs. His budget draft seems to fall in-line with his platform so cuts continue to be the buzz word and as state agencies take cuts we wait to see what enforcement issues will be pushed down to the local levels.

Foreclosures and unemployment still affect many parts of the state and impact our ability to find responsible and willing property owners to deal with the large numbers of vacant or abandoned properties. The evolution of property preservation companies and great cooperation with them has been an asset to code enforcement efforts everywhere. I see this growing relationship continuing with positive results as we rebuild communities together.

Property taxes are the main revenue source for local governments in the State of Florida. All indicators are that we have not hit the bottom yet, but I think and hope we are just about there. What this means for us is the cuts at the local level continue for many jurisdictions. Cuts to personnel and consolidation of workloads are the current standard. Membership in professional organizations, training, and travel; once fully funded, are now slashed or nonexistent in some offices. This has had an impact on the F.A.C.E. organization membership and affects participation in training. F.A.C.E. offered several scholarships last year and we expect the need to be greater this year for our attendees. F.A.C.E. remains committed to providing a strong training program for the state and constantly looks for ways to provide the training through cost efficient methods.

As we do less with less we must always keep officer safety in the forefront of our efforts as we maintain communities for the enjoyment of all. Be Safe out there! I'll close wishing all a happy spring season.

Mark K. Caskie
First Vice President
Florida Association of Code Enforcement

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The Joseph V. Huskey Award

Joseph V. Huskey founded The Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.) in 1989. He was the Association's first President and envisioned an organization that would promote and advance the profession and practice of Code Enforcement in Florida. Mr. Huskey held the office of President during 1990/1991. The following year the Joseph V. Huskey Award was established to recognize a code enforcement officer who exceeded what was expected of them. One who went beyond their normal job duties and by doing so helped to continue the advancement of our profession. This prestigious recognition has so far been awarded to fifteen code enforcement professionals. Each has been proud to carry on the visions of Mr. Huskey.

Each year the Board of Directors requests nominations for candidates to be considered for this award. Please take the time to let us know about someone you may feel promotes our profession with the exemplary vision of Mr. Huskey. Nominate someone who deserves this recognition for advancing our profession.

Send your nomination, in one page or less, to: UCF Institute of Government, Huskey Award, 12443 Research Parkway, Suite 402, Orlando, FL 32826 before April 29th. (Current members of the Board of Directors are not eligible for this award.)

Past Joseph V. Huskey Award Recipients are:

1993 Paul Robertson	1994 Susan Jacobs	1995 Herman Santa
1996 Carl Smart	1997 John Marcum	1998 Rick Wolf
1999 Donna Wisniewski	2001 Phyllis Wright	2002 Deborah Leigh
2004 Melissa Capiak	2005 R. Brian Rewis	2006 Cindy Diemer
2007 Joe Fenton	2008 Hector Garcia	2009 C. Scott Hair

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board is proud to announce that it is once again able to offer Scholarships to cover the registration fee for the conference. The recipient **must be an active member of F. A. C. E.** and the Board of Directors must receive, by **April 29**, a statement of 100 words or less explaining why the candidate needs the scholarship. Send the nomination form on the next page. Recipients will be notified by May 13. **Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.**

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK

Please ask your jurisdiction to proclaim June 6-10, 2011 as Code Enforcement Officer's Appreciation Week. See page 18 for a sample proclamation.



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Member #: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Have you attended this Training Seminar in the past? ___yes ___no

If yes, how many? _____ When was the last time you attended this Training Seminar? _____
YEAR

Criteria:

- Must be an Active Member in F.A.C.E.
- Provide a written statement from your employer, on official agency letterhead, to confirm that funding is not available for the applicant to attend the Education and Training Seminar, and that he/she has the time off to attend, if selected.
- Provide a written statement from the applicant to describe why he/she would like to be a F.A.C.E. scholarship recipient.
- Selection of Scholarship recipients will be at the discretion of the F. A. C. E. Board.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTES:

- Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- Room and travel are not included.
- A maximum of three (3) scholarships per agency may be awarded.
- Application must be submitted on or before **April 29, 2011**

Please send completed applications to (**Incomplete applications will not be accepted**):

F.A.C.E. Scholarship Committee
c/o Florida Institute of Government
Attention: Marilyn E. Crotty
12443 Research Parkway, Suite 402
Orlando, FL 32826-3282

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officers provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens in this community through the enforcement of building, zoning, housing, animal control, fire safety, environmental and other codes and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officers are often not credited for the jobs that they do in saving lives and improving neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, every day, assisted by support and program staff, they attempt to provide quality customer service to the public for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, too many times their efforts go unnoticed, even after code compliance has been accomplished due to their efforts and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officers are dedicated, well trained, and highly responsible individuals who take their jobs seriously and are proud of their department and the local government within which they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.) has declared the first week of June be set aside by local government to honor and recognize their Code Enforcement Officers;

NOW THEREFORE, through the authority vested in me by the Commissioners/Council of _____, Florida, I do hereby proclaim the week of June 6-10, 2011 as

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' APPRECIATION WEEK

in _____ (City/County) Florida, in accordance with the statewide observance of the same and encourage citizens of _____ (City/County) to join this Council/Commission in expressing appreciation for the dedication and outstanding service provided by the individuals who serve as our Code Enforcement Officers.

Duly proclaimed and adopted in regular session this _____ day of _____ A.D. 2010.

BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of _____, FLORIDA

by: _____

Mayor/Chair

ATTEST; _____

Clerk

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

FEE SCHEDULE

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class hours | • \$12/hour, members; \$15/hour, non-members |
| Exams | • \$75, members; \$110, non-members (also for payments received past the deadline); at PTI: \$115 |
| Legal Issue Paper | • \$60, members; \$75, non-members |

The Florida Association of Code Enforcement has established five levels of certification for individuals working in the field of Code Enforcement in Florida, which include:

- **Fundamentals of Code Enforcement (Level I)** 40 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II)** 40 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Legal Issues in Code Enforcement (Level III)** 36 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Officer Safety and Field Applications (Level IV)** 30 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Code Enforcement Professional (CEP)**
Requires three years employment in Code Enforcement, certification in Fundamentals (I), Administrative Aspects (II), and Legal Aspects (III), and writing and passing of an approved legal issue research paper (5 hours CEH credit given.)

CLASSES, CONTACTS, EXAMS

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
Ft. Lauderdale, Sue Dean, 561.297.3749
www.fau.edu/fiog

Officer Safety & Field Applications
May 10-13, 2011
Exam 3:30 – 5:30 PM May 13, 2011

Fundamentals of Code Enforcement
July 25 – 29, 2011
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 AM July 30, 2011

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
Fort Myers, Joanne Hartke, 239.425.3273
www.fgcu.edu/iog

Legal Issues in Code Enforcement*
April 25-29, 2011
Exam 2:00 – 4:00 PM April 29, 2011

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Tallahassee, Amy Brewer, 850.487.1870
www.iog.fsu.edu

NO CLASSES SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
Orlando, Susan Pruchnicki, 407.882.3960
www.iog.ucf.edu/face.html

Legal Issues in Code Enforcement
March 16-18, April 7-8, 2011
Exam 1:30 – 3:30 PM April 8, 2011

Fundamentals of Code Enforcement
May 2-6, 2011
Exam 10:00 – 12:00 May 7, 2011

Exam Retakes @ F. A. C. E. Seminar
June 21, 2011
Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Resort
Exam 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Tampa, Angela Crist, 813.974.2346
www.fiog.usf.edu

Fundamentals of Code Enforcement
March 14-18, 2011
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 AM March 19, 2011

Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement
April 18-22, 2011
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 AM April 23, 2011

***Last opportunity for this training this calendar year!**

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

This section of the *INTERFACE* is dedicated to the local chapters within the Florida Association of Code Enforcement. Joe Fenton, 3rd Vice President, extends an invitation to each chapter president to contact him with any chapter news.

Code Enforcement Officer Association of Palm Beach County (CEOAPBC) Chapter meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month. Please contact Shenoy Raghuraj 561-233-5522 sraghura@pbcgov.org for more information.

Northeast Association of Code Enforcement (NEACE) Contact Jeanne Chandler at 352-338-3233 or jchandler@alachuacounty.us for information on upcoming meetings.

Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) Things here in the Tampa Bay area are really going well. TBACE has been receiving some great training, with very interesting instructors. We have a Code Enforcement Summit scheduled here in Largo for April 5th. I anticipate another very interesting and helpful training session. In June we are planning to meet in Pasco County and in August Bradenton. As I have pointed out before, TBACE still costs only \$10.00 per year to be a member. This gives you 6 meetings a year with training at each and, usually, at least a light lunch. We have a great time getting together and comparing notes on new developments in the different areas. If you live in the Tampa Bay area, feel free to contact any Board member for information on how to join us. Take care and be safe from the Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement Board, Carolyn Carrasquillo, President (City of Largo) ccarrasq@largo.com
Shelby Schaar, Vice President (City of Clearwater)
Roberta Bowmer, Treasurer (City of Tampa)
Liz Nichols, Secretary (City of New Port Richey)

Gold Coast Association of Code Enforcement (GCACE) Our organization meets monthly in different cities in Broward and Dade County. We are over 250 strong, and growing. We welcome our newcomers and associate members. We have great speakers and earn our CEH's required to keep up our certification. Even through the rough economy, we come together in expectation of what our world in code will bring next and how we face it together. The networking with each other and sharing of information is vital to our jobs. For more information, contact Pat Uber, President Gold Coast Association. (954)344-5955 puber@coralsprings.org

Treasure Coast Association of Code Enforcement (TCACE) The **Treasure Coast Association of Code Enforcement** meetings have been suspended until further notice. Contact Dennis Bunt, St. Lucie County, at bunt@d@stlucieco.gov. for further information.

Polk Association of Code Enforcement (PACE) Contact Don Corder at don.corder@lakelandgov.net for meeting information.

Southwest Association of Code Enforcement (SWACE) Southwest Association of Code Enforcement (SWACE) If you would like information concerning any training or chapter meetings, please contact me at Rhonda.Leonard@charlottefl.com or call (941)623-1001.

Central Florida Code Enforcement Association (CFCEA) As the president of the CFCEA I want to personally thank each of our current board members (Hector Garcia, LeeAnn McCullough, Dena Joseph, Duree Alexander, and Amanda Bonin), all of whom have volunteered their time and hard work to serve the CFCEA membership. It is their dedication (and those of past board members) that ensures the continuation of a successful organization. It is our belief that the interest of the CFCEA members is the board's first priority. Because this priority is essential to the organization's future, we have put together some By-Law changes. We believe these changes will ensure the future success and integrity of the organization. Please join us at our April 22nd meeting to discuss these changes and play a part in the future of the CFCEA.

Additionally, the board will be naming the 2011 F.A.C.E. Seminar Scholarship recipient and other F.A.C.E. Seminar related information. Again, place CFCEA meeting dates on your calendar (April 22nd in Rockledge, July 18th in Lake Mary, and October 14th location TBA) and plan to attend. There is no additional cost for membership and training will be counted toward your F.A.C.E. recertification hours. Want to get to know the members? Please join us for lunch prior to the training and meeting. A time and place is announced prior to each meeting and will give everyone some time to get to know each other. What? You're not a CFCEA member and would like to become one? Contact our membership coordinator and board member Duree Alexander (D.Alexander@cityofcapecanaveral.org). Hope to see you at our next CFCEA meeting April 22nd and also hope to see you at the F.A.C.E. Seminar in June, Mark Herold, CFCEA President

South Florida Association of Code Enforcement (SFACE) Hello from Southeast Florida! **SFACE** is the newly formed local chapter of code enforcement officers in the Miami-Dade County area. If you are interested in becoming a member, or attending one of our meetings, please contact President Carmen Baker at cbaker@cityofsouthmiami.net or 305-668-7334 for information. We look forward to seeing you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *FUNDAMENTALS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT (Level I)*: Ariel Coll

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT (Level II)*:

Kelly Anders, Robin Bell, Chad Buell, Sandra Cuervo, Christina Curtiss, Cathy D'Angelo, Fernando Exposito, Anna Fullen, James Hare, Robert Herbstreith, Scott Holt, Clearvens Jean-Baptiste, Bradley Kelley, Christian Little, Kerwin Londono, Angelica Martinez, Robert McKinney, Barbara Meizis, Michael Mila, Cathy Murphy, Everard Pantry, Jose Rodriguez, Geraldine Tavares, Liana Teague, John Walker, Jorean Washington

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *OFFICER SAFETY & FIELD APPLICATIONS (Level IV)*: Kimberly

Corbin, William Friel, Ralph Keller, June Kraus, Garie-Lyn Lasher, Robert McKinney, Jacqueline McLain

∞ NEW CEP's ∞

Garie-Lyn Lasher, Marion County, "Independent Permitting Entities & How They Cause Conflict with Code Enforcement"

Edwin Rodriguez, Flagler County, "Abandoned Structures and the Right of Entry"

George Landry, Polk County, "Polk County Property Maintenance Ordinance"

John Cecil, Flagler County, "Pig Sanctuary Gone Wrong"

Congratulations!

RECERTIFICATION

Re-certification was due for the following by January 1, 2011. There is an extension until July 1, 2011 with the penalty fee. To be recertified you must: **(1)** take 16 hours of continuing education, **(2)** return the affidavit if necessary, **(on page 22, and (3) pay a late recertification fee, otherwise you will lose your most recent level of certification on JUNE 30, 2011.**

Avenarius, Emil
Bailey, Kim
Baker, Carmen
Balloo, Y. Tony
Barker, Courtney
Barwick, Jack
Bauer, C. Mike
Beltranena, Yesenia
Benson, John
Bethel, Michael
Bowers, Wayne
Boynton, Bobbi
Brown, Chad
Butts, Charles
Caballero, Luis
Capricien, Sonji
Carioscia, John
Carpenter, James
Carter, Audra
Cason, William
Chumbley, James
Clig, Tom
Comans, Jason
Copenhaver, Bryan
Craig, Richard
Crawford, Kendrick
Crisco, Robert
Cummings, Robert
Davis, Terrance
Fernandez, Fred
Forestier, Irving
Fowler, Mark
Gates, Kelly
Gemmati, Regina
Gibbs, Pamela
Girola, Hector
Gomez, Lisa
Gomez, Manuel
Green, Jeanie
Gutierrez, Eli
Hargett, Kevin
Hatchett, Melinda
Heck, Bonnie
Hooten, Kelly
Hynes, Donna
Jones, Jermaine
Kain, Gilbert
Keegan, Thomas
Kish, Robert
Knaggs, Rachel
Krauel, Curtis
LaBranche, Leonard
Lake, Martina
LeFebvre, Kimberly
Lindo, Kenisha
Marsala, Kathy
Martineau, Arthur
Massillon, Patrick

Maxey, Deb
McCray, Peter
Miller, Gary
Morlan, Monique
Neeley, E. J.
Nicholson, Ray
O'Geen, Joseph
Paez, Omar
Parages, Miguel
Parker, Angelique
Parker, Kam
Peguero, Oscar
Peters, John
Phillips, Wayne
Pierre-Georges, Emmanuel
Pool, Aaron
Power, Cheryl
Realander, Michelle
Reber, Melissa
Reddoch, Lor
Reed, Tood
Reeves-Cussell, Theresa
Robinson, Mark
Rudzik, Thomas
Saucedo, Blanca
Scavotto, Brian
Sherrer, Alexander
Slay, Sandra
Snell, Jerome
Solotoff, Ronald
Stachowski, John
Stallone, Daniel
Stenson, John
Stewart, Linnelle
Stotts, Jeff
Suarez, Jesus
Sullivan, Tom
Szoke, Michele
Taddeo, Karen
Taveras, Antonio
Taylor, Sandie
Tejera, Fred
Thagouras, Sotirios
Tinis, Milton
Toth, Rudy
Townsend, Robert
Turner, Linda
Vallia, Deborah
Vough, James
Waller, Lynda
Whitley, Vernard
Wilhoit, Corry
Williams, Norman
Wixon, Don
Wylie, Albert
Zarate, Belkis
Zimmerman, Ernie



**CHECK THIS LIST
CAREFULLY.**

**IS YOUR NAME
HERE?**

**SOMEONE YOU
KNOW ?**

**SEND IN YOUR
AFFIDAVIT (IF
REQUIRED) & LATE
FEE NOW!**

**If your name is in
bold, you have
the required
hours on file and
need only pay the
late fee prior to
6.30.11 to be
recertified**

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The information requested on this form is in accordance with the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.) policy governing continuing education requirements for maintenance of F.A.C.E. certification. Sixteen hours of continuing education courses is required every two years following initial certification (in any/all certifications offered) and every two years thereafter in order to remain certified. Falsifying or fraudulently representing completion of continuing education requirements in order to renew a certificate shall result in revocation of your most recently earned level of certification.

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____

E-mail address _____

Course(s) attended (name, location, date, time): _____

I swear or affirm that the information contained in this affidavit is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have fully complied with the continuing education provisions of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement.

Please sign on line above

Date

Return with \$15 member/\$20 non-member or \$65 member/\$75 non-member if after due date

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