

# FACM FACTS

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## President's Message

By *Cheryl A. Gerwig, CCF*

### Congratulations FACM!!!

This fall you will be celebrating your 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will be hosting our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Workshop October 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton, Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, Cocoa Beach, Florida. We continue, as in the past, with education as our focus. ArcGIS training\* will be offered by the Department of Revenue, as well as a prep/review of FACM Course 01 and 02. A proctor will be available for anyone who wishes to sit for the Course 01 test after the review. A CAMA/GIS Integration presentation will be Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The General membership meeting will be Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> between 1-5:00 P.M. We will have two **full** days of workshops (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>). The Awards will be presented at the Banquet which will be held Monday evening. Please check inside the newsletter for the *Nominations for Awards* form. The form needs to be in by September 1, 2006 to qualify.

We currently have 121 active members in FACM. Seventy-six members are active Certified Cadastralist of Florida (CCF) designations, thirteen of which, have their Master Cadastralist of Florida (MCF) designations. We also have 3 Certified Cadastral Mappers (CCM) designations from Lake County. For those of you who are working hard towards that certification, mark your calendars:

- **July 31 – August 4, 2006** FACM Course 03, Interpretation of Real Property, will be offered in Orlando.
- **December 4 – 8, 2006** FACM Course 04, Basic Map Compilation, will be offered in St. Petersburg.
- **April 30- May 4, 2007** Course 01, Mathematics for the Cadastralist, will be held in Daytona Beach.
- **July 30 – August 3, 2007** FACM Course 02, the Public Land Survey System, will be held in Orlando.

Also, we are looking for a few dedicated individuals who would like to contribute their time and efforts to this organization. This is your opportunity to give back. We have several openings on the Board, please contact Rosemary Baumann, (352)341-6616, email: [rbaumann@mail.pa.citrus.fl.us](mailto:rbaumann@mail.pa.citrus.fl.us) for more information.

Lastly, I would like to extend a hearty **thank you**, to the board members who worked to make the 2006 Joint Mapping Conference a huge success. If you were unable to attend, we hope to have pictures on the website shortly. To better appreciate the event, please read John Bausola's article inside the newsletter.

See you at the fall conference!

\*space is limited

## 2006 Florida GIS and Mapping Conference

by: John Bausola

The Radisson Resort at the Port of Cape Canaveral provided a warm tropical backdrop for the May 2006 GIS and Mapping Conference. This year's theme "Accessing Geo-Spatial Data" was well supported through the many attendees, vendors and speakers participating in this multi-discipline conference. Held by Florida's professional mapping and GIS associations in support of their professional members, associates and guests, this conference delivers an excellent forum for continuing education.

Conference participants were welcomed Wednesday morning with friendly opening remarks by Lance Larsen of the Brevard County Property Appraiser's office.

Plenary Sessions began with Carla Boyce, Geo-Spatial Information Systems Administrator of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Ms. Boyce provided tremendous and useful insight to the importance of accurate and accessible spatial data in the wake of catastrophic events as experienced in the devastating storms of 2004 and 2005. Renowned former NASA Astronaut, Andrew Allen followed Ms. Boyce with an inspiring presentation of the space program. Lieutenant Colonel Allen (Retired USMC), through his articulate narrative and profound digital imagery, took the audience aboard the Shuttle and into the depths of outer space. Images of Earth from the Space Shuttle and galaxies seen only through the eyes of the Hubble Space Telescope kept all on the edge of their seats. Truly a loyal and great American, Mr. Allen reinforced our belief in this great free

nation and demonstrated to us our world leadership in developing technologies. The Plenary Sessions opened the audience's eyes and stimulated our quest for knowledge to be gained from the upcoming educational sessions.

General Sessions continued to follow through on the conference theme. The Department of Revenue participated this year promoting GIS aid and assistance to Property Appraisers. Kevin Gorham and George Beatty discussed many of the programs provided by the department including the revised Aerial Photography Program. Representatives from Brevard, Orange and St. Lucie County Property Appraisers presented newly developed spatially enabled assessment analysis and parcel map reengineering tools. The Water Management District, Navigation Electronics and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council each added value to the FACM tract with their excellent presentations. Sessions and workshops from members of ASPRS, FSMS and FLURISA were available for all and presented a good opportunity to learn how the technology we use is implemented in other disciplines.

Networking is always an excellent benefit of this conference. This year was no exception. Meeting with your peers or members of other organizations is as easy as taking part in the networking breakfast or attending the ice cream social so generously sponsored by participating vendors. The Wednesday evening social event at the Brevard Community College Planetarium was an excellent opportunity to meet and share ideas with others. The outstanding and attention grabbing star show was an event we will all remember.

For those of us who had the great opportunity to attend this years conference the experience and knowledge gained is invaluable. If you were not able to attend this year, we hope to see you next spring.

Plans are underway so visit FACM at [www.FACM.org](http://www.FACM.org) for information on our next conference.

## JOB POSTINGS



**WANTED**

FACM COURSE  
INSTRUCTORS

MUST BE FACM MEMBER  
AND MUST HAVE CCF OR  
MCF DESIGNATION

Salary: \$1,750 PER WEEK

Contact Kay Gargis by phone at  
(321) 264-6909 or by email at  
[kay.gargis@brevardpropertyappraiser.com](mailto:kay.gargis@brevardpropertyappraiser.com)

## Conference & Workshop

The 2006 FACM Fall Mapping Conference & Workshop, will be held October 15-17, 2006 at the beautiful Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

The FACM General Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.

Monday an ArcGIS training session will be offered by the Florida Department of Revenue. Space is limited for this session so make sure to send your registration in early.

There will also be a prep/review class of FACM Course 01 (Mathematics for the Cadastralist) and FACM Course 02 (The Public Land Survey System). If you are planning to take FACM Course 1 or 2 next year and you need to brush up on your algebra and trigonometry you may want to take these classes to prepare. A proctor will be available for anyone who wishes to sit for the Course 01 test after the review. The cost to sit for the test is \$ 125.00.

The FACM Annual Awards Banquet and installation of our new officers will be Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Don't forget to send in that Awards Nomination form!

Tuesday, October 17, there will be a CAMA/GIS Integration presentation.

Make sure to send in your registration form soon!

**2006 FACM Fall Mapping**

**NOMINATION FOR FACM OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007**

The below listed offices are open for nominations for the year 2006 through 2007. The nominee does not have to have a CCM, CCF or MCF designation. The only requirement is that they are a current member of FACM.

We are also looking for members interested in working on the below committees. If you are interested please check the line next to the committee and mail to Cheryl Gerwig or contact a member of the executive board.

**Nominations can be sent to Rosemary Baumann, c/o Citrus County Property Appraiser, 210 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, prior to July 31 of this year. Ballots will be sent out later this year with the names of the nominees.**

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**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CADASTRAL MAPPERS  
NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2006-2007**

**President-elect:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one of the below if interested and you will be contacted.**

**I am interested in obtaining more information in or becoming a member of the following committee(s):**

Organization/Modernization \_\_\_\_\_      Ways and Means \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership/Outreach \_\_\_\_\_      Designation \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards \_\_\_\_\_      Publications \_\_\_\_\_  
Program/Conferences \_\_\_\_\_      Website \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by FACM Member: (please fill in below)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**2006 FACM Fall Mapping Conference & Workshop  
Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront**

Cocoa Beach, Florida  
 October 15 - 17, 2006

Registration Form

Please complete this page and mail it along with your registration fees.  
 Make check payable to FACM, Inc. and mail to:

Jeff Maasch  
 308 Granada St.  
 Fort Pierce, FL 34949-3224

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (office): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration \$105 (Before 9/15/06)*	\$
Full Registration \$135 (after 9/15/06)	\$
Student and Retired members Registration \$ 40 **	\$
Extra Banquet Ticket \$ 35	\$
FACM Membership Fee \$40	\$
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	\$

\* Each registration includes 1 Banquet Ticket.

\* Must be postmarked by 9/15/06 to receive this rate.

\*\* Students must include proof of fulltime enrollment in an accredited school with registration form. Student and Retired member registration includes one banquet ticket.

Hotel Reservations: Call the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront hotel directly at (321)799-0003 or (800)526-2609 by 9/15/06. Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Visit their website at www.hiltoncocoabeach.com. Hotel Room Rate is \$105 per night plus tax. To insure you receive the special group rate you MUST identify the group name, Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers when making reservations. These special rates will be honored by the hotel, rooms go fast so don't wait to the last minute.

FACM Nomination for Awards

These awards are presented annually at the FACM Fall Conference. Nominations will be accepted from employers and peers, with the Awards Committee reviewing the applications and forwarding them to the Board. The nominations are presented to the Executive Board for their decision. The awards presentation is made at

the FACM Annual Conference. Cadastralist of the Year and Outstanding Achievement Award winners receive a complimentary registration to next year's conference in addition to a handsome plaque recognizing their achievement. Lifetime Achievement Award winners receive a life time FACM membership, a complimentary registration to next year's conference and a handsome plaque recognizing their achievement.

Please keep in mind that the nominees for awards are not required to hold any mapping designations. The person making the nomination should write a brief statement why he/she feels the nominee merits the award. Cadastralist of the Year and Outstanding Achievement Awards nominations are for performance within the preceding calendar year, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS September 1, 2006.**

**CADASTRALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD \_\_\_\_\_**

*Outstanding performance by a FACM member in the work area during a single project or event completed within the last calendar year as noted above.*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_**

*Distinction gained outside the association to further the mapping profession **OR** a person or group who has made a significant contribution to the association or to the mapping profession through their participation in FACM activities, goals and objectives. **The recipient need not be a member of FACM.***

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_**

*Outstanding performance by any FACM member with 20 or more years of mapping related service who made a significant contribution to the development of high professional mapping standards, and who motivated and inspired their colleagues throughout their mapping career.*

**(Current FACM Executive Board members are eligible for these awards if the nomination comes from the general membership and not from another FACM Board member.)**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I believe this person/these people should be nominated for the award indicated above for the following reasons:

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(attach additional pages if needed)

Send to: Ellen Edwards, Awards Chair or Fax to Ellen Edwards at: 863-534-4764  
Polk Co. Property Appraiser's Office  
255 N. Wilson Ave  
Bartow, FL 33830

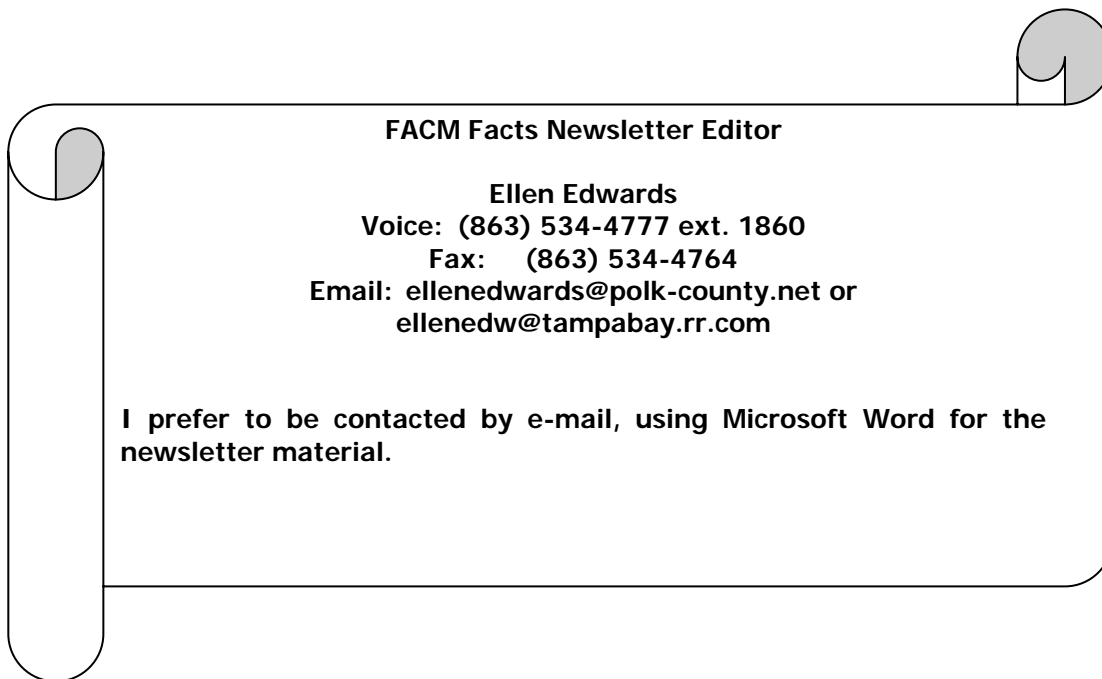
**2005-2006 FACM Executive Board**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2006-2007**

<b>July 31-August 4, 2006</b>	FACM Course 3, Interpretation of Real Property Descriptions The Florida Mall Hotel, Orlando, FL Instructor: Ellen Edwards, CCF, CFE
<b>October 15-17, 2006</b>	Annual FACM Fall Conference & Workshop Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront
<b>December 4-8, 2006</b>	FACM Course 4, Hilton St. Petersburg
<b>April 30-May 4, 2007</b>	FACM Course 1, Plaza Resort & Spa, Daytona Beach
<b>July 30-August 3, 2007</b>	FACM Course 2, Tampa or Orlando (hotel contract not signed as of this date)

Registration forms for FACM and IAAO courses are linked on our FACM website under the “Events” page.



FACM NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT RATES

AD TYPE	APPROXIMATE SIZE	FULL YEAR	PER ISSUE
Business card	2" x 3½"	\$ 25.00	N/A
1/4 Page	5" x 3¾"	\$75.00	\$50.00
1/2 Page	5" x 7½"	\$150.00	\$100.00
Full Page	8½" x 11"	\$300.00	\$200.00

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