



FACM FACTS

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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Shhh... I have a secret. Do you want to know the secret? I think you already know. You ask, what is the secret? You know a very deserving individual in the mapping profession. They work hard, are team players and further our profession in many ways. Why is this a secret? It is still a secret because you have not shared this with FACM.

There are several ways you can recognize a deserving co-worker or friend. Nominate them for the FACM Outstanding Achievement award or nominate them for the FACM Cadastralist of the Year award. The form enclosed in this newsletter explains these awards. The winners of these awards receive recognition, a handsome plaque and a certificate for free registration for a future FACM work shop. Complete the form and mail it as soon as possible.

The Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers continues its goal to further the mapping profession through educational opportunities. FACM offers three \$500 educational scholarships each year for mapping related courses. Courses in Math, English, Surveying and Geography could be considered as candidates for the scholarship. Would you attend a class if you had help with the tuition? Contact a FACM Board member today for details.

FACM also offers opportunities to further mapping through conferences. The recent GIS and Mapping Conference in Sarasota provided insight into managing resources through networking, data sharing and user workshops. The FACM Fall conference offers a look at the sometimes confusing sovereignty lands issue. We hope you have the opportunity to join us in historic St. Augustine for this exciting workshop.

Would you like to help us plan future workshops? Would you like to help design the courses FACM plans to offer? Do you know someone that would make a good leader? We need your help and the help of many experienced mappers or their supervisors. Stand up and be counted. Complete the enclosed nomination form, make a difference. We would love to hear from you.

Your President,
Kay Gargis

2005 FLORIDA GIS & MAPPING CONFERENCE

The Sarasota May 2005 GIS & Mapping Conference brought in record numbers of attendees and vendors. True to its theme "Management of Resources through Natural Disasters", many of the sessions demonstrated agency response to hurricanes, floods and fires.

The conference started Wednesday morning with Plenary Sessions featuring the Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Meteorologist Ben Nelson, widely recognized from his work during the 2004 hurricane season, and the Division GIS Manager, Carla Boyce.

Mr. Nelson led with information on hurricanes and the outlook for 2005. Carla Boyce discussed her experiences during last year's storms and gave some of the uses of GIS in the response to those storms. She also emphasized the need for governments to work toward standardization and GIS data sharing.

Dr. Joe Knetsch, Division of State Lands Historian, gave insight into State and community response to historic disasters before GIS was known. Bart Gunter, a representative from the insurance industry, dealt with insurance concerns. Speakers from St Johns Water Management District, the Florida Division of Forestry, Emergency Management, GIS Departments, Property Appraiser Offices and many others gave insight into their operation failures and successes in the

face of disasters. And of course there were workshops.

The Conference allowed agencies to network and discuss data sharing. Many lessons were learned. If you were there, we thank you for your support. If you were not, by now you heard of the wonderful opportunity you were not able to take advantage of. Hopefully you will be able to attend next spring.

Bookmark the FACM web page, www.FACM.org, for information on our next conference.

Maximizing Your Capabilities

By: Richard A. Zyvoloski Jr, KG4WSG, CEM, FPEM
Emergency Management Coordinator
Collier County Skywarn Coordinator

I would like to applaud you mappers in looking for ways your discipline can support emergency operations. I am one of the few Emergency Management-types whose boss has allowed me to invest the time to exploit this valuable tool and become a user of geospatial applications. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem like there are enough emergency managers that know how, or use, the valuable resources you bring to the table. Of course, a lot of the problem might be ignorance on both sides, e.g., EM not knowing the tech "questions to ask" and "capabilities available" and GISers not knowing what they have that can be tweaked/used by EM.

For those serious about wanting to "play" with us and possibly deploy to support outside-the-area disaster operations, the time is coming for those with that interest to be "qualified/certified" for deployment.

The URL, below, provides you the background about the National Incident Management System (NIMS) goals from the President. NIMS is a program that establishes standards in training, operations, equipment and personnel qualifications. So, those tapped to be directly involved or supporting a disaster/homeland security operation must be qualified, meeting the "established standards", to support the operation. The Federal Government is still developing the standards through the National Integration Center. The goal will be to enable mutual aid people to "seamlessly" blend into a disaster operation and continue your services with the minimal interruption/disruption (much like what happened in Desoto & Charlotte Counties, but in a lot smoother fashion.) During the 2004 Hurricane season, we muddled through it, playing it by ear, whereas, there will be no need to play it by ear in the future if the basic incident management structure is used by all. So, in order to prepare for the future a lot of free training is available for those who want to get a jump on it...

The Federal Emergency Management Institute (FEMA's EMI) offers both Resident training courses in Maryland and home-study/independent study (IS) courses free. If accepted to a resident course, FEMA will reimburse travel costs; provide a free room and free training and materials. Meal ticket costs are the responsibility of the student/sponsor. IS courses are free and on-line. You can only take one course at a time and must finish one before you can take another. You have a year to complete each course (even though you can do it in a day, if you're so inclined).

The Fla. Division of Emergency Management courses are also free. For most of the training, if it is delivered at a location more than "50-miles" from the "student's headquarters/office", the State will reimburse the room cost to the student. Travel and meals costs are the student's/ sponsor's responsibility.

The following are some useful resources you should bookmark in order to learn more about how you can support the emergency response community more effectively:

National Incident Management System:

<http://www.nimsonline.com/>

NIMS Training:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>

EMI Resident Courses:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/EMICourses/> &

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/>

EMI Independent Study Courses:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/> &
Course List:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslst.asp>

Florida Division of Emergency Management Training:

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp>

GIS and Hazard Mitigation:

<http://www.fema.gov/fima/howto2.shtm>

HAZUS (free software):

<http://www.fema.gov/hazus/>

2005 FACM Annual Fall Mapping Conference & Workshop

The site for the 2005 FACM Fall Mapping Conference is the beautiful Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine. The dates will be Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25, 2005.

At this time conference details are still coming together. An ESRI User's Group meeting is planned for 1:00 PM on Monday followed at 3:30 PM by the FACM Annual Membership Meeting. At 5:00 PM the President's Reception begins poolside in the "Sultans Tent" (weather permitting) followed at 7:00 PM by the FACM Annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers.

On Tuesday Terry Wilkinson and Rod Maddox will present a full day session of the *Florida Laws Seminar on Sovereignty Lands*.

Terry Wilkinson is Bureau Chief of Surveying and Mapping, Division of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection. He is the Florida State Cadastral Surveyor responsible for title determinations and boundaries of state owned uplands, tide lands, lakes and rivers.

Rod Maddox is a professional surveyor and is currently supervisor of the Title and Land Records Section of the Land Management Survey Section at the

Bureau of Survey and Mapping, Division of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection.

If you have any questions on the rights to lakes, rivers and coastal areas in your county you don't want to miss this session. A conference registration form is included within this newsletter.

The hotel has guaranteed a rate of \$109.00 per night with a tax of 9% and a resort fee of \$5.00 per night. All parking is valet parking and there is a parking fee of \$15.00 per night for overnight guests and \$10.00 per day for daily guests. These special rates will be honored by the hotel for 3 days before and 3 days after the conference dates, based on guestroom and rate availability. Rooms go fast, so don't wait to the last minute!

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NOMINATION FOR FACM OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006

The offices listed below are open for nominations for the year 2005 through 2006. The nominee does not have to have a 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 committees listed below. 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 Cheryl Gerwig, c/o Broward County Property Appraiser, 115 S. Andrews St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 prior to August 1st of this year. Ballots will be sent out later this year with the names of the nominees.

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CADASTRAL MAPPERS
NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2005-2006**

President-elect: _____ Phone# _____

Secretary: _____ Phone# _____

Treasurer: _____ Phone# _____

Director: _____ Phone# _____

(We have only one director's position opening up this year)

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

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

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 #: _____

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CADASTRAL MAPPERS 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 will be presented to the Executive Board for their decision and the awards presentation will be made at the FACM Annual Conference. **Winners will receive a complimentary registration to next year's conference along with their plaque.**

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 paragraph on why he/she feels the nominee merits the award and the award is for the performance within the preceding calendar year, January 1-December 31, 2004. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS September 1, 2005.**

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 _____

*Achievement in the work area with long term of service **OR** distinction gained outside the association to further the mapping profession **OR** a person or group who has made a significant contribution to the association through their participation in its activities, goals and objectives. **The recipient need not be a member of FACM.***

(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 reason:

(Use back of page or attach additional sheet(s) if needed)

Signed: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

**Mail or Fax Application to: Ellen Edwards, c/o Polk Co. Property Appraiser,
255 N. Wilson Ave., Bartow, FL 33830; Phone: (863)534-4777; Fax: (863)534-4764**

**2005 FACM Fall Mapping Conference & Workshop
 Casa Monica Hotel
 St. Augustine, Florida
 October 24 & 25, 2005**

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 \$95 (Before 9/24/05)*	\$
Full Registration \$125 (after 9/24/05)	\$
Student Registration \$ 40 **	\$
Extra Banquet Ticket \$ 35	\$
FACM Membership Fee \$40	\$
Total Enclosed	\$

*** Each registration includes 1 Banquet Ticket.**

*** Must be postmarked by 9/24/05 to receive this rate.**

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

Hotel Reservations: Call the Casa Monica hotel directly at (800)648-1888 between 9AM – 6PM or visit their website at www.casamonica.com. Hotel Room Rate is \$109 per night with a \$5.00 Resort Fee per room, per night and room Tax of 9%. **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 for 3 days before and 3 days after the conference dates, based on guestroom and rate availability. Rooms go fast so don't wait to the last minute.

2004-2005 FACM Executive Board

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2005

August 1-5, 2005 FACM Course 04 – Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore

October 24-25, 2005 2005 FACM Annual Mapping Conference & Workshop –
Casa Monica Hotel – St. Augustine

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

Nominations for Awards are still being taken. Please don't miss the deadline!!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? Think about becoming a board member of FACM!