



FACM FACTS

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Review of Master Cadastralist of Florida (MCF) Exam

By **John Bausola** CFE, IFAS President and **Jeff Maasch** CFE, CCF, MCF Designations Chair

Recently some constructive criticism of the MCF exam was received by the executive board. It was suggested that a preparatory workshop be created. This workshop should be offered at least once a year. It is also been expressed that the some of the content of the exam was not adequately covered in FACM courses one through four. In light of these comments the Executive Board has begun the process of creating a MCF exam review and workshop committee.

The executive board recognizes the need for periodic review and modernization of all of our courses and exams. However, this comes with a cost. This effort requires qualified people and time. If you have attained the MCF designation and are a member in good standing, we ask you to participate in this process. You, the MCFs, are the best qualified individuals to determine where change needs to be made and to develop the content of a preparatory workshop.

The MCF designation is a symbol of professional development and achievement. Attaining the designation confirms that you have mastered the education and practical technical skills required to create and maintain precise and accurate cadastral maps. The designation also demonstrates that you are able to perform under the pressure of compiling complex map data and strict time constraints.

Jeff and I will be contacting each of the current MCF designees to request your participation in this effort. The Executive Board would like to have the workshop completed by mid summer. This will allow for the first offering to be made available at the Annual Meeting and Educational Workshop to be held during October of this year.

FACM is looking forward to improving the challenge and the attainability of the MCF designation. Anyone who has comments or suggestions relative to this effort please send them to Jeff Maasch at jcmaasch@ircpa.org.

**ESRI to Host SERUG Conference, April 14-16, 2008
Jacksonville, Florida**

ESRI has chosen the Hyatt Regency Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida to host the South East Regional User Group (SERUG) conference for 2008. Last years conference offered many educational opportunities for the GIS community. Sessions covered GIS applications and systems administration for private business as well as Federal, State and Local Governments. See www.esri.com/events/serug/index.html for additional information about the event.

**FACM Executive Board Meeting, April 14-16, 2008
Jacksonville, Florida**

The Executive Board of FACM will conduct our next meeting in Jacksonville in conjunction with the SERUG conference. The exact time and place of the meeting is to be determined. Members of FACM are welcome to attend the board meetings. We will post the meeting information on the FACM website. As the SERUG conference approaches, please check www.facm.org for the details.

Annual Award Recipients—2007

- **Lifetime Achievement Award – Sylvia Culverhouse** for her professionalism, dedication to the cadastral mapping professional, always willing to go the extra mile.
- **Outstanding Achievement Award – Jerry Wood.** As a founding member FACM, Mapping Director of DOR, and one of the creators of the CCF designation for FACM, Jerry was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for his personal and professional support of quality assessment mapping and land record management helping to increase recognition of the cadastral mapping profession.
- **Cadastralist of the Year Award – Ric Fritz** for his efforts in conversion and growth of GIS for Citrus County.

Do you know someone who has made a difference in the mapping profession? Nominate them for a FACM award. See Page 7 of this newsletter or www.facm.org for complete details.

FACM Welcomes New Members !!!

Joyce Ingersoll— 2008 Treasurer

Since October 1, 2006, forty-three individuals have joined FACM . Thank you for supporting FACM and "**Welcome to the association!**".

We currently have 156 members. Don't be left out. Be sure to renew your membership?

Remember dues are due between July 1st and August 31st of each year.

Membership applications forms are available online @ www.facm.org



Have you changed jobs lately, moved or gotten a new e-mail address. Please let me know and I will update the membership records.

You can e-mail me at joycei@co.st-lucie.fl.us.

Message from our President

By John Bausola, 2008 President

The Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers (FACM) is your professional organization. Since its inception in 1987, FACM has worked diligently to provide an avenue to education and professional development for persons concerned with property ownership mapping. The membership of FACM extends to both state and local government as well as private industry.

Our 2007 Annual Meeting was a great success. Thank you, Kay Gargis, for coordinating this outstanding event. Many of you completed the surveys and we appreciate your comments. The majority of respondents felt the overall rating of the Conference/Workshop was excellent. The facility, Casa Monica Hotel, was also rated as excellent. The workshop on Right of Way Mapping received many very positive comments. FACM intends to continue this trend for future meetings.

Giving fair consideration to the budgetary challenges facing many agencies this year, FACM has modified the agenda we normally follow. This year we have forgone the Spring Joint Geospatial Conference. This will allow us to focus on our Annual Business Meeting and Educational Workshop to be held during October of 2008.

The Annual Meeting will offer an exceptional educational opportunity for the advanced cadastral mapper and plenty of content for individuals who are just beginning their careers. Tentative plans are to conduct a two day advanced parcel editing workshop. The editing workshop will be conducted by Mr. Frank Conkling of Panda Consulting. The attendees will work hands on with ArcGIS editing software and learn the latest in editing techniques, tips and tricks. For individuals seeking CCF, CCM, or MCF designations we intend to offer workshops covering relevant course material required to pass the exams. In order to accommodate the amount of quality education we are offering an additional day will be added to our schedule.

Your input is important to FACM and to me. With your help, I would like to get some idea of the following:

1. Do you intend to attend the Annual meeting and Educational workshop to be held during October of 2008?
2. If there would be an additional Editing Workshop registration fee of \$75.00 to help offset the cost of conducting the workshop, would you want to attend the Advanced Editing Workshop?
3. What are some other topics you would like to have presented as part of our Annual Meeting and Workshop?

Your responses to these questions are needed to help plan the event.

Please send your responses to this questionnaire to me John Bausola at jbausola@co.st-lucie.fl.us.

I hope to see and hear from all of you this year!

Congratulations to our new CCF, CCM and MCF Designees

Jeremy Bromm, MCF –Duval
James A. Lima – Duval
Alexander Mack, CCF - Duval
Lisa Prestridge, CCF - Hardee
James Johnson, CCF - Hernando
Corey Mathis, CCM – Lake

William Burchfield, CCF - Osceola
Katrina Scarborough, CCF- Osceola
Greg Caffee, CCF - Orange
Joe Ward, CCM – Orange
Steve McQuaig, CCF - Polk
Donald Wynn, CCF - Polk



Executive Board for 2007-2008

President - John Bausola

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Immediate Past President - RoseMary Baumann

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Frank J. Conkling

“The purpose of the Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers is to bring together those persons concerned with property ownership mapping in state and local government, and private industry, without regard to the unit of government or department in which such persons perform their duties.”

NEW! FACM “HOODIE” JACKETS !!!

Full Zip Hooded Sweat Jacket
with FACM logo.



Contact Connie Rossman
at connie.rossman@lakelandgov.net
for colors and prices.

*Coming soon FACM items
for sale online @ www.facm.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

GIS Supervisor– Polk County BOCC

Job Specifications: The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Senior Programmer Analysts is a member of the GIS application development team and focuses on design, development, and implementation of GIS based software solutions. The role is responsible for development of desktop and web-based GIS solutions primarily using ESRI technologies in the Microsoft .NET and/or Java development environments.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Computer Sciences, Computer Engineering, Geography, Planning, Geomatics or related field with specialization in GIS and 3 + years experience as a GIS programmer or software developer. Any combination equivalent to experience and education that would likely provide the relevant knowledge and abilities would be qualifying.

Apply online @ www.polk-county.net

Sr GIS Programmer Analyst– Orange County Property Appraiser's Office

Job Specifications: Designs, develops and maintains advanced geographic information system (GIS) software applications and databases in support of an integrated GIS and computer assisted mass appraisal system. Assists in GIS staff coordination. Promotes GIS access by customizing commercial GIS software products, desktop GIS applications, Internets and Intranets.

Minimum Qualifications: Must hold a Master's degree in geographic information systems, computer science, geodetic science or related field from an accredited college or university or experience that may be deemed the equivalent of such professional education. Must have at least three (3) years of experience with a demonstrated advanced knowledge in ArcGIS/ ArcObjects, or ArcIMS or ArcSDE or ArcGIS server.

Apply at www.ocpafl.org/hr/employment

GIS Database Developer - Photo Science, St Petersburg

Job Specifications: Design, develop, and deploy geospatial databases using ESRI and related RDBMS technologies. Majority of work will involve the use of ESRI's ArcGIS and ArcSDE software; as well as, Oracle and SQL Server RDBMS. Applied experience in the migration of ESRI coverage, shape file, and CAD data into ArcSDE formats is required. Experience implementing ESRI and other industry standard data models a plus. Contribute to the completion of various enterprise GIS database and application development projects.

Minimum Qualifications: B.S. degree in Science, engineering, or relevant field. 2-3 years of work experience in GIS; or any combination of education and experience which the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform the job.

Send Resume to rhudson@photoscience.com

Upcoming FACM Events

- **May 5 - 9, 2008** **FACM Course 04: Map Compilation**
-Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, Daytona
- **August 4 - 8, 2008** **FACM Course 01: Mathematics for the**
Cadastralist—Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando
- **October 13 - 15, 2008** **FACM Fall Conference**
-Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, Cocoa Beach

NOMINATION FOR 2008-2009 OFFICERS

The below listed offices are open for nominations for the year 2009 through 2009. The nominee does not have to have a CCF or MCF designation. However, nominees must be a FACM member in good standing.

Nominations can be sent to John Bausola, c/o St. Lucie County Property Appraiser, 2300 Virginia Avenue, Room 207, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982-5698 prior to July 31 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 2008-2009

President-elect: _____ Phone# _____

Secretary: _____

Phone# _____

Treasurer: _____

Phone# _____

Director: _____

Phone# _____

Nominated by FACM Member: (please fill in below)

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Day Phone #: _____

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

Please check the committee (s) 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 _____

Name: _____

Day Phone #: _____

Nominations 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, 2007 – June 30, 2008. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS September 1, 2008.

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:

I believe this person/these people should be nominated for the award indicated above for the following reasons: (Attach an additional sheet of paper if need)

Send to: Connie Rossman, Awards Chair

c/o City of Lakeland

228 S Massachusetts Ave

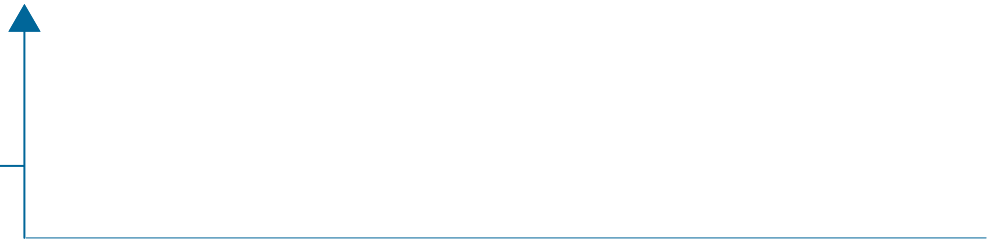
Lakeland, FL 33801

Or FAX To Connie Rossman@ 863/834-8432

Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers



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