

# FUCC Meeting Notes –

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### SUMMER MEETING

Marco Island Hilton Hotel, Marco Island, Florida, August 5 – 8, 2008

**Chairman**

Ron Popp  
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**Vice Chairman**

Gary Monday  
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**Secretary**

Don Anthony  
727-329-2841

**Historian**

Tom Duggar  
850-599-1543

**Chairman Ron Popp called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M on August 8, 2008.** He gave his opening remarks that were followed by an Invocation and Tribute to the flag. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 72 at this Business Meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Don Anthony reported that the minutes from the Spring meeting in Key Largo are currently posted on the web site. Don started to read the minutes and a motion was made by Sally Prescott that was second by Art Gilmore to approve and waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written posted on the web site. The group was reminded of the E-mail Group for the FUCC. To become a member of the group you should send an E-Mail to [FUCC@callsunshine.com](mailto:FUCC@callsunshine.com). In the subject line, type the word: subscribe, you will automatically be added to the group and will be receiving all future electronic mail outs. The FUCC web site is up and running at the old address: <http://www.fucc.org>.

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## HISTORIAN REPORT - Tom Duggar

### FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 8, 2008

FIFTY YEARS AGO – August 8, 1958, Harborview Restaurant, Pensacola, FL.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 8, POWER 5, FDOT 1, CITIES 1. A TOTAL OF 15.

CHAIRMAN – J. R. Henderson, Winter Park Telephone Company  
SECRETARY – Homer Welch, Lee County Electric Co-op

A general discussion was held in regards to the status of the code in regards to the use of cranes near overhead lines. It was suggested that more utilities take an interest in this in order to get a better code. Several meetings have been held in regards to this matter. Members to get information on future meetings.

The committee discussed the placement of underground services of both light and telephone companies in new subdivisions.

Gulf Power Corporation invited anyone who wished to visit their office building and generating plant, to do so after the close of the meeting.

## **TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: AUGUST 4, 1983, Bay Harbor Inn, Tampa, FL.**

**This meeting was held jointly with the International Right of Way Association Chapter 26**

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 15, POWER 20, FDOT 11, GAS 3, COUNTIES 6, ONE CALL CENTER 2, Cities 7, Consultants 2, CATV 3. A TOTAL OF 69.

CHAIRMAN – R.P. "Dick" Hall, PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM  
VICE CHAIRMAN – Tom Priest, Sebring Utilities Commission  
SECRETARY – J.L. "Jim" Dunning, Gulf Power Company

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are  
Dennis LaBelle, Rocky DePrimo, Ed Garcia, Walt Childs, Thomas Duggar and Dennis Black.

The program was a presentation by Mr. Roy Leep Director of WTVT Weather Service channel 13 Tampa and Director of the Gulf Coast Weather Service.

Mr. Leep described the various forecasting and weather gathering services which are available. He described "weathercasting services", ranging from rainfall forecasting for a construction project in Venezuela to recording the incidence and location of lightning strikes in Central Florida.

DNR Utility Easement Fee – The proposal to charge utilities for easements to cross State owned submerged lands should be resolved at the September 6, 1983 meeting of the Governor and Cabinet.

MCI Telecommunication reported that a survey will commence in two weeks to locate utilities on the Seaboard Railroad Right of Way between Orlando and Tampa.

It was reported that the Notification Centers U.U.N.C. and U.N.C.L.E. in FL. Lauderdale and Miami will be merged by the end of the year.

#### New Business:

The Federal Highway Administration is implementing a program entitled Facilitate Acceleration through Special Techniques ( FAST ). Minimum information is available at this time, but under FAST the States are encouraged to take steps to advance selected Highway projects. Utilities will be requested to help expedite arrangements needed

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to adjust their facilities.

## Treasurers Report – Vinnie LaVallette.

**Beginning Balance as of 6/30/08** \$ 14,152.70

**Deposits made since 6/30/08** \$ 6,863.74

**Income**

Pre-Registration By CC or Check (@ \$50 each)	112	\$	5,600.00
On-Site Registration (@ \$60 each)	11	\$	660.00
Workshop Only (@ \$30 each)	7	\$	210.00
Pre-Registration (4 mtgs) (@ \$0 each)	13	\$	0.00
Comps (@ \$0 each)	3	\$	0.00
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>146</b>		

**Award Banquet**

Treasure Chest key sales		\$	505.00
			(@ \$30 each)
Spouse and Children	19	\$	570.00
			(@ \$15 each)
	17	\$	255.00
			(@ \$25 each)
	12	\$	300.00

Sponsorship Monies:

		\$	3,000.00		
EMBARQ					(Included in deposit above)
Southeastern Surveying & Mapping		\$	250.00		
				\$	8,350.00

**Expenses**

Acteva Fees (@ \$3.07 each)	112	\$	343.84		
Credit Card Fees (@ \$1.30 each)	112	\$	145.60		
Hotel Fee		\$	9,526.65		
Kid's Treasure Chest (cash)		\$	20.00		
Adult Treasure Chest (cash)		\$	100.00		
Banquest Gift Cards		\$	125.00		
Banquest Gifts (items for Treasure Chests)		\$	54.22		
Florest (Decorations)		\$	583.00		
Awards		\$	1,159.61		
A/V Equipment Rental		\$	858.60		
DJ		\$	500.00		
Break Foods		\$	1,125.00		
Door Prizes		\$	86.68		
Hospitality		\$	1,156.91		
Gratuity		\$	60.00		
Meeting Planner Fee		\$	2,000.00		
				\$	17,845.11

**Ending Balance** **\$ 11,521.33**

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Prepared by: Vinnie LaVallette  
09/15/08

It is very important to the FUCC that everyone register via ACTEVA. Search word is "FUCC." When you reach the site, there will be four selections. If you have prepaid, please use the appropriate selection, there is No Charge, only the registration. With this electronic registration, the Committee can plan for the meals and breaks at each meeting. Vinnie also suggested that anyone having trouble with the web site can simply send her a check for registration.



## Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. Report to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee *August 8, 2008*

Executive Director Mark Sweet presented the following summary of significant accomplishments at SSOCOF:

- For the last fiscal year of June 2007 through May 2008:
- Incoming excavation ticket volume was down 14% over last year with 1.5 million locate tickets received.
- Outbound excavation ticket volume was down 18% with 10.3 million locate tickets transmitted to member operators.
- The call center's average answer speed was 17 seconds with 35% of all incoming excavation notices received over the phone and 65% over the Internet.
- SSOCOF membership stands at 821 primary member operators and 216 associate members.
  
- SSOCOF is planning to raise the standard ticket price by \$0.10 to \$0.60 per transmission effective January 1, 2009. The Board of Directors will review the planned increase at their September 19, 2008 meeting in order to verify that this action is necessary.
  
- On June 30, 2008 Governor Charlie Crist signed Senate Bill 794 amending Chapter 556, Florida Statutes, the *Underground Facility Damage Prevention & Safety Act*. The amendment prohibits owners of underground facilities from charging excavators for marking the location of their utilities after excavators have given notice of their intent to excavate and prohibits excavators from charging owners of underground facilities for marking the location of their excavation when such marking is required.
  
- SSOCOF held its annual Strategic Planning and Board of Directors Meeting July 16-18, 2008 at the SouthSeas Island Resort on Captiva Island. Guest speakers included Steve Fischer, Director of Program Development, PHMSA, who provided an overview of PHMSA's *Nine Elements For An Effective State Damage Prevention Program* and Dan Nivision, Public Utility Engineer, Connecticut Department

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of Utility Control, who provided an overview of the one-call law enforcement process in Connecticut. The Board of Directors also identified as legislative priorities for 2009: one-call law enforcement, fines and penalties, white lining, locating water & sewer laterals, and defining who should be a member of the one-call.

- SSOCOF's *No Bull Rodeo Challenge* is again being conducted this year. SSOCOF will provide the winning contestants with a \$300 cash award and reimbursement of up to \$1,000 in travel expenses to compete in the International Locate Rodeo August 1-2, 2008 in Georgia. A team of eight locators has been selected to represent Florida (two from each of the following four categories: water, electric, telecommunications and gas) at the event.
- SSOCOF encourages all damage prevention stakeholders in Florida to use Florida's Virtual Private DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool) to report information on damaged underground facilities. It's free and those who submit information remain anonymous. SSOCOF will use the information to target and evaluate damage prevention education efforts. SSOCOF recommends that presentation of DIRT data reported for Florida be a regular meeting agenda item for the Underground Interest Group.

Mark Sweet thanked the members of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for the opportunity to present this report and extended an invitation to participate in SSOCOF's Board of Directors & Committee meetings on September 18-19, 2008 at the SSOCOF call center in DeBary, FL.

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT REPORTS

### **District One – Gerald Whitt in lieu of Walter Childs, District Utility Administrator**

There was no District 1 Liaison meeting this year as a Steering Committee could not be formed. Looking forward to 2009. There are still 6 Local Groups still holding meetings: Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier Counties. Highlands County has discontinued their meetings. There is FDOT attendance at the Local Group level and up-dates to the 5 year work program.

### **District Two – Terri Carmichael Asst. DUA**

No report given or received.

**District Three – Bobby Ellis, --** No Report received.

### **District Four – Tim Brock, DUA-**

Thank you to those who responded to the Conflux Matrix Task Team survey. We continue to electronically submit our monthly update to the District Production/Letting list. The last series of e-mails from Tim Brock expressed some of the required Plans Prep Manual items and the differences between District process. 9 FDOT's and 1 Utility Agency. Tim has an open offer to any interested individuals of the PDF of D-4's standard of Design Activities involved with Reconstruction and RRR projects.

### **District Five – Gary Bass, DUA, - (Mario)**

No report received from District V.

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## District Six –

No Report given or received.

## District Seven – Sally Prescott, DUA.

The new District VII Design Engineer is Mr. Ron Chin. The new Permits Administrator is Steve Hodge, formerly the City of Temple Terrace City Engineer. The D-7 fall Utility Liaison Conference will be held on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the Silverthorn Golf Club in Spring Hill. The annual golf tournament held at each fall meeting will now be known as the Steven J. Tidwell Memorial Golf Tournament.

**TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE DISTRICT** – James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer

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### FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PROJECT UPDATE

*Below is an update of some of the major projects under development at the Turnpike Enterprise.*

**FPID 406096-1:** This project will widen the HEFT in Dade County from 4 to 8 lanes from SW 117<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Kendall Drive, a distance of roughly 3 miles, with a reconfiguration of the existing SR 874 Interchange. Sixty percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway. Plans production is scheduled for completion in mid 2009.

**FPID 406104-1 and 415905-1:** This project will add a new interchange at NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street and the HEFT in Miami-Dade County and includes additional toll plaza lanes with Sunpass Express Lanes at the existing Okeechobee Mainline Plaza. This project is under construction.

**FPIDs 406094-1 and 406097-1:** These projects will widen the southbound lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from 3 to 4 and 5 lanes in Broward County between Griffin Road and Atlantic Blvd. Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike will be upgraded. Construction on both projects is underway. There is extensive utility involvement on both projects. Both projects will take three years to construct.

**FPIDs 406094-4 and 406097-4:** These projects will widen the northbound lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from 3 to 4 and 5 lanes in Broward County between Griffin Road and Atlantic Blvd. Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike northbound lanes will be upgraded. Utility Coordination is complete and FPID 406097-4 (Widening from Sunrise to Atlantic) is out for bid. FPID 406094-4 (Widening from Peters to Sunrise) is being redesigned.

**FPID 406095-1 and 406095-4:** These two projects will widen the Turnpike mainline from six to eight lanes from the HEFT to Griffin Road in Broward County, a distance of approximately 6 miles. 90% plans are complete and utility coordination is ongoing. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2010.

**FPID 406147-1 and 406151-1:** These are Design/Build projects to widen the Sawgrass Expressway from 4 to 6 lanes between Atlantic Blvd and the Turnpike. Construction is underway with a completion schedule mid 2008.

**FPID 406150-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 6 to 8 lanes in north Broward County. The

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project starts just south of Atlantic Boulevard and goes to the Palm Beach County line a distance of roughly 7 miles. Final design is underway. Major utility impacts are expected. Construction is scheduled in 2011.

**FPID 420289-1 and 420289-6:** These are Design/Build projects to convert the existing Toll Plazas at Sunrise and Deerfield on the Sawgrass Expressway to express lanes. Construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in mid 2009.

**FPID 406144-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County from 4 to 8 lanes from Boynton Beach Blvd to Lake Worth Road. The project is roughly 7 miles in length. The project also includes the upgrade of the Lake Worth Road Interchange. Ninety percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway.

**FPID 406143-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County from 4 to 8 lanes between Lake Worth Road and Okeechobee Blvd. The project is in the early stages of design.

**FPID 406090-1:** The existing Mainline Toll Plaza on the Beachline, SR 528, in Orange County will be upgraded with express lanes. Construction is underway.

**FPID 406146-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from Beulah Road to SR50 in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. This project has been advertised for a September 2008 letting.

**FPID 406148-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to Gotha Road in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. Construction is underway. A separate project to widen from Gotha Road to Beulah Road is also under construction.

**FPID 422330-1:** This project will widen the Beachline in Orange County from 4 to 6 lanes from the Turnpike Interchange to Boggy Creek Road. Construction is underway.

**FPID 405270-1:** The Turnpike is designing a new road corridor in Citrus County. The road will be an extension of the Suncoast Parkway. The Suncoast Parkway 2 project will extend the Parkway from US98 in Hernando

County north to US19 in Citrus County (Approximately 27 miles). 30% plans are complete on all segments and utility coordination is underway.

James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Administrator/Project Manager  
Lawrence R. Hayduk, Turnpike Utility Manager  
Rodney Little, Turnpike Utility Coordinator  
Vince Krepps, Construction Utility Coordinator  
Nick Vitani, Utility Project Coordinator  
Kelly McKeel, Department Administrator

## **CENTRAL OFFICE (C/O) Tom Bane (Also see UAM Interest Group notes)**

The Central Office is currently reviewing the U.A.M. Plain Language re-write. All comments will be posted on Tom Banes web site.

Mr. Brian Blanchard is the new Chief Engineer.

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## FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION

### FUCC- “Environmental Protection Permitting” – Kevin Shelton – Ash Engineering

Mr. Shelton gave an overview of different Environmental permits that are required for certain actions and what to expect in the process. Very informative and was well received by the membership.

## FUCC UTILITY INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

### FUCC “Summer” 2008 Meeting, August 5 - 8, 2008 Underground Interest Group, August 7, 9:30 am

Attendance: 40-45

The meeting was called to order at 9:36, with Andrew Lund acting as Chair and Greg Jeffries acting as Co-Chair. Greg Jeffries and Marcel Diaz were introduced as the new Chair and Co-Chair (respectively) going forward. After a round of self-introductions, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The meeting was primarily a continuation of the Locator Certification round table discussion that the U.I. Group commissioned at the Key Largo meeting. To clarify, the round table discussion was just that and that only. Although FUCC was kind enough to provide a meeting room and the U.I. Group was the driver, FUCC did not sanction or endorse the meeting. The purpose was to determine if there was enough interest in the topic to warrant establishment of an ad hoc committee. Although the meeting evidenced a high level of interest, FUCC Steering Committee will ultimately make the decision as to whether or not to form an ad hoc committee to continue to explore this topic.

A report on that discussion was presented to the group, with several of the key points garnering further discussion. While all were in agreement that locators should possess certain knowledge and skillsets, there were strong sentiments expressed that Locator certification, or rather damage caused by locator error due to lack of qualification, was not “low hanging fruit” in terms of damage prevention. Other aspects of damage prevention, such as digging without a ticket and excavator qualification, were proposed as having greater impact. This brought out the issue of statistics, or lack thereof. Damage statistics are very limited, as are the root cause conclusions that could be gleaned from those statistics. In addition, near-misses are even less reported and hard to quantify. As such, it’s difficult to determine damage-by-cause percentages in general and impossible to quantify locator-error-as-cause specifically. Nonetheless, there was general consensus that even if locator qualification is a small part of the problem it should at least be further examined. A motion was made to present the group’s findings to the Steering Committee, along with a recommendation that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to further explore the matter.

A number of easily-implemented positive steps were identified. At the top of the list was CGA’s Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) and SSOFC’s FL-specific version, Virtual Private DIRT. These represent a well-established mechanism for damage reporting, where users are insulated from potential liability through anonymity. The resulting statistics are aggregated and distributed without “naming names” for the purpose of cause and trend analysis to allow better targeting of damage prevention messages. This topic became part of the Locator Roundtable discussion, as neither the contract locators nor the excavators were aware of DIRT. When they learned of it, they agreed to participate with the help of SSOFC reps in attendance. Recognizing that increased awareness is needed, the U.I. group agreed to feature DIRT at every meeting henceforward.

In addition, SSOFC has also developed a general-knowledge instructional video: *Caution: Utilities Below*. It provides thorough review of Chapter 556, F.S., The Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, emphasizing the shared nature of u/g damage prevention. In addition, it allows CILB-licensed contractors to earn one workplace safety credit. Although the video is available on CD, contractors must take the course



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online (Course #0009235) to earn this credit.

A “Locating Workshop,” or series thereof, where participants learn the basics of utility locating/equipment, was also discussed. Many group members expressed interest in such a workshop. In order to gauge FUCC members’ interest and determine if such a workshop would have value, it was suggested that an e-mail survey be conducted. Greg Jeffries agreed to develop the survey, which will be delivered via FUCC mailing list(s). If the survey indicates sufficient interest, the U.I. Group will work out the logistics with Dennis and the Steering Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15a.m.

## **F.U.C.C. – TELECOMMUNICATION GROUP MEETING, August 7, 2008 TELECOMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP- BOB LOWEN**

The Telecommunications interest group met 8/7/2008 at the Marco Island Summer FUCC meeting. The Chairperson was Bob Lowen of AT&T and the Secretary was Bryan Lantz of Verizon. There were 21 attendees.

There was lively discussion regarding H.B. 7153 (Energy Bill) and the potential for FDOT to charge use/occupancy fees.

The group was given an overview of the TBE joint use project by Rich Krog. The project was located in the Dallas metroplex area near the current Dallas Cowboy stadium. Mr. Lowen urged the group to continue looking for opportunities to use joint trenching as it will minimize cost and more effectively use the limited right of way space.

Mr. Lowen reminded the group to register for the upcoming utility coordinator training in Ft. Lauderdale.

There was group discussion regarding the recent Pinellas Maintenance offices requirement for a permit when pulling cable in to existing duct systems. There are concerns regarding consistency due to the Pinellas office being the only ones requiring the new permit and also the only maintenance office interpreting the UAM as such. The group was asked to send their suggestions on language that will better clarify section 3.3 of the new UAM to help avoid misinterpretation in the future.

John Pugh noted the increase in copper theft and his concern for public safety when ground wires are removed.

Gerald Whitt requested that any suggestions on the content of the conflict matrix be sent to Tim Brock.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Lantz  
Co-Chair

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## Power Interest Group – Summer Meeting 2008 Marco Island

### T.K. Christie

31 in Attendance

- o 24 – Electric representatives
- o 1 – DOT representatives
- o 2 – Communications representatives
- o 4 – Consultant representatives

Nominations will be taking place at the end of the agenda.

### Storm Hardening

- o All Investor-owned utilities Storm Hardening plans are public record and can be found at the Florida Public Service Commission's website: <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>
- o Progress Energy uses modeling software to determine the most effective use of funds and resources.
- o All utility are replacing wood poles more often and Transmission does not use wood poles anymore.
- o Progress Energy is also replacing limited-access crossings to underground as part of their storm hardening plan.
- o Many utilities are replacing open-wire secondary with cabled-secondary.
- o Transmission structures are migrating from H-structures to a single pole structure.
- o Progress Energy Distribution still uses NESC's Grade B construction will TECO and FPL have adopted Grade C construction which has a greater wind speed associated with it.

### NJUNS

- o National Joint Utility Notification System
- o Encouraged all utilities and municipalities to become members of this service to help facilitate the removal and transferring of joint users.
- o The idea was shared of using "FYI" tickets for advance notice for joint users to prepare them for a large project but just be sure to put a "setpole" step in your NJUNS ticket.
- o Project Notification is available now which allows the user to notify all utilities in the county without knowing what utilities are in that county.
- o NJUNS also works with Work Management Systems

### Pole Replacements & JU Transfers

- o Some power companies transfer joint users when they are changing out a pole. These are done through an attachment agreement between the power & communication companies.
- o There are some union issues that make this difficult.

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- o Utilities that have AT&T attachments cannot transfer AT&T facilities.
- o Utilities also have a hard time getting joint users to remove/transfer their facilities.
- o The idea was brought up about getting the last attaché to pull the pole?

## Break-away Utility Poles

o FDOT presented a study out of Vermont and the FHWA in New Jersey to get the groups feelings on the subject. Bascially the FDOT is interested in seeing if the utilities would be interested in using these poles for applications in clear recovery zones where normally they would need an exception.

o Utilities use them now for lighting but not for distribution. This study referred to the distribution poles as “energy absorbing poles”. Below is the link to the report:

[http://www.me.vt.edu/gabler/publications/Reports/FHWA-NJ-2007-018\\_Final-Report.pdf](http://www.me.vt.edu/gabler/publications/Reports/FHWA-NJ-2007-018_Final-Report.pdf)

o This study refers to Shakespeare that manufactures a fiberglass pole suitable for distribution applications but there are still many variables and questions that need answering such as wind loading and strengths.

o Someone mentioned that the TRB did a previous study on this topic.

A nomination was made an approved for Karen Ellzey with FPL to be the next chair for the Power Interest Group.

## **FUCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES** **STEERING COMMITTEE Gary Monday- Chair**

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 by Chairman Gary Monday. There were 20 in attendance.

Gary reminded everyone that the purpose of the Steering Committee is to make decisions on subjects to be brought to the General Membership for vote.

The Steering Committee welcomed new members Rene Kurth and Rebecca Snyder from CSX and Joe Sanchez for Gas, Water, Sewer.

Dennis LaBelle gave an update on the future meeting sites:

Fall 2008 – Port of Canaveral.

Winter 2009 – Ocala.

Spring 2009 – Keys?

Summer 2009 – Marco Island.

Fall 2009 – Howey-in-the-Hills.

Looking around for hotels as the Prices at the Hiltons for A/V equipment rental is getting very expensive. Group may want to look at purchasing our own. Also, food costs are going out of site and to qualify for rates, food/beverage sales are required even though we average 90 to 100 rooms filled at each meeting.

New Business.

The Underground Interest Group had advertised a meeting to take place at the FUCC conference and all was set up in a manner not consistent with protocol. Through vague communication, they were allowed to meet in a FUCC sponsored meeting room. This meeting was not sponsored or endorsed by the FUCC. The Current and the incoming Chairman of the Steering Committee were to meet with the Chairman of the U/G Interest Group to

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discuss the protocol for forming a group that wants to meet during the FUCC conferences and wanting support of the FUCC. The Chairman and Co-Chairman of any Interest group that desires such activity needs to present their agenda to Steering Committee Prior to making any arrangements. The Steering Committee will consider the request and if the majority of voting members of the Steering Committee deem it worthy of presentation to the General Membership, a motion will be made for a vote at the Business meeting.

Rocky Diprimo made a motion to copy right the FUCC's logo. Ed Garcia seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion will be presented to the membership at the business meeting on Friday.

T. K. Christie asked if the F.U.C.C. could use the Utility Coordination Certification program for submission to the Sharpe2 program for a means of additional funding. It was discussed and decided that the management of the program would need full time attention and very difficult to support manpower. Also, the F.U.C.C. is a non-profit organization and not sure would be allowed to receive funding in this manner. The Committee is supported by membership.

Tim Brock mentioned the first meeting of the Matrix Conflict sub committee on Thursday morning.

Louise Hom is looking for ideas on bolstering the membership. She will contact Vinnie LaVallette for an updated membership list.

Dennis LaBelle brought up that with the rising costs associated with the conferences, we need to consider raising the cost of registration. Or we need for more sponsors and or raise the fee for booths. John Murphy made a motion to raise the registration fee to \$75 per meeting. Louise Hom seconded the motion. Chairman Gary Monday asked the voting members of the Steering Committee for a vote and the motion failed to pass. It was decided to have the Treasurer bring the costs and income for the last 2 years for a discussion to be held at the Fall 2008 Steering Committee meeting.

Gary Monday passed the Chairmanship of the Steering Committee to Don Anthony for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

## FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**JOINT USE – John Pugh- no minutes available at printing**

**UAM SUB COMMITTEE- James Lormann, Chair**

The UAM Meeting was held at 8:00 a.m. August 07,2008 in the Seagull Room of the Marco Island Beach Resort. Attendance: 25.

Tom Bane, FDOT Engineering Manager, advised that Bryan Blanchard was named as Chief Engineer and he was awaiting his review and comments of the new re write UAM and the FUCC proposed changes before he would respond to the FUCC approved changes. Therefore, no specific negotiations on the rejected FUCC proposed changes could be initiated.

Tom Bane indicated that 17 of the FUCC Proposed changes were accepted without challenge; 44 agreed to with minor wording changes, 26 disagreed with and will need to be negotiated. FDOT's responses will be posted on the FDOT Web site after his meeting with Bryan Blanchard.

Tom Bane also announced that FDOT intends to charge for access to the right of way based on HB 7135 and FS 414.46.

Jim Lormann, Chairman of the UAM Committee advised he will call a special meeting of the Core Team upon receipt of FDOT's response to the FUCC Proposed Changes.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

## **James R. Lormann**

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## **Utility Coordination Certification – Dennis LaBelle**

Dennis gave the status of each module and the up coming training sessions. As a person passes a module, the person will receive a certificate that they passed the criteria only. This certification does not automatically make the person a Utility Coordinator and is in no way a Licensing or registering device.

## **E-Business/Web Page – John Murphy.**

John reminded the membership of the content of the site.

## **MEMBERSHIP - Louise Hom –Chair**

The FUCC Brochure has been completed and will be available to be passed out at all State and local events by our membership. Louise is looking for idea's to pursue new members.

## **CONFERENCE PLANNING - Dennis Labelle –Chair**

See steering meeting notes.

## **Awards Banquet**

The Annual awards banquet was held Thursday August 7, 2008 in the main ball room at the Marco Island Hilton. All the annual sponsors were recognized for their support of the F.U.C.C. during the past year.

The John J. Farkas award is an award given to a person who demonstrates commitment to the betterment of utility coordination through actions and leadership. This year's recipient is **John Murphy** of GAI Consultants, Inc.

The Malcolm Yancy award is the most prestigious award given to a member of the F.U.C.C. This award is given out no more than every 2 years. It is given to a person that demonstrates outstanding Liaison activities and commitment to excellence in utility coordination. This year's recipient is **Dennis Black** of Bright House Networks.

## **BUSINESS MEETING – New Business**

Chairman Ron Popp presented the Steering Committee's proposal of having the F.U.C.C. logo and name copy righted. The membership voted to pass and have this done. A motion was then made from the floor to have the Domain name registered also for a cost of approximately \$15. Motion was seconded and the membership voted to approve.

Jodie Janno was elected Chairperson for the Banquet Committee for 2009.

As outgoing Chairman of the F.U.C.C., Ron disbanded all Interest Groups and standing Sub-committees. Gary Monday was introduced as the in-coming Chairman for 2008/2009 and his first order of business was to re-

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instate all the Interest Groups and standing Sub-committees.

Juan Lopez of Hillsborough County Utilities was elected as incoming secretary for 2008/2009, with Gary Monday becoming Chairman and Don Anthony becoming Vice-Chairman for the FUCC next year. All thanked Ron Popp for his leadership of the group during this last year as the gavel was passed to Gary.

Gary Monday presented Ron Popp a plaque for his leadership of the FUCC.

We encourage everyone to register on-line early to get hotel reservations for the Port Canaveral Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:45 am, to reconvene on November 7, 2008

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Respectfully submitted by:

Don Anthony, Bright House Networks.

Secretary, Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee.