



# Foundation Repair Association On The Level

FRA President  
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I hope everyone is having a good summer.....both in the business and personal world. Summer is a great time to take a vacation with your family, which we all need to do, to stop and smell the roses for all the hard work you accomplish throughout the year. Summer is also a great time for our industry. Most of us are busy with the drought conditions that have prevailed over the Texas area. Keep those crews running and make some money.....to take that vacation!

It takes a committed Board of Directors and Officers to work together to make changes to adapt to current times and move FRA to new levels of opportunity. We want the FRA to remain responsive, effective and growing. Such changes were implemented at our last Board meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few things that the Board has agreed on that would facilitate FRA in a number of different areas:

**The Board has moved to change the name of the association to NATIONAL Foundation Repair Association (NFRA).** The Board strongly feels in order to broaden our ability to reach new members this change is a very positive step forward. We'd like to reach out to foundation repair companies and other foundation repair associations (Yes, there are a few others) around the country to join our ranks and solidify what we have been doing for many years.....Leading the country as the foremost resource in the foundation repair industry for information, conventions and membership.

**Changing the By-Laws to:** 1) Incorporate the name change listed above. 2) Change the membership join date criteria from a December renewal date for all members to a "Date Joined" criteria as the anniversary date for renewal. 3) Create a "Probation Period" membership. This would allow potential applicants that may be missing some piece of qualifying credentials to join the Association on a monitored basis until they satisfactorily complete the necessary qualifications. This will allow them to learn from the best, growing as professionals in our industry while being able to attend FRA conferences and events.

FRA will be sending out the new By-Laws for comment within the next few days. We are asking for members to

July 29, 2014

## FRA Board Meeting News! Dan Jagers Returns to the Board



Dan was asked by the FRA Board to fill the shoes and remaining balance of Randy Mobley and current Board Past President's term of office. There could be none better than a Past President himself than Dan Jagers (CFRS). Jagers was FRA President 2002-2006 and has served in many FRA Board and committee capacities throughout the years and can be depended on for historical and dependable counsel and advice. Dan now is based in Oklahoma City with Olshan and operating a couple of divisions in that region. We look forward to his participation again with FRA.

## Randy Mobley Retires From the Foundation Repair Industry!



Randy has served FRA diligently for many years as a Board member and 2007-2011 as FRA President and as of late, Past President. Randy has administered change, legislation and new bylaws throughout his terms in office and is an icon legacy in FRA lore as a working and dedicated member of FRA. Give a big THANK YOU to Randy next time you see him!

**MARK YOUR  
FRA CALENDAR!**

San Antonio!  
April 16-17, 2015

**25th**  
FRA Annual

## Celebration Conference

**New educational format, new topics, new presenters and FUN!**  
San Antonio's historic Menger Hotel is attached to the River Center Mall, next door to the Alamo, only a few yards from the Riverwalk!



**Continued President's Message:**

review them and send any comments you may have back to :

FRA Executive Director Joe McCullough ([jmccullough@assnmgmt.com](mailto:jmccullough@assnmgmt.com)) by August 20, 2014. Remember, we are working hard in your best interest by trying to be progressive with the times we are in.

**In closing.....Don't forget to put the annual seminar on your calendar!**

**April 16 & 17, 2015  
San Antonio!**

We are way ahead of schedule on planning with new topics, speakers and a great hotel venue. We're going back to the historic Menger Hotel on the Alamo Plaza....It's and FRA conference you won't want to miss!

Have a great rest of your summer.....And don't forget to take that vacation!

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For a copy of the new proposed FRA bylaws



**ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FRA MEMBER BENEFITS?**

**These Benefits Can Put Money in Your Hip National Bank!**

Members and renewing members will receive a 2014 FRA membership wallet card, a window decal for vehicle or business location, wall certificate for office and more!

**"ADDITIONAL MAIN BENEFITS"**

1. "Home Foundation Repair Leads"..... sent DIRECT to your business
2. "Google Website Placement" .....via Adliance and FRA partnership
3. " Find a Foundation Repair Contractor" ..online FRA roster for consumers
4. " Find a Foundation Repair Vendor" .....online FRA roster for consumers
5. " Find a CERTIFIED (CFRS) Professionals"....online FRA specific to CFRS
6. \$25,000 "Admirals Bank Foundation Repair Loan" for consumers via FRA
7. FRA Membership Roster Book *Business Listing* (1 yr listing + ad opportunity)
8. **Free:** \$2500 Death & Disability Policy for owner's and staff
9. **Free:** Hotel Discount Card .....20% - 40% off posted hotel rates)
10. **Free:** Hearing Care Discounts
11. **Free:** Up to 60% off prescriptions
12. **Free:** Vision Care Discounts
13. **Free:** Chiropractic Care Discounts
14. Professional Education Classes
15. Business Networking Events: Conferences, Golf, Socials, Quarterly Meetings
16. Annual Conference and Chapter Meeting Discounts
17. Legislative Updates, Business Support Activities, Informative Newsletters

**FRA WEBSITE HAS BENEFITS FOR YOU**

**AT OVER 800-1100 SITE VISITS A DAY!**

If you're a Consumer or a Contractor looking for an honest contractor guess... where they are looking? FRA's new " Find a Contractor" both Contractors and Vendors are listed.

See advertising details below on FRA BANNER ADS and 3x5 static ads.

**WEBSITE ROTATING BANNERS**

— Only a Few Positions Still Available!

Your company logo banner listing city can now be on the FRA HOME PAGE and actively linked to your company website 24/7-365 days a year! Choose now before all positions are taken.

Ad cost: \$1,500 a year or only \$4 a day.

Size: 1.667 wide x 0.833 inches tall.

Color: Process full color. PDF – 300DPI

**WEBSITE "3x5 AD" POSITIONS**

— Only 1 Positions Still Available! ( See: Your Ad Here! ON WEBSITE)

These full size ads are *more than a banner position* measuring 3x 5 inches tall. The 3 x 5 inch ad products have a quarterly ad changes, 24/7-365 days a year, and is linked direct to your own company website.

Ad cost is \$5,000 a year or \$13.50 a day for page dominance.

**PLUS:** These ads come with full color e-blasts with your company message to all FRA members, non-members.



## House Raising on the Gulf Coast

Submitted by Jim Anderson—Headwaters Construction

Due to the devastating damage inflicted by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, FEMA has paid out billions of dollars in claims throughout Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Most of the claims are by homeowners whose houses have flooded numerous times. FEMA is offering these homeowners a grant to help in the cost of lifting these houses above the existing flood plain in their area. By doing this the people keep their homes', FEMA saves money in future claims and the houses remain taxable for city and county

revenue.

In February we were contacted by Expert House Movers (EHM), St. Louis, Missouri to furnish concrete foundation products and design other products necessary to shore up the houses once lifted. EHM and the Matyiko Family is a fourth generation structural moving/lifting company. They have moved some of the largest monuments and commercial builds in the U.S. such as the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Sankaty Lighthouse, St. Mary's Convent in Washington, D.C. and the GEM Theater in Detroit, just to name a few. There are over 20 members of the Matyiko Family active in the business assuring many more year of this great legacy.

After working closely with Bobby Fischer (EHM Project Manager) in April and May, we began shipping material to four houses in Galveston County in early June. These houses were slab construction and brick veneer exterior. They had to be raised 7' - 8' to comply with the flood standards as set by FEMA. The process began with the foundation repair contractor pressing 6" x 12" concrete pile cylinders into the ground (about 20' deep). From there, EHM could lift the house 8" per hour while constructing block columns under the slab supporting the entire house. This process takes about 21 days from start to finish. The actual lifting of the house takes only two days. The houses (still furnished) had no visible cracks in the masonry or the interior sheet-rock walls. After the lifting is complete the house is finished out by enclosing the exposed under-slab with Split Face Block or Brick.

Headwaters supplied EHM with all of the foundation products, the structural block for the columns, 1wt gray block, bag products (mortar mix, concrete mix and portland cement), brick, split face block and tools and equipment. FEMA has extended the grant to 130 homeowners in Galveston County. FEMA has been very impressed with the caliber of work provided by Expert House Movers and we are working to supply the material on all of the remaining houses.

This would not be a successful partnership with EHM without the strong backing and support from our Headwaters production team and management. Some of the products would change from week to week as EHM strived to find the right combination of products to meet their needs and also receive approval from FEMA. A great effort by all.