

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Building
Duluth, GA
April 20, 2011**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Woodrow Blue.

President Blue read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Woodrow Blue

1st VP, Chief Stan York

2nd VP, Chief Frank Waits

3rd VP, Chief David Lyons

4th VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

Immediate Past President, Chief Stacey Cotton

Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

** *Indicates Board member not in attendance.*

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and Bylaws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board members were in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Col. Ronnie Alton, Chairman, Military Affairs Committee; Chief David Bores, Woodstock PD; Chief H.C. "Skip" Clark, II, Peachtree City PD; Major John Clifton, Johns Creek PD; Chief Victor Cuyler, Sandersville PD; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Chief Eric Finch, Montezuma PD; Chief Clyburn Halley, Grantville PD; Chief Lewis Harper, Chattahoochee Hills PD; Chief Deborah Harrell, City of Milton PD; Chief Investigator William Chris Harvey, GA Secretary of State Office; Chief Ellis Jackson, Thomasville PD; Chief Marshal Debbie Jones, Gainesville Marshal's Office; Chief Michael Jones, Suwanee PD; Director Dale Mann, GA Public Safety Training Center; Major Susan Miller, Fulton County PD; Chief Tony Tanner, Waycross PD; Asst. VP/Chief Connie Sampson, GA State University PD; Commissioner Steve Sprouse; GA Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner's Office; Executive Director Ken Vance, GA P.O.S.T. Council; Chief Bill O'Brien, DeKalb County PD; Chief (Ret.) Jimmy Terrell, Winder PD; Chief (Ret.) Jimmy Walton, Central State Hospital PD; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Chief Mike Wilkie, Acworth PD; Chief Joseph Wirthman, Jefferson PD

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the board meeting on March 8, 2011, and requested approval with one modification, to identify Chief Frank Waits as not in attendance. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief David Lyons, to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2011, meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated February 28, 2011. **Motion made by Chief Stan York, seconded by Chief Frank Waits, to accept the financial reports dated February 28, 2011, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he had moved money from different GACP accounts to open a new \$200,000 Certificate of Deposit.

Executive Director's Report

- **Life Member**
Executive Director Rotondo noted the presence of retired Police Chief Jimmy Walton of the Central State Hospital PD and asked Chief Walton if he had submitted a request for consideration as a Life Member. Chief Walton responded that he had not. After confirming the number of years Chief Walton had been in law enforcement as well as the number of years as a police chief, Executive Director Rotondo indicated to the Executive Board that retired Chief Walton would be eligible for Life Member status. ***Motion by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief Stan York, to approve Life Member status for retired Chief Jimmy Walton. Motion was approved unanimously.***
- **Legislative Overview**
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about numerous bills that have passed both the House and Senate and have been sent to Governor Deal for his signature. Included, but not limited to, are HB 87, HB107, HB 261, HB 265, HB 299/SB 80, HB 414, SB 36, and SB 95. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that HB 87, which relates to immigration issues, is a complex bill and will require extensive breakdown before he is able to provide any written documentation on that bill.
- **GACP 2012 Budget**
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that the 2012 budget documents have been completed and will be emailed to all Executive Board members in a few days. He requested that board members call him if they have any concerns.
- **Golf and Summer Training Conference (STC)**
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that the STC information will be emailed to all members in a few days so they can register for the conference. In addition, Executive Director Rotondo noted that several emails were sent out to members encouraging them to step forward and chair the golf tournament this year. Four people responded but after extensive conversation regarding responsibilities, they declined. If a golf chairman is not selected soon, it is doubtful that a golf tournament will be conducted at the 2011 STC.
- **Outstanding Sponsor Resolutions**
Executive Director Rotondo presented six resolutions to President Woodrow Blue for his signature. These resolutions had been previously approved by the Executive Board and are being awarded to GACP outstanding sponsors.
- **GACP 50th Anniversary Historical Book**
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the GACP historical book. He praised Chief Billy Grogan for his dedication in assembling the book and encouraged all GACP members to purchase the 50th anniversary book as soon as possible. Furthermore, Executive Director Rotondo and Incoming President Stan York selected a 50th anniversary knife to be offered for sale to any member wishing to purchase the commemorative knife. Price of the knife is yet to be determined.

President's Report

- None

Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief Stan York – None
- 2nd VP, Chief Frank Waits – None
- 3rd VP, Chief David Lyons – None
- 4th VP, Chief M. Keith Glass – None
- Immediate Past President, Chief Stacey Cotton – None
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeire – None

Old Business

- Support of the 2011 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform
Chief Louis Dekmar, referring to HB 265, requested the board consider authorizing GACP's General Counsel Mike Caldwell to draft correspondence to State Representative Jay Neal informing him that GACP is interested in providing support in the furtherance of the 2011 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform information, which may be utilized to foster professional growth within the criminal justice system.

Motion by *Chief David Lyons*, seconded by *Chief Keith Glass*, that General Counsel Mike Caldwell be requested to draft a letter to State Representative Jay Neal in regards to GACP providing support of the 2011 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform. Motion passed unanimously.

- Georgia P.O.S.T. Council Update
President Blue asked Director Ken Vance of Georgia P.O.S.T. Council to discuss some of the innovative programs that Georgia P.O.S.T. Council is now conducting.

New Business

- Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom
Retired member and chair of the Military Affairs Committee, Col. Ronnie Alton, spoke briefly about GACP's award commonly referred to as Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom. After a lengthy discussion regarding growth of the award, it was the Executive Board's decision that the award be limited to law enforcement and military personnel involved in conflicts within the Middle East.

Adjournment

- **Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**