

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
GACP, Duluth, GA
April 19, 2012**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Stan York.

President Stan York read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Stan York

1st VP, Chief Frank Waits

2nd VP, Chief David Lyons

3rd VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

**4th VP, Chief Mike Wilkie

Immediate Past President, Chief Woodrow Blue

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:

Chief Victor K. Cuyler, Sandersville P.D.; Chief Jason Parker, Dalton P.D.; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody P.D.; Chief George N. Turner, Atlanta P.D.; Chief David R. Bores, Retired; Chief Calvin W. Moss, Woodstock P.D.; Captain Jeff Smith, Lawrenceville P.D.; Ricky H. Rich, Special Op Director, GOHS; Gregg M. Honore, SAC, Norfolk Southern Railway Police; Chief David Colwell, Lake City P.D.; Chief Warren Summers, Norcross P.D.; Director Robert Kelley, Stone Mountain Park DPS; Chief Alfornia Downing, Central State P.D.; Chief Wesley Walker, Lyons P.D.; Chief H.C. "Skip" Clark, II, Peachtree City P.D.; Chief Joseph W. Wirthman, Jefferson P.D.; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia P.D.; Chief Connie B. Sampson, GA State University P.D.; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw P.D.; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta P.D.; Chief Jimmy Terrell, Retired; Chief Tony Tanner, Waycross P.D.; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange P.D.; Kenny Smith, City Manager, City of Griffin

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the GACP board meeting on February 28, 2012, for Board considered action. **Motion made by Chief George Stagmeier, seconded by Chief Woodrow W. Blue, Jr., to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of conference-called meeting of the GACP board meeting on March 8, 2012, with respect to legislation. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief David Lyons, to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated February 28, 2012. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief George Stagmeier, to accept the Financial Reports dated February 28, 2012, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

It should be noted that the Finance Committee Chairman, Chief Connie Sampson, indicated for all members present at meeting that GACP's finances appear to be in good order as per her review and as per her review of the GACP's Accountant's synopsis.

Executive Director's Report

- Legislative Overview – Executive Director Rotondo gave an overview of legislation that passed, as well as several pieces of legislation that did not pass, during this year's 2012 legislative session. The areas of his review covered general public safety type legislation. The document that was given to all of the members in attendance at the board meeting as a handout was from a document drafted by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). In conjunction with that document, GACP's Legislative Alert was used to support the Executive Director's overview. Bills reviewed included SB 431, Internet Cafes; SB 350, Disposal of Confiscated Firearms; HB 827, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer; and HB 872, Metal Thefts. In addition to the above noted passed bills, several bills that failed to pass this year's legislative session were the topic of discussion. Those bills included, but were not limited to, SB 98, SB 411, and HB 811.
- Life Membership – Two names were submitted for consideration to the executive board – Retired Police Chief James (Jimmy) Smith of the Tifton Police Department, and the recently deceased Robert "Buddy" Hendry of the Columbia County BOE Campus Police (posthumously). **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief David Lyons, to approve both. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Executive Director Rotondo gave a very brief overview of the funding levels expected to be distributed throughout Georgia from the federal grant money commonly known as Byrne-JAG Funding. The Executive Director noted that the funds for the aforementioned program will be substantially reduced and urged that all members anticipating receiving Byrne-JAG funds modify their budgets accordingly
- Parliamentarian's Decision – Executive Director Rotondo had asked GACP's General Counsel, who also serves as GACP's Parliamentarian, for an evaluation of the GACP Constitution with respect to: filling the soon to be open position of 4th Vice President which will be based upon the recent announcement that GACP's Current 4th VP, Chief Mike Wilkie was leaving his sworn police chief position to accept a position in another state. All of the substantial facts of the Parliamentarian's evaluation of the GACP Constitution were presented to the executive board for their consideration. Additionally, all of the Board members were presented with the written evaluation of the Parliamentarian appraisal in their Board Packet. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief David Lyons, to accept the parliamentarian's evaluation. Motion passed unanimously.**

The substance of the parliamentarian's evaluation is as follows:

Via the constitution, Chief Wilkie will be entitled to remain GACP's 4th Vice President for up to 90 days after his resignation from the Acworth Police Department, unless Chief Wilkie elects to resign from the GACP executive board. Anticipating that Chief Wilkie will remain on the board until at least the beginning of the Summer Conference, a valid GACP election may be conducted to fill the vacancy the position of 4th Vice President, as per the norm, and if Chief Wilkie resigns his position as 4th Vice President before the election date, a 3rd Vice President may be elected during that same election procedure.

- Executive Director Rotondo noted for all members in attendance that he worked with Chief Waits to establish a list of committee chairs and appointed district representatives. The Director noted that there will be changes in the appointed positions and that the executive director will send out notices to the new appointees.

President's Report

- President York spoke briefly about GACP and PowerDMS' accord. He asked the members in attendance if any of their departments were using PowerDMS. Many members responded that they were using that company and they were very pleased with PowerDMS' services.
- President York spoke briefly about the SARS program and advised the members in attendance that an email would be coming from the GACP office to the membership asking them to have all members of their departments review the SARS video.
- President York encouraged the members in attendance to attend the Peace Officers' Memorial Awards, which will be held at GPSTC on May 1st, at 11:00 AM.

Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief Frank Waits – None
- 2nd VP, Chief David Lyons – None
- 3rd VP, Chief Keith Glass – Chief Glass spoke briefly about HB 811, stating that the GACP white paper helped educate our state senators and representatives as to the real intent of the constitutional amendment dealing with the 10% add-on fees.
- 4th VP, Chief Mike Wilkie – Not In Attendance
- Immediate Past President, Chief Woodrow Blue – None
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier – Chief Stagmeier will be communicating with all of the new district representatives, both elected and appointed, encouraging them to get actively involved in training of the GACP members. Additionally, he will be encouraging them to attend the GACP Summer Training Conference.

Old Business

None

New Business

- President York deferred to Executive Director Rotondo to make a statement regarding GACP's 50th Anniversary History Book and GACP's 50th Commemorative Knife. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that a memo would be going out shortly encouraging members to purchase both items.

Adjournment

- **Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits*, seconded by *Chief Woodrow W. Blue, Jr.*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**