

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, GA
Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief J. Frank Waits.

President J. Frank Waits read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Frank Waits

1st VP, Chief David Lyons

2nd VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

**3rd VP, Chief George N. Turner

**4th VP, Chief Steven Heaton

Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Immediate Past President, Stan York (*see notes below*)

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

** Indicates Board member not in attendance.

Others in Attendance:

Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody Police Department; Chief Chris Leighty, Morrow Police Department; Director of Public Safety, Chief Connie Sampson, Georgia State University Police Department; Director of Public Safety, Chief Stacey Cotton, Covington Police Department

Board Actions on Bylaws Change

- **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to amend Article VI of the GACP Bylaws to read as follows:**

The President of the Association may fill the Executive Board vacancy by nominating to fill the vacant office of Immediate Past Present with either an Active Member or a Life Member of the Association, provided that the individual so selected has previously served as a President of the Association. The nomination shall be subject to a vote by the Executive Board Members to confirm the nomination. The Executive Board vote may be taken either by voice vote cast in an open meeting, or by a written ballot signed by the voting Executive Board Member.

Executive Director Rotondo presented two written affidavits from board members Chief Turner and Chief Heaton agreeing to the proposed GACP Bylaws change.

Motion passed unanimously.

- GACP President, Chief Frank Waits, offered the name of Stan York to fill the vacancy of GACP's Immediate Past President. **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to accept the recommendation of the president to have Life Member Stan**

York resume his official position as Immediate Past President. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- **Motion made by *Chief George Stagmeier*, seconded by *Chief Keith Glass*, to accept the minutes of October 11, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports. **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief George Stagmeier*, to accept the financial reports dated September 30, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2013 Winter Training Conference Update
Executive Director Rotondo provided an update on the 2013 Winter Training Conference. He spoke briefly regarding the necessity to change the venue from Augusta Richmond County to Athens. President Waits thanked Executive Director Rotondo and the GACP staff and informed all board members that the Executive Director kept him completely informed as to the reason for the move.
- 2014 Winter Training Conference Update
Discussion occurred regarding the 2014 GACP Winter Training Conference venue sites in Atlanta vs. Athens. It appears that the board prefers to have the WTC in Atlanta, GA. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he will be exploring venue training sites in the Atlanta area and bring his evaluations to the board.

Executive Director's Report

- POST Equivalency Exams
Executive Director Rotondo presented the board with an update on POST Equivalency Exams, as well as an update on a POST Rule effective February 13, 2013. He indicated that Chief Waits, Chief Lyons and he met with POST Director Ken Vance and two of his division directors to discuss the POST Equivalency Exams. Executive Director Rotondo noted that to date, 39 exams were administered with only two people passing the exam with an 80% grade. A healthy board discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of the equivalency exam as it is currently written and administered. Executive Director Rotondo expects to have the POST director attend the next GACP board meeting to discuss the equivalency exams in more depth.

Executive Director Rotondo noted that a POST Rule will take effect on February 1, 2013 which will suspend POST Certification of any Peace Officer who fails to obtain his or her required POST training.

- PS-TEN
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about erroneous information being given to law enforcement officers and civilians in law enforcement units regarding redacting of information from Motor Vehicle Accident Reports. He deferred to General Counsel Michael Caldwell his comments on this issue. Mr. Caldwell was very clear in making statements indicating that company PS-TEN is giving incorrect information during its' training programs.

- Assessment Centers
Executive Director Rotondo informed the board that he will be conducting Assessment Centers for police chief openings in Smyrna and Toccoa in the near future. Additionally, he noted that an Assessment Center was completed for the City of Perry with findings delivered to the city officials.

- Legislative Update
Executive Director Rotondo brought to the board two legislation issues and concerns. He indicated these two issues are being considered and reviewed for possible legislative action at the upcoming Legislative Session in 2013.
 - Review 1: OGCA 37-3-42 (Obtaining a person into custody who appears mentally ill.)
 - Review 2: Decriminalizing traffic misdemeanors.

GACP has two representatives who will be attending a series of meetings with respect to decriminalizing traffic misdemeanors: Chief Brian Kelly of Gainesville Police Department and Chief Joe Wirthman of Jefferson Police Department.

- State Certification
Executive Director Rotondo reported that State Certification Director Mike Edwards has been ill and has not been in the office for over a month. Based upon that, he noted that the State Certification Policy dealing with Refresher Training every three years for Certification Managers and Assessors will not start until sometime after July 1, 2013.

President's Report

- Life Membership
President Frank Waits presented a request to the board for consideration of Life Membership for retired Chief Donald Cheek. President Waits indicated that, according to Executive Director Rotondo, Chief Cheek meets all qualifications necessary under the GACP Constitution. **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to approve Life Membership for Chief Donald Cheek. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Training Funds
President Waits advised all members that he and Executive Director Rotondo met with Representative Jay Powell on November 7, 2012 to discuss the need for additional training funds. President Waits stated that Representative Powell was extremely cordial and understanding and would review GACP's request.

➤ Discretionary Fund

President Waits requested that GACP modify their 2013 budget to provide the New Jersey Police Chief Foundation with a financial donation for the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Fund. President Waits suggested a \$500.00 donation. Board member, Stan York then offered for consideration that GACP modify their 2013 budget to allow for a Discretionary Fund.

Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass* to budget \$2,500 in the Discretionary Fund which would be earmarked for charitable causes. Motion failed to pass because it lacked a second.

Motion made by *Chief David Lyons* to put \$1,500 in the Discretionary Fund. Motion failed to pass because it lacked a second.

Motion made by *Chief David Lyons* to budget \$2,000 in the Discretionary Fund, seconded by *Chief Keith Glass*. Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, the board requested that GACP Executive Director Rotondo immediately donate \$500 from that Discretionary Fund to the New Jersey Police Chief Foundation for their Hurricane Sandy Injured Officer Assistance Fund.

Executive Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief David Lyons – None
- 2nd VP, Chief M. Keith Glass – None
- 3rd VP, Chief George N. Turner – Not in Attendance
- 4th VP, Chief Steven Heaton – Not in Attendance
- Immediate Past President, Stan York – None
- Chairman of Distr. Reps., Chief George Stagmeier - None

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

- **Motion made by *Chief David Lyons*, seconded by *Chief George Stagmeier*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**