

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
GACP Summer Training Conference
Savannah International Trade and Conference Center
July 20, 2013**

Call to Order

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

President J. Frank Waits requested Executive Director Frank V. Rotondo 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
Immediate Past President, Chief Stan York
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 Charlie Walters, Gwinnett County P.D.; Chief John King, Doraville P.D.; Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton P.D.; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody P.D.; Deputy Director Frank Green, Bainbridge D.P.S.; Director Eric Miller, Bainbridge D.P.S.; Chief Armand L. Chapeau, Retired, Life Member; Chief Dennis L. Dorsey, Winder P.D.; Chief Joseph W. Wirthman, Jefferson P.D.; Chief Brandon Sellers, Alma P.D.; Executive Director Ken Vance, GA P.O.S.T.; Director Mitch Jones, GA P.O.S.T.; Director Daniel O. Branch, Buford D.P.S.; Chief Dennis S. Nelson, Metter P.D.; Director Vernon Keenan, GBI; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange P.D.; Chief Stacey L. Cotton, Covington P.D.; Chief Frank Simons, Retired, Life Member; Chief Woodrow W. Blue, Jr., East Point P.D.; Chief Christopher A. Leighty, Morrow P.D.; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw P.D.; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth P.D.; Dr. Mike Wilkie, Retired, Life Member; Alice Johnson, Atlanta P.D.; Chief Elaine Snow, Rome P.D.; Chief Gary Owens, Grovetown D.P.S.; Chief Lance Poss, Columbia County BOE Campus Police; Chief Connie B. Sampson, GA State University P.D.; Steve Keefer, Retired Chief & Law Enforcement Liaison, Sparks, NV, P.D., SIAC; Deputy Chief Glen Mowrey, Retired; Didi Nelson, US Attorney's Office

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the last Board meeting.
Motion made by Chief Steven Heaton, seconded by Chief George N. Turner, to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2013, Board meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated May 30, 2013. **Motion made by Chief Stan York, seconded by Chief Steven Heaton to accept the financial reports dated May 30, 2013, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- **New State Certification Director**
Executive Director Rotondo introduced the new Georgia State Certification Director, Mark Bender, to all in attendance.
- **Life Membership**
Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for Chief Dana Davis of the Ball Ground Police Department and the Alpharetta Police Department. **Motion made by Chief David Lyons, seconded by Chief George Turner, to award Life Membership to Chief Dana Davis. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo also requested Life Membership for Thomas Michael "Mike" Burns of the Macon Police Department under the "Special Consideration Area" only because the recently-retired Chief Burns failed to meet the 10 year mandate as required under the traditional Life Membership Acceptance policy of GACP. **Motion made by Chief David Lyons, seconded by Chief Stan York, to award Life Membership to Chief Thomas Michael "Mike" Burns. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Additional Life Membership information at end of document*

- **Health Issues of Past Presidents**
Executive Director Rotondo spoke about health issues of two of GACP's past presidents – Chief Bobby Reed and Chief George Potter.
- **POST Executive Certifications**
Executive Director Rotondo invited Georgia POST Executive Director Ken Vance, on behalf of GACP, to speak to all in attendance about POST Executive Certifications. After a lengthy discussion, the board determined that further research would have to be done in order to propose additional rule changes for the association regarding executive certifications.

Executive Director Vance also stated that he was approached by several chiefs, requesting that the GACP Executive Board consider reducing the amount of training hours necessary to stay within the standards of O.C.G.A. 35-8-20. A discussion ensued, with a consensus of all members of the board agreeing that O.C.G.A. 35-8-20 is a sound code section and that chiefs should fulfill their obligations under that code despite the size of their agencies.

- **HB 1**
Executive Director Rotondo deferred to GACP General Counsel Michael Caldwell to speak briefly about HB 1 and the formation of a committee by House Speaker Ralston, which includes only elected officials. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo told all members in

attendance that he and former PAC employee Tom Hayes met with Chairman Wendell Willard on behalf of GACP to discuss their concerns regarding HB 1.

➤ **GACP Programs**

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about GACP programs:

- Conducts two New Chiefs Schools per year
- Approves thousands of annual training hours
- Conducts Winter and Summer Training Conferences
- Conducts approximately 10-12 Assessment Centers annually, with the purpose of assisting chiefs in selecting professional supervisors and managers for their departments
- Administers GOHS grant program with respect to the distribution of mobile data units
- Administers the Homeland Security grant
- Involved with programs such as Appriss
- Evaluates legislation and fosters professional legislation earmarked at assisting law enforcement agencies, such as legislation dealing with alarms, domestic violence, etc.

➤ **Summer Conference**

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he expects to have several guests attend the GACP Summer Training Conference, which will include (but is not limited to) State Senator Buddy Carter, State Representative Jan Tankersley, U.S. Representative Jack Kingston, and former State Representative Burke Day. Additionally, Governor Deal is scheduled to attend the GACP Conference on Tuesday, July 22nd, at approximately 2:00 PM

President's Report

- President Waits spoke briefly about a proposed amendment to the GACP By-Laws, Article 1, Section 4 that deals with membership applications. **Motion made by *Chief David Lyons*, seconded by *Chief Steven Heaton*, to approve the amendment to the GACP By-Laws regarding membership applications. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief David Lyons – None
- 2nd VP, Chief Keith Glass – None
- 3rd VP, Chief George Turner – None
- 4th VP, Chief Steven Heaton – None
- Immediate Past President, Chief Stan York – None
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier – None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

- **Motion made by Chief David Lyons, seconded by Chief Stan York, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**

**At the Curtis McClung/Motorola Award Dinner on Monday, July 22nd, the board was canvased and agreed unanimously to award Life Membership to Sheriff Al St. Lawrence in recognition of his over 22 years of service as a police chief and his 20 years of service as the sheriff of Chatham County.*