

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Forsyth, GA  
December 10, 2013**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief David Lyons.

President Lyons informed all members in attendance that he has selected Chief Steve Land of the Hazlehurst Police Department to be 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the GACP until the 2014 Summer Training Conference at which time an election will determine the next 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Presidents for GACP.

President David Lyons requested Executive Director Frank V. Rotondo read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief David Lyons

\*\*1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief George N. Turner

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Steve Land

Immediate Past President, Chief Frank Waits

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:** Lieutenant Janet Brady, Atlanta P.D.; Alice Johnson, Atlanta P.D.; Chief Chris Leighty, Morrow P.D.; Chief Investigator Ryan McNeal, GA Board of Dentistry; Deputy Chief Geoffrey Parker, Hazlehurst P.D.; Chief Warren Summers, Norcross P.D.; Chief Todd Vande Zande, Hiram P.D.; Chief Stan Bradley, Emerson P.D.; Chief Joseph W. Wirthman, Jefferson P.D.; Chief Connie Sampson, GA State University P.D.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the last board meeting. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief Billy Grogan, to accept the minutes of the October 29, 2013, Board meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated October 31, 2013. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief George N. Turner, to accept the financial reports dated October 31, 2013, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Executive Director's Report**

- **Follow-Up Regarding Administrative Staff Seminar**  
Executive Director Rotondo briefly spoke about impending changes in the Administrative Staff Seminar per last month's Executive Board discussion.
- **Holiday Leave for Employees**  
Executive Director Rotondo informed all Executive Board members that, after conversing with President Lyons, GACP will be closing the office for the week of Christmas. Employees will be taking their accrued leave time as needed.
- **Omni Hotel 2015**  
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that the Omni Hotel (Atlanta) cannot provide space for the GACP-approved dates for the 2015 Winter Training Conference. Executive Director Rotondo further stated that he has communicated with Chief Turner, with the hope that Chief Turner will be able to locate a suitable site in Atlanta for the 2015 Winter Training Conference.
- **Meeting with Governor's Policy Advisor for Criminal Justice**  
Executive Director Rotondo noted for all in attendance that he attended a meeting at the Capitol with two of the Governor's policy advisors. The focuses of the meeting were the below issues:
  - ✓ **DFACS Hotline**  
An attempt will be made by the Governor's office to modify a recently developed policy regarding law enforcement agencies and DFACS' responses to the agencies' complaints to DFACS. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he would speak with one of the Governor's legal advisors, Thomas Worthy, to see if Thomas could express GACP's concerns to the Governor.
  - ✓ **HB 1**
  - ✓ **E-Ticketing**
  - ✓ **Training Money**
  - ✓ **Mental Health Issues**
  - ✓ **At-Risk Adults**
  - ✓ **Closing of YDCs**
- **Domestic Violence – Strangling Legislation**  
Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Lt. Janet Brady of Atlanta P.D. to discuss pending legislation dealing with Domestic Violence – Strangling. Lt. Brady indicated that there will be an attempt to get a bill passed in 2014 making Domestic Violence related strangling a felony. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he would monitor and apprise the Executive Board of its status.
- **IACP Candidate Chief Louis Dekmar**  
Executive Director Rotondo deferred to President Lyons, who made a statement regarding Chief Lou Dekmar. President Lyons stated that historically GACP does not endorse any candidate in IACP elections; however, Chief Dekmar is an accomplished Georgia law enforcement professional and would embrace the endorsement of his association, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, as he campaigns to be IACP's next 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief Billy Grogan, to endorse Chief Louis**

**Dekmar to be GACP's candidate of choice for the IACP 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President's with the election to be conducted in Orlando, FL on September 27, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.** Executive Director Rotondo will place the endorsement by the board as an agenda item to be discussed at the 2014 Winter Training Conference business meeting. The President will be asking the full membership to ratify the Board's passed motion.

- Candidates for 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President  
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Chief Dennis Dorsey will no longer be seeking a position on the GACP Board in 2014. Currently, there will be vacancies for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President positions to be voted on at the 2014 Summer Training Conference. There are four people that have announced their candidacies:
  - ✓ Chief Thomas Culpepper, Cartersville P.D.
  - ✓ Chief Chris Leighty, Morrow P.D.
  - ✓ Chief Kenneth Morgan, Fort Valley State Division of Public Safety
  - ✓ Chief Joseph Wirthman, Jefferson P.D.

### **President's Report**

President Lyons spoke briefly about having a limited board meeting involving several members of the GACP Executive Board and several members of the GSA Executive Board, but excluding both executive directors and general counsels. After a discussion with the board, President Lyons said he understood the board's concerns and probably would not pursue a joint meeting as originally proposed.

### **Board Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Keith Glass – Not in Attendance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief George Turner – Chief Turner spoke about helping locate a hotel site for the 2015 Winter Training Conference.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan – Chief Grogan would like to see blocks of instruction, perhaps at the 2014 Summer Training Conference, dealing with chiefs and the political issues that might cause turbulence in their departments. Chief Turner said that he has been part of a panel discussion in the past dealing with chief mentoring that was well received. Executive Director Rotondo will forward this to the GACP Training Director to see if we could set up this type of training program.
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Steve Land – Chief Land spoke about additional mentoring of the newer chiefs and encouraged GACP to provide training. Additionally, he thanked President Lyons for appointing him to the board and that he will do his best to serve the members of the GACP.
- Immediate Past President, Chief Frank Waits – Chief Waits said he has made attempts to contact the Conference Committee Chairman, Chief William McBride, regarding possibly modifying the Summer Training Conference (banquet, etc.). Chief Waits will continue to reach out to Chief McBride.

- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier – Chief Stagmeier reminded President Lyons that GACP has one open seat in the 9<sup>th</sup> District for a representative position.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment**

- **Motion made by *Chief Billy Grogan*, seconded by *Chief Frank Waits*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**