

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, GA
May 27, 2014**

Call to Order

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

President David Lyons read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief David Lyons
1st VP, Chief M. Keith Glass
2nd VP, Chief George N. Turner
3rd VP, Chief Billy Grogan
4th 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: Chief Joseph W. Wirthman, Jefferson P.D.; Chief Chuck Keadle, Barnesville P.D.; Director N.T. Marinelli, Georgia Perimeter College Public Safety; Sergeant H. "Bart" Hulsey, Georgia Perimeter College Public Safety; Chief Steven Heaton, Griffin P.D.; Chief Todd VandeZande, Hiram P.D.; Chief/Assoc. VP Connie Sampson, Georgia 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 Billy Grogan*, seconded by *Chief Frank Waits*, to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2014, Board meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated March 30, 2014. **Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits*, seconded by *Chief George N. Turner*, to accept the financial reports dated March 30, 2014, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

➤ 2015 Budget

Executive Director Rotondo proposed the 2015 GACP Budget to the board members for their final review. It should be noted that the budget had been emailed to all voting board members for their review one month prior to the board meeting, as well as to Chief Connie Sampson, Chairman of the GACP Finance and Audit Committee. One question regarding the proposed budget was asked by Chief Billy Grogan and was

answered by Executive Director Rotondo. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief George Stagmeier, to accept the 2015 Budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ Overview of POST – Web-Based Training Issue/GPSTC Rep. Keith Howard and Director Mitch Jones

Executive Director Rotondo introduced Keith Howard, Assistant Director of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), who spoke briefly about web-based training and some of the problems encountered during this past year of operation. Additionally and upon completion of Director Howard's presentation, Mitch Jones, Director of Certification and Training for GA POST Council, via conference call, answered questions regarding the possible discipline of officers who failed to follow "the letter and the spirit" of the law pertaining to the 20 hours annual training and the firearms use-of-force training.

The sum and substance of both presentations can be synopsisized as follows:

For a period of approximately 11 months in 2013, web-based training allowed officers to expedite the review of the training material to the point where some may believe that the officer(s) did not fully grasp the training material. GA POST Council has requested that the CEOs of these officers' agencies allow the officer(s) to self-report what may be perceived as a violation of the "the letter and the spirit" of the POST Act regarding acceptable training hours. Furthermore, POST will allow the CEO to determine whether discipline should be exerted. Both the GPSTC and POST Council will be relying upon each individual agency head's discretion in determining whether POST should review the alleged offender's file.

➤ Winter Conference 2016

Executive Director Rotondo gave an informational spreadsheet to the board members and asked for their guidance with respect to the venue location for the 2016 GACP Winter Training Conference (WTC). The board members all concurred that the 2016 WTC should be conducted in Atlanta and they also encouraged Executive Director Rotondo to consider contracting with the Omni Hotel at CNN Center.

➤ Life Membership - Chief James O. Layton, Meigs Police Department

Executive Director Rotondo proposed Life Membership for Retired Chief James O. Layton, formerly of the Meigs Police Department. Chief Layton is currently employed; however, it is a part-time, non-CEO position. Therefore, he would still qualify for Life Membership. **Motion made by Chief Steve Land, seconded by Chief Billy Grogan, to award Life Membership to Chief James O. Layton. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Follow-up Discussion by Michael Caldwell Regarding Voting at this Year's Summer Conference

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to GACP's General Counsel, Michael Caldwell, regarding his evaluation on voting procedures for the two (2) open positions on the Executive Board, specifically concerning the placement of names on the voting ballots. Counsel Caldwell indicated that the GACP Constitution is somewhat vague when there are two (2) vacancies during one election period. But, having said that, Counsel Caldwell deferred to past precedence in that each voting member's ballot should have all three (3) candidates' names listed on it. Each voter will check off the two candidates that he/she would most like to have on the GACP Executive Board. At the end of the voting session, the highest vote-getter will be the new 3rd Vice President and the runner-up will be the new 4th Vice President.

President's Report

- Endorsement of IACP Candidates

President Lyons requested that the Executive Board consider endorsing IACP candidates. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan, seconded by Chief Keith Glass, that the GACP membership should or may consider endorsing candidates seeking elected offices within the IACP. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief Keith Glass – Chief Glass requested Chief Joseph Wirthman and Chief Frank Waits to make provisions to have a golf outing at the 2014 GACP Summer Conference, to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014, prior to the Executive Board Meeting.
- 2nd VP, Chief George Turner – Chief Turner indicated that he would be attending the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) meeting in the near future and he will provide any and all useful information regarding business associates to the GACP membership at the next board meeting.
- 3rd VP, Chief Billy Grogan – Chief Grogan spoke briefly about Chief Louis Dekmar's candidacy for IACP 4th Vice President position. Chief Grogan and several members of the Dekmar Campaign will be selling raffle tickets and all proceeds will go into the campaign fund.
- 4th VP, Chief Steve Land – None

- Immediate Past President, Chief Frank Waits – None
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier – None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

- **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief George Stagmeier*, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion made by *Chief Billy Grogan*, seconded by *Chief Keith Glass*, to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Items discussed in Executive Session
 - Focus was to verbally provide comments to President Lyons about Executive Director Rotondo's performance per his contract. The Executive Board, after exiting the Executive Session, apprised Executive Director Rotondo that President Lyons had requested written evaluations from each board member so that they can consider a contract/salary modification. Those evaluations are to be given to Chief Lyons prior to the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

- **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief Georg N. Turner*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**