

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Westin Savannah Harbor Hotel
Savannah, GA
July 26, 2014**

Call to Order

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

President David Lyons asked Executive Director Rotondo to 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

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 Gary Owens, Grovetown D.P.S.; Chief Lance Poss, Columbia County B.O.E. P.D.; Major Dwayne Orrick, Gwinnett County P.D.; Chief Steve Heaton, Griffin P.D.; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth P.D.; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw P.D.; Director of Operations, June Killian, GACP; Chief Wesley Walker, Lyons P.D.; Administrative Assistant, Monica Duran, GACP; Director Daniel O. Branch, Buford D.P.S.; Chief Michael S. Jones, Suwanee P.D.; Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton P.D.; Deputy Director, Rusty Andrews, GBI; Chief Joseph W. Wirthman, Jefferson P.D.; Director Robbie Friedmann, GILEE; Assistant Director, Nadia Borissova, GILEE; Chief Ken Morgan, Fort Valley State University D.P.S.; Associate VP/Chief of Police, Connie B. Sampson, GA State University P.D.; Chief Dennis Nelson, Metter P.D.; Deputy Chief Ernest Finley, Atlanta P.D.; Bob Pence, SAC (RET), FBI; Chief Woodrow Blue, East Point P.D.; C. Frank Simons, Chief (RET), Valdosta P.D., Officer Charles M. Walters, Gwinnett County P.D.; Chief Stacy L. Cotton, Covington P.D.; Lieutenant O'Connor, Atlanta 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 June 25, 2014 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated May 30, 2014. **Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Chief Connie Sampson mentioned that the latest audit report presented for 2013/14 was within acceptable guidelines. Motion made by Chief George Stagmeier, seconded by Chief David Lyons to accept the financial reports dated May 30, 2014, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

➤ Introduction of New Staff

Executive Director Rotondo introduced two new staff members, June Killian and Monica Duran, who were in attendance for the meeting. A brief background of work experience and credentials was given for both employees.

➤ Conference Schedule Overview/Vendor Exhibits

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the conference schedule and vendor exhibits. He noted that every effort was made to be ethical in hosting and managing vendor agreements and relationships. Director Rotondo mentioned that difficult situations with vendors have occurred in the past; however, they have been managed fairly and appropriately.

➤ Policy Manual

Executive Director Rotondo mentioned that the new Law Enforcement Policy Manual was approved by the Insurance Division of the GMA and is now available on the GACP website. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo indicated CDs of the policy will be available at the conference and that the new policy manual cross references State Certification Standards.

➤ Auto Theft/Recycling

Lieutenant O'Connor of the Atlanta Police Department made a Power Point presentation regarding the efforts of the Atlanta Police Department Auto Task Force to track and make arrests associated with auto thefts of vehicles that are sold to auto recycling centers. These efforts were in response to the passing of HB 872 in 2012 that required the GA Department of Revenue to create a database for vehicles purchased by recyclers and used auto parts dealers. A motion was made by Chief David Lyons to have Executive Director, Frank Rotondo, draft a memorandum to the Commissioner of the GA Department of Revenue regarding auto recycling and adherence to the reporting laws.

➤ Life Member's Death

Chief Francis J. "Johnny" Shuman (RET) of Swainsboro Police Department passed away on July 23rd. Services will be held in Reidsville on Monday, July 28th.

➤ Scanning of OKEY Numbers

Executive Director Rotondo mentioned that the OKEY numbers for all chiefs will be scanned to record attendance in training sessions during the conference. A barcode containing individual OKEY numbers has been included on each attendee's name tag. Also, new portable scanners will be used to make the process more efficient.

➤ Banquet

Executive Director Rotondo stated that in response to feedback regarding the yearly banquet that is held as part of the Summer Training Conference, all efforts have been made to keep the length of the banquet within two hours. To accomplish this goal, changes were made to the banquet program.

➤ Online Post Training

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he sent out another email regarding the state's on-line training programs and that prior emails on this topic can be found in the summer GACP Newsletter.

➤ Mental Health Issues Report

Major Dwayne Orrick of Gwinnett County Police Department made a small presentation regarding the Mental Health Issues Report that was presented to the board members before the meeting. President Lyons thanked Mr. Orrick for the report. Due to the length of the report, **a motion was made by Chief Billy Grogan and seconded by Chief Steven Land to accept the report pending further review. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ Amicus Brief/State vs. Jones

General Counsel, Michael Caldwell offered to file a brief regarding the extension of immunity to police departments of private colleges and universities. **A motion was made by Chief Billy Grogan and seconded by Chief George Turner for the development and filing of the brief. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report

➤ Nadia Borissova

President Lyons presented Dr. Friedmann's Assistant, Nadia Brosova, an acrylic award for her commitment and support of the GILEE Program and to Law Enforcement as a whole.

Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief Keith Glass – Chief Glass reminded everyone of the raffle being held on Tuesday morning, July 29th, in support of Lou Dekmar's IACP campaign. He also reported that Mr. Deckmar has won several state endorsements.
- 2nd VP, Chief George Turner - Chief Turner thanked Lieutenant O'Conner for his presentation regarding the Recycler Initiative of the Auto Theft Task Force.
- 3rd VP, Chief Billy Grogan – Chief Grogan reminded all members to use caution and stay informed regarding no-knock warrants due to a recent occurrence in Habersham County. He also mentioned a recent indictment of employees in Douglas County relating to asset forfeiture violations.
- 4th VP, Chief Steve Land – President Lyons mentioned that it would be Chief Land's last board meeting. President Lyons thanked Chief Land for his service.
- Immediate Past President, Frank Waits – Chief Waits thanked everyone in attendance for all for allowing him to serve proudly as a GACP Board Member.

Old Business

- Chief Stacy Cotton noted that raffle tickets will be sold until the drawing on Tuesday. Proceeds from raffle will be used to assist in funding Lou Dekmar's IACP campaign.

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 Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief Billy Grogan*, to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Item discussed in Executive Session – Executive Director Rotondo's yearly evaluation**

Adjournment

- **Motion made by *Chief Steve Land*, seconded by *Chief George Stagmeier*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**