

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center
Augusta, GA
January 25, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Keith Glass.

President Keith Glass asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief M. Keith Glass
**1st VP, Chief George N. Turner
2nd VP, Chief Billy Grogan
3rd VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson
4th VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman
Immediate Past President, David L. Lyons
**Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

**Indicates members 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 Stacey L. Cotton, Covington PD; Chief Michael S. Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia PD; Chief Steve Heaton, Griffin PD; Chief Frank Waits, Vidalia PD; Chief Wesley Walker, Lyons PD; Chief William McBride, GRU PD; Lieutenant Joey Crosby, Myrtle Beach PD; Chief Carol Martin, Gainesville PD; Chief (RET) Armand Chapeau, Griffin PD; Chief Mark E. Kissel, Cherokee County School PD; Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, GA Department of Public Safety; Associate VP/Chief Connie B. Sampson, Georgia State University PD; Director Daniel O. Branch, Buford Department of Public Safety; Assistant Chief Shawn L. Jones, Atlanta PD; Chief David L. Lyons, Garden City; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Chief John King, Doraville PD; Didi Nelson, Law Enforcement Coordinator, US Attorney's Office; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief William E. Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; Chief Steven C. Land, Hazlehurst PD; Deputy Chief Geoffrey Parker, Hazlehurst PD, Chief Billy J. Hancock, Ocilla PD; Deputy Chief (RET) Glen Mowrey, Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD; Chief Thomas Trawick, Clark Atlanta University PD; Chief Mark Gerbino, Savannah Technical College PD; and Chief Elaine Snow, Rome PD

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the previous board meeting. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan , seconded by Chief David L. Lyons, to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated December 31, 2014. **Motion made by Chief David Lyons , seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the financial reports dated December 31, 2014 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- Life Membership Requests
 - Chief Levi Rozier, Twiggs County Board of Education PD
 - Clifford L. Thompson, Marshal, Murray County Marshal's Office
 - Chief James "Earl" Spooner, Sr., Attapulgus Police Department

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that all met the requirements for Life Membership. **Motion made by Chief David Lyons and Warden Dennis Nelson seconded the motion to approve all Life Membership requests presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chief Billy Grogan requested that the Board also consider retired Police Chief, Charles Sewell of Powder Springs, for Life Membership. Chief Grogan indicated that Chief Sewell was a police chief in several communities for an aggregate of 9 years and 11 months and has served in the law enforcement profession for over 20 years. Chief Grogan requested that special consideration be given, as noted in the GACP Constitution, to approve the Life Membership status of Chief Sewell. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan and Chief David Lyons seconded the motion to approve the request for approval of Chief Sewell for Life Membership. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for Employers

Executive Director Rotondo had placed on the agenda for conversation purposes, the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for Police Explorers at the request of Chief Billy Grogan. Chief Grogan spoke briefly about the scholarship program. President Glass requested that any consideration for scholarships be discussed after the GACP

executive board meets with a financial planner. A meeting with the financial planner is scheduled for March 2015.

➤ Special Request from Myrtle Beach Police Department

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about receiving a telephone call from an official at Myrtle Beach Police Department (MBPD) requesting that an employee of MBPD speak at the board meeting. Therefore, Executive Director Rotondo introduced Lieutenant Joey Crosby of MBPD. Lieutenant Crosby spoke briefly about needing extra staff to assist the MBPD from May 21-23, 2015 for a large gathering that is scheduled to be held there. Lieutenant Crosby indicated that MBPD is willing to pay law enforcement officials whose state authority is contiguous to South Carolina's law enforcement authority. Questions were asked of Lieutenant Crosby and it appeared as if several Police chiefs were willing to encourage their employees to assist MBPD with their staffing needs.

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➤ Legislative Issues

Executive Director Rotondo spoke about numerous legislative issues, including but not limited to: Medical Marijuana Oil, Drones, Eyewitness Identification, Metal Theft Law Modifications, License Plate Readers, No-Knock Search Warrants, as well as other bills.

➤ Medical Marijuana Oil

A motion was made by Chief David Lyons, seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to oppose HB 1 (LC 37-1877S). Motion passed unanimously. President Glass asked Legal Counselor, Michael Caldwell, to work with Executive Director Rotondo and Chief Louis Dekmar to prepare a letter in opposition to HB 1. The President asked that the letter's focus address concerns with the recent alterations of Haleigh's Hope Bill to include people who are over 18 who are infirmed with an assortment of ailments.

➤ Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund Legislation

Chief David Lyons wanted to know more about potential legislation regarding the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund and the quest of jailers to be able to obtain benefits from that fund.

Both Chief David Lyons and Clark Atlanta University Police Chief, Thomas Trawick, felt that any future modifications of the POAB Fund should include private university police chiefs. Chief Lyons was emphatic in stating that he would be in support of an initiative that would give private university police chiefs the same benefits as other sworn law enforcement officers.

President's Report

President Keith Glass asked everyone in attendance to review the GACP Legislative Alerts as often as possible and provide GACP with periodic feedback.

Executive Board Report

Chief Lyons indicated he would be attending IACP's SACOP meeting and will report his findings during the next board meeting.

Old Business

Chief Louis Dekmar spoke briefly about his interpretation of GA's Medical Marijuana Bill, additionally, he spoke about matters dealing with IACP business.

Retired Chief Armand Chapeau spoke to the general membership and the Board stating that he and other members felt the need to change our Summer and Winter Conference social activities. After the chief spoke, President Glass thanked him for his comments and concerns.

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by *Chief Davis Lyons* and seconded by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.