

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Atlanta Police Department Headquarters  
Atlanta, GA  
April 22, 2015**

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**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  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief George N. Turner  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 (arrived late)  
\*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 Stacy Cotton, Covington PD; Chief Todd Vande Zande, Hiram PD; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; Director Steve Bowser, Spelman College PD; Chief Scott Pitts, Fayetteville PD; Chief Arnold Gillman, Adairsville PD; Chief Connie Sampson, Georgia State University PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief Clarence Cox, Clayton County Schools PD; and June Killian, Training Director, GACP.

Chief George Turner of the Atlanta PD welcomed all GACP members and guests to APD Headquarters. Chief Turner indicated that he was anticipating a successful Goals Conference, which is scheduled to follow the board meeting.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the previous board meeting. **Motion made by Chief Grogan, seconded by Chief Lyons, to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated February 28, 2015. **Motion made by Chief Stagmeier, seconded by Chief Turner to accept the financial reports dated February 28, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### ➤ **Request for Life Membership**

The request for Life Membership of retiring Fulton County Police Chief, Cassandra Jones, was presented to the board. It should be noted that Chief Jones failed to have 10 years as a CEO of the Fulton County PD to qualify for Life Membership as outlined in the GACP Constitution. President Glass requested a motion for consideration; however, no board members offered a motion. Therefore, the Life Membership request for Cassandra Jones “died for a lack of a motion”.

This issue may be revisited at a future date.

### ➤ **Wells Fargo Financial Planner and Philanthropic Specialists**

Executive Director Rotondo introduced two Philanthropic Specialists employed by Wells Fargo Financial Planning:

- Debra R. Rice, Vice President/Philanthropic Specialist
- Craig S. Harris, Senior Investment Strategist/Vice President Western Carolinas

Executive Director Rotondo indicated to all in attendance that the purpose of having Ms. Rice and Mr. Harris speak to the Executive Board and membership was to offer suggestions for future financial planning. Prior to the presentation by the Wells Fargo representatives, Executive Director Rotondo also gave all members in attendance a financial snapshot of how the association has grown financially since 1996 from an account balance totaling no more than \$60,000 to the present total of \$2,265,741.

The Philanthropic Specialists gave a 30 minute (approx.) overview of strategies for the board to consider. These alternatives included possible investments in stocks and bonds as opposed to the use of traditional CD's. Upon completion of an in-depth discussion, **the motion was made by Chief Wirthman, seconded by Chief Lyons to release \$400,000 to the Wells Fargo financial planners for investment purposes upon completion of all required paperwork. Motion passed unanimously.**

It should be additionally noted that it is a goal of the board members to monitor the growth of the investments and to consider transferring some of the earned money from the GACP 501(c)(6) to GACP's Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3).

Chief Wirthman stated he was very pleased with the growth of the association over the years and thanked Executive Director Rotondo for being a good steward of the GACP funds.

### ➤ **Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session**

Executive Director Rotondo gave a quick overview of the 2015 Legislative Session. Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Chief Wirthman to discuss Senate Bill 134 and to Chief Grogan to discuss HB 93.

➤ **Resolution**

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to President Glass to speak about a GACP Resolution. President Glass advised all members that he had asked for a resolution to be prepared for presentation when he and other Georgia Law Enforcement Officials visit the country of Georgia. By consensus, the Board agreed with the authorization of the resolution.

➤ **2016 GACP Budget**

Executive Director Rotondo advised all in attendance that he had remitted the GACP 2016 budget for their review and consideration. He requested that the President ask for comments and concerns. Hearing none, the President asked for a motion. **Motion was made by Chief Lyons and seconded by Chief Grogan to approve the GACP 2016 budget. Motion passed unanimously.**

**President's Report**

➤ **Appointment of Chief Jake Sutton to Region 4's All Hazard Council**

President Glass indicated that Chief Dan Greathouse announced his retirement from the Thomaston PD, leaving a vacancy on the All Hazard Council-Region 4 area to be filled by a police chief. President Glass indicated he would like to appoint Chief Jake Sutton of the Milner PD to that vacancy. By consensus, the Board agreed with the appointment of Chief Jake Sutton to the All Hazard Council-Region 4 area.

**Board Reports**

- Chief Turner restated that he was looking forward to the Goals Conference, which will immediately follow the Board Meeting.
- Chief Grogan stated that when GACP considers worthy causes to donate money, he would like to see the formation of a yearly scholarship program for police explorers. Additionally, Chief Grogan indicated he has been discussing the establishment of a records retention schedule for body cameras with a records retention specialist. Further information will follow after the 2015 GACP Summer Conference.
- Warden Nelson mentioned that he made a State Certification presentation to the Forest Park PD last week. His remarks appeared to please the Forest Park City Council Members.
- Chief Wirthman thanked Executive Director Rotondo and the staff for organizing the GACP Goals Conference.
- Chief Lyons said he will only be a board member for the next several months, but wanted all members in attendance to know he appreciated their assistance for all of the years he has served on the board. He will always be available to assist the members of the association.

- Chief George Stagmeier stated he is continuing his on-going efforts of encouraging the districts that did not conduct an election to have an election for district representatives.
- Counselor Caldwell on a matter of personal privilege, stated that the Georgia Bar Association would be conducting a musical folly May 1-2, 2015.

#### **Old Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

- Chief Stacy Cotton of the Covington PD noted that he had recently returned from an IACP Conference Preparation Committee Meeting for the upcoming 2015 IACP Conference in Chicago, IL. Chief Cotton stated he was very pleased with the progress being made by the conference committee and he assured the Executive Board that the IACP conference in Chicago will be a success.

#### **Adjournment**

- **A motion was made by *Chief Grogan* and seconded by *Chief Turner* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**