

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Training Center
Forsyth, GA
November 10, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief George Turner.

President George Turner asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief George Turner

1st VP, Chief Billy Grogan

2nd VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson

3rd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman

*4th VP, Chief Wesley Walker

Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass

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 By-Laws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Chief Connie Sampson, GA State University PD, Director Harry McCann, Piedmont College, Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw PD, Chief Warren Summers, Norcross PD

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the September 15, 2015 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Grogan, 2nd by Chief Wirthman to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated September 30, 2015. **With respect to GACP's financial report a motion was made by Chief Nelson and 2nd by Chief Stagmeier to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo noted that he will be modifying several line items in the 2015 budget so he can accommodate changes in the GACP health/cafeteria plan.

Executive Director's Report

➤ **Legislation**

- Executive Director Rotondo brought several legislative issues to the table for discussion by the Executive Board:
 - Possible change to the Grand Jury presentation by Peace Officers; once further information is available on this topic it will be forwarded to the Board.
 - Open Records Act – Executive Director Rotondo, as well as several GACP members, First Vice President Billy Grogan and Assistant Chief Shawn Jones, APD, along with other law enforcement personnel, will be attending a meeting on December 9, 2015 to discuss a possible modification of the Open Record Act as it pertains to digital recordings (body cameras).
 - Drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)) – Executive Director Rotondo, Chief Billy Grogan and Assistant Chief Shawn Jones attended a committee meeting at the State Capitol regarding law enforcements’ use of drones.
 - State Asset Forfeiture Reporting Forms – As per HB233, the prosecuting attorney counsel (PAC) constructed Asset Forfeiture Reporting forms. A meeting attended by Executive Director Rotondo, Chief Billy Grogan, Training Director June Killian and after further discussions with the members of PAC, the forms will be modified.

➤ **Life Membership**

- Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider the following for Life membership. Each member met the criteria for Life Membership as outlined by the GACP’s Constitutional Bylaws:
 - Chief Tom Culpepper, Cartersville PD– **Motion was made by Chief Stagmeier and 2nd by Chief Glass to approve the Life Membership status of Chief Tom Culpepper. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Chief Dan Greathouse, Thomaston PD – **Motion made by Chief Nelson and 2nd by Chief Glass to approve the Life Membership status of Chief Dan Greathouse. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Retired Chief John W. Gaissert, Commerce PD - **Motion made by Chief Wirthman and 2nd by Chief Glass to approve the Life Membership status of Retired Chief John W. Gaissert. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ **GDOT Revision of the State Accident Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo and Chief Wirthman, as well as an accident reconstruction specialist from Jefferson PD, reviewed the new DOT Form #523 with a DOT representative. It was determined that the form could use further revisions and once those revisions are made it will be released to all law enforcement for use. This form may not be released for several years because of the needed vetting process.

➤ **Facebook**

- Training Director June Killian designed a Facebook page for use by GACP. After a conversation with Chief Grogan, he agreed to work with Director Killian with possibly inserting some protective language on the Facebook page dealing with the reaction of comments made by the general public. It should be noted that once the Facebook page is up and operating Chief Turner will have met one of his 2015 – 2016 presidential goals.

➤ **Future Winter Training Conference (WTC)**

- Executive Director Rotondo advised the Executive Board in order to be able to get good locations and time slots for future WTC he must be able to enter into multiple year contracts. The Board agreed; therefore, Executive Director Rotondo will have the training director explore multi-year contracts in the following venues: Augusta, Athens and Atlanta.

➤ **2016 Chiefs Day at the Capitol**

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he was going to propose to the State Building Authority several dates for our yearly Chiefs Day at the Capitol. Once an acceptable date has been approved he will notify the membership.

➤ **Possible Resolutions**

- Executive Director Rotondo spoke with the Board about 2 possible resolutions: 1) Fostering the growth of a decertification database at the federal level; 2) allowing school police departments (Universities and K/12) to investigate sexual assaults that may have occurred on their campuses. Further information will be available regarding these two possible resolutions at the December 16th board meeting.

➤ **Mental Health Symposium**

- A discussion occurred regarding the development regarding a one-day mental health symposium. Once the completion of the personnel to be involved in this symposium are determined, a date will be set. The one-day symposium is expected to take place in May 2016.

President's Report

- President Turner discussed several areas of concerns that were presented to him at a Major City Chief's Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois in October 2015. The major city chiefs were concerned about:
 - Guns and background checks
 - 21st Century policing concepts as it relates to transparency in the community
 - Cutting of appropriation dollars from the Federal Budget with respect to DOJ and cops grants, etc.

- US Justice Department decision regarding Federal Asset Forfeitures
- Violence centered around gang activity pertaining to territorial issues associated with the control of illegal drugs
- Social media driving the public perception about law enforcement

Executive Board Reports

- *1st VP, Chief Billy Grogan*
 - Chief Grogan noted he attended several worthwhile discussions regarding social media.
- *2nd VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - Warden Nelson was enlightened by attending several weather related meetings about some of the problems that the Country may have with respect to climate changes and El Nino.
- *3rd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Chief Wirthman suggested that in lieu of having the December Board meeting at the Georgia Public Training Center that the Board agree to have the meeting in Jefferson, GA. Chief Wirthman indicated that on December 16, 2015 in Jefferson there will be approximately 50 additional members attending a district meeting and they will be pleased to see a board meeting at their location. The Board agreed with Chief Wirthman's analysis and therefore, the Board meeting will be held in Jefferson, Georgia, December 16, 2015.
- *4th VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - Not in Attendance
- *Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass*
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier*
 - Nothing to report at this time

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Executive Session

- None

Adjournment

- **A motion was made by Chief Glass and 2nd Chief Wirthman to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**