

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Winter Training Conference
Omni Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
January 22, 2016**

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 (arrived during meeting)

**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: Director Daniel Branch, Buford Dept. of Public Safety; Chief Carol Martin, Gainesville PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief Tony Bailey, West Point PD; Chief David Lyons, Garden City PD; Chief Keith Glass, Monroe PD; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Chief Gary Casteloes, Douglas PD; Deputy Chief Brannen Pruette, Douglas PD; Chief Billy Hancock, Ocilla PD; Chief Jason Parker, Dalton PD; Chief William Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Deputy Chief Geoffrey Parker, Hazelhurst PD; Chief Steven Land, Hazelhurst PD; Chief Anthony Tanner, Waycross PD; Chief Michael Jones, Suwanee PD; Capt. Clint Kennedy, Vidalia PD; Chief Stacey Cotton, Covington PD; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Chief J. Frank Waits, Vidalia PD; Chief Woodrow Blue, Donalsonville PD; Chief William Kent Lawrence, Eatonton PD.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Glass, and 2nd by Chief Grogan to accept the minutes of the December 16, 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 date November 30, 2015. **With respect to GACP's financial report a motion was made by Chief Grogan and 2nd by Chief Glass to accept the financial reports dated November 30, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

➤ **Bob Carter POAB – Reference HB591**

- Executive Director Rotondo introduced Bob Carter from Peace Officer Annuity Board (POAB)

Director Carter spoke about pending legislation, HB591, with respect to altering the means of obtaining funds from the state as well as the members so as to enhance the POAB benefit once a member retires.

➤ **Attorney General Jana Edmondson-Cooper - Bilingual Staff Attorney (Language Access)**

Attorney General Edmondson-Cooper spoke briefly about bilingual services available throughout the state. Additionally, AG Edmondson-Cooper indicated that she gave Executive Director Rotondo some documentation to either put in registration packets or to put on the tables of the business meeting for other members to review.

➤ **Pending & Probable Legislation**

- Executive Director Rotondo spoke about legislation and highlighted some probable legislation including but not limited to:

HB722, which deals with the growing of medical marijuana in Georgia.

Legislation dealing with unmanned aircraft (drones). The author of this Drone Bill, Kevin Tanner, conducted several meetings before crafting the language of this bill. GACP had input during the hearings; however, further work needs to be done to perfect the language of the bill.

Body Worn Cameras (BWE) - GACP, PAC, GSA and other concerned parties met to discuss proposed language dealing with minimal storage of body worn camera data. Legislation is expected, with respect to altering the retention schedule for BWE, and shall be piloted by the House Judiciary Committee at the urging of the GACP.

Legislation has been introduced regarding obtaining DNA samples from all felons.

Modification of Grand Jury Presentations – Several versions of modifying the language associating the Grand Jury presentations of law enforcement officers has been vetted. At this time, consensus is lacking; therefore, a bill regarding this topic will hopefully be introduced in the next few weeks.

SB37, which was introduced last year with respect to campuses reporting of rape to local law enforcement agencies may be resurrected.

- Chief's Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Monday, February 15th, 2016. Further information will be distributed via email immediately following the Winter Training Conference.

President's Report

- President Turner indicated that he made some tentative appointments with respect to All Hazards Council (AHC) Region 4 and with respect to District Representative in District 4. These changes became necessary because Chief Corley is no longer employed by the City of Forsyth, GA.

Adam Lowe of Gray, GA has been appointed as GACP Representative for AHC Region 4.

Chief Drey Swicord of Millers, Ga has been appointed as District Representative for District 4.

Chief Turner asked the Board members if they had any objection to the appointments. Hearing none, he asked Executive Director Rotondo to notify GEMA, as well as, to notify Chief Swicord of the appointments.

- President Turner spoke with the other Board members regarding the project undertaken by Chief Dan Flynn, Chief Mark Welsh and Chief Gene Wilson, which was to develop a Citizens Bills of Rights for Police Accountability.

Chief Grogan and others expressed some concerns that part of the letter and document, which was reworked by a grammarian, changed the tone of the documents. GACP General Council, Michael Caldwell, agreed to rewrite the misunderstood areas. He would then remit the completed document to Executive Director Frank Rotondo for distribution as needed.

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Billy Grogan*
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- *2nd VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- *3rd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- *4th VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- *Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass*
 - Chief Keith Glass indicated that he would be announcing that he is running for Sheriff of Walton County in the next few weeks, but plans to stay active in the Chiefs Association.
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier*

- Nothing to report at this time

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

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