

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, Georgia
November 29, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Billy Grogan.

President Billy Grogan asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Billy Grogan

1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson

2nd VP, Chief Joseph Wirthman

3rd VP, Chief Wesley Walker

4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner

Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner

Chairman of District Reps., Director Dan Branch

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell – Arrived at approx. 10:20am

***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: Gerald A. Griggs, Esq., representing the NAACP president; Deputy Chief Brannen Pruette, Douglas PD; Chief Gary Casteloos, Douglas PD; Chief Todd Vande Zande, Hiram PD; District Rep./Chief Adam Lowe, Gray PD; GBI Rep. Rhonda Westbrook; GBI Rep. Lisa Weaver-Johnson; Paul Falkenberg, Appriss; John Hope Bryant, Operation Hope; Don Sherrod, DPS Excess Property Div.; Cpl. Frank Mize, DPS Excess Property Div.; Vice President of Emergency Mgmt. Connie Sampson, GA State University

President Grogan introduced Gerald Griggs, Esq. Counselor Griggs was representing the president of the NAACP. Mr. Griggs spoke briefly about building and further strengthening the relationship between the GACP and the NAACP.

Chief Grogan listed for Mr. Griggs, as well as all others in attendance, a list of accomplishments that GACP has been involved in to continue to build and strengthen that relationship. Mr. Griggs expressed his appreciation for law enforcements initiatives and indicated that the NAACP will always welcome GACP as a partner in “bridging the gap.”

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief George N. Turner and seconded by Director Dan Branch to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 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, 2016. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to accept the financial reports dated September 30, 2016 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Grogan asked Vice President Connie Sampson if she had anything additional to mention regarding GACP's finances. Vice President Sampson indicated all appeared to be in good order in respect to GACP finances and she has kept abreast of financial issues by the executive director as needed.

Executive Director's Report

- Intro – Corporal Frank Mize/Retiring Employee Don Sherrod – DPS, Excess Assets Unit
 - Executive Director Rotondo introduced retiring employee Don Sherrod of DPS Excess Property Unit, as well as, Mr. Sherrod's replacement Cpl. Frank Mize. Both gentlemen spoke about the Excess Assets Unit encouraging all police chiefs to get involved in this program.
- Mr. Paul Falkenberg – Data-Driven Justice Incarceration Program (Officer & Citizens Safety Initiative)
 - Executive Director Rotondo introduced Paul Falkenberg of Appriss to discuss a data-driven justice incarceration program. Briefly stated, a program is being developed by Appriss, which will integrate numerous databases into a mega database which will allow for a better flow of information between law enforcement agencies, mental health professionals, etc.
- Executive Director Rotondo defers to Chief Turner for a program
 - Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Chief Turner to introduce our next guest speaker. Chief Turner introduced the CEO of Operation Hope, John Hope Bryant. Mr. Bryant spoke briefly about his non-profit, Operation Hope, including a new program involving a substantial financial commitment by the sports car racing companies. Overall, Operation Hope's main initiative is to reduce financial stress of individuals whose incomes are below the poverty level.
- Legislative Initiative (Appleseed) Mandatory Use of Force
 - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about a meeting that he and other GACP staff members were involved in concerning the Appleseed Projects new endeavor regarding legislation with respect to reporting use of force incidents (deadly physical force). Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he had some minor concerns regarding the draft legislation and once those concerns were resolved he would bring the redrafted work back to the Board for their review.
- Executive Director Rotondo introduced GBI representatives, Rhonda Westbrook and Lisa Weaver-Johnson. Those representatives spoke to all attending the meeting about GBI's new initiative "National Incident Crime Database."
- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he met with several members of a group called Georgia Voices for Prevention. That group has been supported by the State of Georgia and appears to be a valid group of concerned individuals wishing to curtail substance abuse for the age groups ranging from K-12.

President's Report

- IACP One Mind Campaign
 - President Grogan mentioned to all board members that Chief Lou Dekmar, IACP's incoming president wanted to address GACP members regarding his major initiative, "One Mind Campaign"; however, Chief Dekmar was not able to clear his schedule to attend this meeting.
- Law & Your Community Update
 - Chief Grogan spoke about Law and Your Community and gave updates regarding support for NOBLE training and the trainer block of instruction, which will foster the growth of positive community involved with law enforcement officials.
- Law Enforcement Role in Protecting Civil & Human Rights Training

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- President Grogan advised he was part of a committee that set training standards through IACP and would like the GACP to embrace some of the training available regarding civil and human rights.
 - Chief Grogan, as a follow up to last month's meeting, spoke about recaching an accord with the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition (GPCC). The GPCC will be distributing business cards to police chiefs so that their officers who wish to have prostate blood test work done can get it done at numerous facilities throughout the state free of charge.

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - Nothing to report
- *2nd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Chief Wirthman noted that the next District 9 meeting will be conducted on December 21st and that he is very pleased with District 9 providing top quality training to the members of the district.
- *3rd VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - Nothing to report
- *4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
 - Nothing to report
- *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*
 - Chief Turner indicated that despite what has been said in the media, Atlanta is not a sanctuary city; however, Atlanta police department works closely with ICE to determine if arrested individuals should be deported.
 - Chief Turner indicated he has been involved in many projects associated with his experience as a member of (The Major City Chiefs Association) and he noted several worthwhile projects to support.
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Director Dan Branch*
 - Nothing to report
- *General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell*
 - Counsel Michael Caldwell noted that incoming IACP President Chief Lou Dekmar will be appointing him to be IACP's parliamentarian. Counsel Caldwell indicated one of his initiatives as parliamentarian would be to assemble a group for attorneys from the IACP membership who can provide technical and legal support to the IACP members.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.