

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, Georgia
January 3, 2017**

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 (ret) George N. Turner
Chairman of District Reps., Director Dan Branch
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell
**Indicates Board Member not in attendance

Under the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Chief Josh Etheridge, Chatsworth PD; Vice President Connie Sampson, GA State University; Chief Dray Swicord, Milledgeville PD; Chief Adam Lowe, Gray PD; Chief James Callaway, Morrow PD.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to accept the minutes of the November 29, 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 October 31, 2016. Several questions were asked regarding revenues and expenditures; all questions appeared to be answered adequately with no additional research needed. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Chief (ret) George N. Turner to accept the financial reports dated October 31, 2016 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- Life Membership – (Discussion & Action)
 - Executive Director Rotondo explained to all members present they are two sections of the GACP Constitution & By-Laws he would like to highlight as it relates to the vacancy of Immediate Past President if the Immediate Past President elects to retire or leave his employer. The first, Section 3 Subsection 4 (Life Member) deals with authorizing life membership under the circumstance where an Active head of a law enforcement agency leaves his position as a chief with less than 10 years as a CEO of a law enforcement agency. The second section, Article VI, Section 9 (Election Rules) addresses filling the vacancy of Immediate Past President so the

board becomes whole with 7 voting members. Upon completion of Executive Director Rotondo's statements regarding special sections of the Constitution and By-Laws, a **motion was made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to approve Life Membership to recently retired Police Chief George N. Turner, GACP's Immediate Past President. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, George N. Turner.**

A second motion was made by Director Dan Branch and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to fill the vacant position of Immediate Past President by appointing recently retired George N. Turner to the position of Immediate Past President. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Chief George N. Turner. President Grogan was in complete concurrence with this action.

- Chief George Turner indicated he appreciated the Board's confidence in him.
- Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for retired Chief Police Chuck Keadle of Barnesville PD and retired Police Chief Brent Cooper of Eton PD. Both retired police chiefs have served in law enforcement for well over 20 years and have been police chiefs for over 10 years therefore, both qualify for Life Membership. **Motion made by Immediate Past President George N. Turner and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to grant Life Membership to Chuck Keadle and Brent Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Open Discussion on GSA Resolution Reference Compensation for Law Enforcement
 - Executive Director Rotondo provided to all members in attendance a copy Georgia Sheriff's Association (GSA) Resolution dealing with Compensation for Law Enforcement Officials in the State of Georgia, adopted by the GSA on 11-15-16. An open discussion occurred regarding points in that resolution. After a lengthy discussion, President Grogan indicated to all members in attendance that GACP must see the crafted legislation based upon the GSA Resolution to decide if facets of the resolution may be acceptable for our association to endorse, contest or remain neutral. President Grogan indicated he would try to meet with a representative (s) of GSA to further explain some concepts contained within the resolution.
- Follow-Up – Appleseed Project & Legislation
 - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about a document he remitted to the Board at GACP's last board meeting regarding the Appleseed Project and proposed legislation regarding reporting use of force incidents (deadly physical force). Executive Director Rotondo indicated all parts of that legislation appear to mirror Georgia law.
- Winter Conference Progress
 - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about GACP's upcoming Winter Conference, registration, training, etc.

President's Report

- President Grogan advised all members in attendance he has learned a great deal about being a member of POST Council regarding the due process as administered through POST Council.
- Upskirting – Chief Grogan indicated there will probably be legislation introduced to the 2017 Legislative Session regarding this issue.

Executive Board's Report

- 1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson
 - Nothing to report

- *2nd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Chief Wirthman mentioned to the Board that an apparent error was made in identifying the law enforcement agency of Lithonia, as opposed to Lavonia, in our 1st quarter 2017 Newsletter. Executive Director Rotondo indicated he will correct the newsletter article error.
- *3rd VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - Nothing to report
- *4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
 - Chief Tanner encouraged President Grogan to meet with members of the GSA to clarify points in the GSA Resolution document.
- *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*
 - Chief Turner thanked Executive Director Rotondo and former GACP President Glass for attending his retirement function.
 - Chief Turner would like to see a training program dealing with how to handle “line of duty” deaths. After Chief Turner’s statement, there was conversation regarding asking a not for profit, Caring for Cops, to attend a board meeting to do an overview regarding their non-profit organization, which provides financial and other support to the family members of an officer who dies in the line of duty.
 - Chief Turner noted that several months ago, he attended an FBI/NA presentation on line of duty deaths and policy development. Chief Turner indicated that the program was excellent and perhaps GACP should look at that as a training initiative.
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Director Dan Branch*
 - Director Dan Branch introduced Chief Callaway who spoke briefly about the training that have occurred in the 10th district since he and Chief Allen have been appointed/elected as district representatives. Chief Callaway stated that all of the training in the 10th District has been received well and many police chiefs are attending.
 - Director Dan Branch who also serves as a District Representative for District 9 thanked Chief Wirthman for hosting the last District 9 meeting. Director Branch noted that approximately 60 people attended that training/meeting program.
- *General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell*
 - Not Present

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Motion made by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* and seconded by *Chief Wesley Walker* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.