

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Atlanta, Georgia  
April 27, 2017**

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**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

\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph Wirthman

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner

Immediate Past President, Chief (ret) George N. Turner

Chairman of District Reps., Chief William Westenberger

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell - Arrived late in presentation

\*\* *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 Jason Parker, Dalton PD; Chief Gary Casteloes, Douglasville; Deputy Chief Brandon Pruette, Douglasville PD; VP of Emergency Management Connie Sampson, GA State Univ. PD; Chief Frank Waites, Vidalia PD; Capt. James Jerome, Vidalia PD; Chief Todd Vande Zande, Hiram PD.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief (ret) George N. Turner and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2017 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 February 28, 2017 one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief (ret) George N. Turner and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the financial reports dated February 28, 2017 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he was considering placing into a Wells Fargo account approx. \$200,000 as a long-term investment. He will present further information at the next board meeting on this action.

**Executive Director's Report**

- Budget Submitted - Approval Requested
  - Executive Director Rotondo had submitted his budget to the board approximately one month before this meeting; he requested approval of the budget. Several questions were asked and answered. President Billy Grogan indicated that in the future he would like the director to consider adding a line item into the summer and winter training conference portions of the

budget earmarking amount of money for instructor costs. **Motion made by Chief Tony Tanner and seconded by Chief (ret) George N. Turner to approve the 2017-2018 GACP Budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ Quick Legislative Review

- Executive Director Rotondo noted the passing of the Bills referenced below; however, many of those Bills have yet to be signed by the Governor; therefore, they are not considered law until action is taken. HB 146, HB 231, HB 280, HB 292, HB 452, HB 481, HB 15, SB 16, SB 104, SB 149, SB 160.
- Numerous other bills were discussed.

➤ Statement – Withdrawal of 4<sup>th</sup> VP Candidate, Mack Seckinger

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that announced 4<sup>th</sup> VP candidate Mack Seckinger has withdrawn his name from consideration; therefore, the only candidate remaining and eligible to become GACP's next 4<sup>th</sup> VP is Frank Waits, Chief of Vidalia PD. GACP Constitution, under ordinary circumstances, prohibits additional members from being considered candidates after the close of the business meeting at the Winter Training Conference.

➤ WTC 2018

- Training Coordinator Monica Duran and Executive Director Rotondo are working with the Hyatt Hotel and the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia in anticipation of contracting with them to hold GACP's 2018 WTC.
- Executive Director Rotondo wanted to affirm that a past decision of the Board remains in effect. That past decision was to allow the executive director to enter STC venue contracts 5-years forward. GACP fully concurred that decision on Executive Director Rotondo.

➤ Current GACP Projects: Executive Director Rotondo apprised the Board of some current GACP projects.

- Assessment Centers
  - Thomasville Sgt./Lt.
  - Lilburn
  - Suwanee
  - Norcross
  - Dunwoody - Pending contract
- Departmental Evaluations
  - Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport
  - Assessment of the Proposed Dawsonville Police Department

New Chief's School Completed (35-Chief; Total 50)

**President's Report**

- President Grogan introduced Chief Jason Parker to speak about the Review Committee's evaluation of the Chief Executive Training Program (New Chief's School).
- President Grogan introduced Chief Todd Vande Zande who gave a review of his committee charged with reviewing the district representative maps and associated training in each district.
- President Grogan said that he recently attended a civil rights relation seminar.

### Executive Board's Report

- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief William Westenberger*
  - Chief Westenberger spoke briefly about FirstNet.
  - Chief Westenberger indicated he was working on obtaining a list of elected district representatives to be presented for incoming President Dennis Nelson.
  
- *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
  - Chief Tanner indicated he has received several complaints from members who drive to the STC just in time to attend morning classes and that they are concerned that coffee is not being served early enough. Executive Director Rotondo indicated we will have coffee available before training starts.
  
- *3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
  - Recently went to a Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) luncheon and he thought it would be appropriate to publish the names of the recipients of MADD awards. Executive Director Rotondo said that he would publish the names of the law enforcement recipients in the next newsletter.
  
- *General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell 4*
  - Counselor Caldwell indicated that due to time constraints he will no longer be teaching classes at the Command College.
  
- *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*
  - Retired Chief Turner left prior to the board agenda - No report
  
- *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
  - Nothing to Report
  
- *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
  - Not Present

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- None

### Adjournment

Motion made by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.