

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Winter Training Conference – Athens, Georgia
February 4, 2018**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Warden Dennis Nelson.

Prior to roll call President Nelson reintroduced Lou Dekmar saying he was proud that he was representing Georgia as the IACP President.

President Dennis Nelson read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Warden Dennis Nelson
1st VP, Chief Joseph Wirthman
2nd VP, Chief Wesley Walker
3rd VP, Chief Tony Tanner
4th VP, Chief J. Frank Waits
Immediate Past President, Chief Billy Grogan
Chairman of District Reps., Chief William Westenberger
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

***Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

President Nelson introduced Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick to all the attendees.

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

Others in Attendance: Chief Roy Brunson, Tunnel Hill PD; Chief Billy Hancock, Ocilla PD; Chief Mark Mitchell, Canton PD; Chief Calvin Moss, Woodstock PD; Associate VP (ret) Connie Sampson, GSU; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia PD; Chief Michael S. Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief Keith Glass, Monroe PD; Chief John King, Doraville PD; Chief Bruce Hedley, Lilburn PD; Major Dwayne Prosser, Powder Springs PD; Chief Tony Bailey, Powder Springs PD; Chief Brian Harr, Hogansville PD; Asst. Prof. Thomas Safrin, Reinhardt University; Asst. Director Chris Findley, Reinhardt University; Director Trey Drawdy, Reinhardt University; Asst. Chief Debbie Burnett, Rome PD; Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Rome PD; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Exec. Director Steven Heaton, GILEE; Director Billy Mixon, Command College; Asst. Exec. Director Dwayne Orrick, GACP; Chief Janet Moon, Peachtree City PD.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the December 7, 2017 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan and seconded by Chief Frank Waits to accept the minutes of the December 7, 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 November 30, 2017 one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to accept the financial report dated November 30, 2017 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Nelson introduced two LexisNexis staff members who briefly spoke about the BuyCrash System; Kevin Sifferlen and Mary Davis.

Executive Director's Report

- Continue Discussion on STC Schedule
 - Luncheon vs Banquet - Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Chief Bill Westenberger to speak about a survey instrument produced out of the GACP office regarding a luncheon on Tuesday versus a banquet at the STC and the continuation of the GACP newsletter.
A lengthy discussion regarding the luncheon versus banquet followed. Additional conversation ensued where Chief Wesley Walker asked for the question to be called; the question being GACP should dispense with the dinner in favor of a luncheon. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Bill Westenberger to replace the Summer Training Conference Banquet with a Luncheon on Tuesday afternoon. All in favor except Chief Frank Waits and Chief Billy Grogan. Motion carries.**
 - Survey - Reference Newsletter – After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the GACP executive director should look at enhancing the newsletter to make it more newsworthy.
- State Certification Ribbon – Executive Director Frank Rotondo indicated that Chief Calvin Moss requested that the Board consider selecting a uniform ribbon to represent members of departments that are state certified. The Board by consensus asked Executive Director Rotondo to have a selection made regarding the type of ribbon and seeking input from the State Certification Committee.
- FirstNet Project – Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Chief Westenberger to discuss the FirstNet Project and the selection of vendors to facilitate that project within the State of Georgia.
- Legislation 2018 - Executive Director Rotondo gave a very quick overview of 2018 legislation accenting 2 bills that President Nelson requested Resolutions and support of: Hate Crime Bill HB 660 and Hands-Free Communication Bill HB 673
- Resolutions - Hate Crime and Hands Free –Executive Director Rotondo presented 2 Resolution Certificates. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker asking President Nelson to sign the Hate Crime Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion made by *Chief Tony Tanner* and seconded by *Chief Wesley Walker* asking President Nelson to sign the Hands-Free Communication Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❑ Foundation Information - Executive Director Rotondo indicated he met with Steve Heaton and Robbie Freeman regarding combining GACP Foundation with the GILEE Program. Executive Director Rotondo as the Foundation President indicated that before or after the next board meeting he would be conducting a Foundation meeting to discuss this possible accord.
- ❑ Executive Director Rotondo noted that last year SB 304 dealing with Sexual Assault Kits passed the Georgia General Assembly and became law. Basically, that bill allowed for additional money to be placed in the GBI budget to speed up the process of having DNA tests conducted from the backlog of sexual assault kits sitting at the crime lab. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that numerous departments were notified of their CODIS hits. Once the sexual assault kits were evaluated the department involved in the investigation of those sex crimes were notified. Executive Director Rotondo encouraged all agency heads to make sure they follow up on investigations if they received a positive DNA/CODIS check.

President's Report

- ❑ Reinhardt College – Attachments – President Nelson had distributed to all Board members information regarding Reinhardt College and a program they will be instituting which parallels the Command College. President Nelson requested that the Board embrace Reinhardt College's program. A lengthy conversation ensued, and a motion was made by 4th VP Frank Waits to table this discussion for a future meeting. Additional discussion pursued, and the question was called to table the Reinhardt College proposal for further discussion in the future. **Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits* and seconded by *Chief Billy Grogan* to table the discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - No report at this meeting
- *2nd VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - No report at this meeting
- *3rd VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
 - No report at this meeting
- *4th VP, Chief J. Frank Waits*
 - No report at this meeting
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief William Westenberger*
 - No report at this meeting
- *Immediate Past President, Chief Billy Grogan*
 - No report at this meeting

- *General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell*
 - No report at this meeting

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Motion made by *Chief Wesley Walker* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.