

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Chiefs Day at the Capitol – Atlanta, Georgia
March 14, 2018**

Call to Order

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

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 – Arrived 10:40am

Chairman of District Reps., Chief William Westenberger

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell – Arrived 10:00am

***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: Maj. Daniel Carson, Lavonia PD; Chief Harold McCroskey, Canon PD; Capt. Michael Schulman, Lavonia PD; Deputy Chief Michael Burrows, MARTA PD; Chief Bruce Hedley, Lilburn PD; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia PD; Deputy Chief Alfredrick Campbell, Chattahoochee Tech PD; Chief Charles Spann, Chattahoochee Tech PD; Chief Investigator Ryan McNeal, GA Board of Dentistry; Asst. Chief Antonio Catlin, DeKalb Co. PD; Chief Harold Myers, Forsyth Co. PD; Chief Ken Williams, Hazlehurst PD; Chief John Robison, Alpharetta PD; Chief Eric Finch, Montezuma PD; Deputy Chief Wesley McCall, Alpharetta PD; Capt. James Jermon, Vidalia PD; Chief Jimmy Mize, Toccoa PD; Chief Rob Rodriguez, Cordele PD; Capt. Joseph Fobes, Tybee Island PD; Chief Robert Bryson, Tybee Island PD; Capt. Tiffany Hayes, Tybee Island PD; Asst. Chief Stanley Pye, Peachtree City PD; Chief Janet Moon, Peachtree City PD; Chief Jeffery Boatwright, Roosevelt PD; Chief Raymond Couch, Manchester PD; Chief Freddie Hill, Jefferson Co. BOE PD; Chief Adam Lowe, Gray PD; Capt. Eric Maynard, Gray PD; Chief Christine Hudson, Clarkston PD; Marshal Richard Berkowitz, DeKalb Co. Marshal's Office; Capt. Benjamin Cain, Sandy Springs PD; SAC Reginald Johnson, CSX Railroad PD; Chief Sarai Green, Pine Lake PD; Chief Wanda Dunham, MARTA PD; Asst. Chief Thadius Brown, Clarkston PD; Chief Otha Wayne Woods, Lovejoy PD; Chief Donny Williams, Chamblee PD; Chief John Powell, Glynn Co. PD; Director Billy Mixon, Command College; Chief Jason Rogers, Cobb Co. Solicitor's Office; Chief Charles Snyder, Norman Park PD; Chief Dray Swicord, Milledgeville PD; Sgt. Emanuel McCann, DeKalb Co. PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief William Sanders, Fulton Co. Solicitor's Generals Office; Chief James Callaway, Morrow PD; Michael Bowman, Canon PD; Chief Charles Hadden, Centerville PD; Chief Michael Bailey, Milner PD; Chief Ty Matthews, Roberta PD; Capt. Randall Harris, Roberta PD; Chief Cliff Jordan, Ashburn PD; Chief William Ryder, Sycamore PD; Lt. Sylvester Jim Wiley, Chamblee PD; Chief Jonathan Hemphill, Zebulon PD; SFC Stephanie Stalling, GSP; Chief Novin Darsey, Molena PD; LEC Dan

Greathouse, ROCIC; VP (ret) Connie Sampson, GSU; Chief Craig Cooper, Barnesville PD; COS Brian Scott, Glynn Co. PD; Deputy Chief Joseph Dorsey, MARTA PD; Chief Andre Parker, Columbus Airport DPS; Chief Investigator Marcel Reed, Atlanta City Solicitor's Office; Chief John Tyson, Omega PD; Chief James Morgan, Jackson PD; Capt David Akins, Jackson, PD; Director Dan Branch, Buford DPS; Chief James Conroy, DeKalb PD; Chief Michael Persley, Albany PD; Chief Mike Richardson, Thomaston PD; Chief Mark Scott, Americus PD; Chief Keith Zgonc, Sandy Springs PD; SSA William Camp, CSX Railroad PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Chief Thomas Trawick Clayton Co. Schools PD; Chief Augustus Palmer, Waynesboro PD.

Prior to the start of the official meeting, Major Fielding of GSP welcomed GACP members and spoke briefly about GSP's assistance to other departments such as SWAT, CERT, and Aviation.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the February 4, 2018 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief William Westenberger and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2018 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 December 31, 2017 one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Tony Tanner and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the financial report dated December 31, 2017 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Wells Fargo Representative/GACP Investments – Executive Director Rotondo introduced Chad Hardy, Senior Vice President of Financial Investments for Wells Fargo who gave a brief synopsis of who they are and how they can assist with financial needs. He then introduced Craig Harris who gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding GACP's financial status.

Following the presentation, Executive Director Rotondo thanked Connie Sampson, GACP Life Member, for her help, dedication and guidance in reviewing our financial reports.

Executive Director's Report

- ❑ Life Membership – Executive Director Rotondo explained to the attendees how life membership is attained.

Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for the following upon their retirement:

- Randy Johnson – Lawrenceville PD
- Larry Boyd – Burke County BOE PD
- Roy Brunson – Tunnel Hill PD
- George Stagmeier – Hinesville PD
- Garry Moss – Calhoun PD
- Jimmy Williamson – Univ. of Georgia PD

A Motion made by Chief Wesley Walker and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to grant Life Membership to Chief Randy Johnson, Chief Larry Boyd, Chief Roy Brunson, Chief

George Stagmeier, Chief Garry Moss, and Chief Jimmy Williamson. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❑ Legislative Overview - Executive Director Rotondo presented his report in the form of a training program dealing with legislative processes. Some of the bills discussed included but was not limited to: HB 149 – Crime Scene Cleanups, HB 635 – Elderly Abuse, HB 673 Distracted Driving Bill, along with HB 703, HB 825, HB 999, SB 336, and SB 367. It should be noted that GACP adopted a “Hands-Free” Resolution in accordance with the Distracted Driving Bill.

Question was asked about the bill that deals with the allowable distance for campus police. Executive Director Rotondo verified the distance to be 500 feet and stated it is referenced under SB 348 and gave a brief synopsis as to why the bill changed from its original form to its current form.

- ❑ Secretary of State – Executive Director Rotondo introduced Secretary of State, Brian Kemp who spoke about their current ongoing investigations: financial fraud, election scams, voter fraud, business theft and securities fraud to name a few.
- ❑ Pending Changes in the STC Schedule – Executive Director Rotondo advised the 2018 STC will have some changes and members need to be aggressive with watching for those changes.
 - The banquet is being replaced with a Installation Luncheon: Executive Director Rotondo informed members that attendance at the banquet had decreased immensely and therefore, the change was needed. Business attire or uniforms will be the dress code for the luncheon and that all who attend the luncheon will be encouraged to stay for the complete program.
 - Executive Director Rotondo advised that voting will now take place on Monday so that all votes are counted and ready for the Installment Luncheon on Tuesday.
 - Executive Director Rotondo informed members the Networking Reception on Sunday has been moved to an earlier time, 3:00pm – 4:00pm, to allow more time for members to network with the vendors prior to the GACP Reception.
 - Door Prizes – Executive Director Rotondo indicated the vendors will be given the opportunity to pick numbers/names from their fishbowls of those who visited their booth. The vendor will then get to announce the winner during our door prize announcement time.
 - Executive Director Rotondo informed members that State Certification classes are being offered on the Monday and Tuesday of the conference. A hotel across the river blocked rooms for those attending the State Certification Programs. It will also give those attending the classes the opportunity to visit with our vendors.

4th Vice President Candidates: Chief Bruce Hedley and Chief Charles Spann; each candidate got to speak on their behalf.

President's Report

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Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Chief Wirthman reminded members about the itinerary for the rest of the day.
- *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.