

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
May 1, 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

**Chairman of District Reps., Chief William Westenberger

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell – Arrived during the presentation of the financial report.

***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: Executive Director Steve Heaton, GILEE; Director Robbie Friedmann, GILEE; Captain James Jermon, Vidalia PD; Director Billy Mixon, Command College; VP (ret) Connie Sampson, GSU; Director (ret) J. Dale Mann, GPSTC; Chief C. Frank Strickland, ABAC PD;

President Nelson requested a motion be made modifying the agenda as it relates to Reinhardt College. He requested a motion be made asking the Board to consider the establishment of an academic advisor for the creation of a committee to compare Reinhardt College's proposal for endorsement with the current Command College Program's syllabus. That motion was not offered; however, **a motion was made by 4th Vice President Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner that any items dealing with Reinhardt College being compared with the Command College be pulled completely from the agenda and not brought up again. Motion passed with four (4) yes votes by Chief Frank Waits, Chief Joseph Wirthman, Chief Tony Tanner, Chief Billy Grogan and two (2) dissention votes by Chief Wesley Walker and President Dennis Nelson.**

GACP member Chief Frank Strickland of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College PD requested to speak on the topic of the Command College. Chief Strickland encouraged GACP and the Command College to build a stronger relationship. Chief Strickland further stated that there should be no infringement upon the Command College's authority to be the exclusive university associated with a program of higher level education for chiefs and other law enforcement personnel. He stated it is GACP's and Columbus State University's program.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the March 14, 2018 board meeting for review.

Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the minutes of the March 14, 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 March 31, 2018 one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to accept the financial report dated March 31, 2018 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- ❑ Defer to President Nelson for introduction of Trey Drawdy, Reinhardt College Staff
 - No further discussion ensued – This request was not asked for by Executive Director Rotondo based upon motion made after the roll call.
- ❑ GACP 2019 Budget Questions & Answers – Request Approval
 - Executive Director Rotondo presented to the executive board members several weeks before the board meeting, the 2019 Proposed Budget. Executive Director Rotondo opened for discussion a budget question and answer segment. Additionally, he gave an overview of GACP's financial outlook. Upon completion of the question and answer segment a **motion was made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Billy Grogan to approve the 2019 Proposed Budget. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ❑ Completion of GACP's Chief Executive Training Program
 - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about GACP's recent Chief Executive Training Class, which was held at the Holiday Inn in Duluth GA. He noted for all attendees that the class was held there because it had 78 GACP members participating in the class and the GACP classroom only holds 50 guests. Executive Director Rotondo said that basically the class was a success; however, he intends to review the curriculum and to instruct the training coordinator to make some minor adjustments.
- ❑ Legislative Overview
 - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the bills that passed: HB 635, HB 673, HB 703, HB 867, SB 336 and SB368. Numerous other bills were discussed.
- ❑ Risk Reduction Certification Program (RRC) (Goal of President Dennis Nelson)
 - Executive Director Rotondo said that he, Dennis Nelson, Dwayne Orrick with the assistance of State Certification Coordinator Mark Bender, had several meetings with a major Georgia insurance company, Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS), about a program earmarked to reduce risk and to further professionalize law enforcement agencies. Executive Director Rotondo stated that

the Risk Reduction Certification Program (RRC) is a goal of President Dennis Nelson and is hopeful that the program will be ready for presentation soon.

- ❑ Completion of Chief Selection – West Point & Hiram
 - Executive Director Rotondo indicated that West Point PD has selected Donald Britt as their new police chief. A chief for Hiram PD has not yet been chosen by the city manager and/or their city council.
- ❑ Overview of New STC Schedule
 - Executive Director Rotondo indicated he sent all GACP members an updated schedule and notified them of the changes that are being proposed and implemented at the 2018 STC. Additionally, more information regarding these changes will be emailed out to members.

President's Report

- ❑ President Nelson, as a point of privilege, stated to all the attendees in his request for a motion statement that he never intended to replace Columbus College's program with Reinhardt College. It was merely his intent to see if other schools qualify and if their curriculum paralleled Columbus College to be possibly endorsed by GACP. Additional comments were made by President Nelson supporting the fact that Columbus College has an excellent program and that the originators of the program, Dr. McClung, Dr. Archie Rainey, and Chief Bobby Reed should be highly commended for the innovative idea of establishing the Command College.

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Spoke briefly about his selective goals and about one of his primary roles to conduct a pilot program regarding webinar training. Several GACP members offered suggestions regarding training opportunities for police chiefs. Other goals discussed were:
 - The "One Mind Campaign";
 - Supporting and encouraging agencies to support education and enforcement campaign to reduce distracted driving;
 - Coordinate with other laws enforcement units etc., to cut-down on substance abuse namely Opioids.
- *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*
 - Not in Attendance

- *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 Frank Waits* and seconded by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.