

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Summer Training Conference, Savannah, GA
July 21, 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
***Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

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

President Nelson as a point of personal privilege announced long term member of the association, David Lyons, was appointed the U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia as a presidential appointment. He asked Marshal Lyons to address the members.

A 2nd matter of personal privilege, he asked Lou Dekmar to speak about his duties as IACP President.

Others in Attendance: Director Vernon Keenan, GBI; Chief Lance Poss, Columbia Co. BOE PD; Chief Robert Hoffman, Stapleton PD; Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton PD; Capt. June Blackwell, Pickens County SO; Chief Carol Martin, Gainesville PD; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia PD; Chief Michael S. Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Rome PD; Director Dan Branch, Buford DPS; Chief Joseph Spillane, GA State Univ. PD; Director Lester Drawdy, Reinhardt Univ. PS Institute; Chief Mark Mitchell, Canton PD; Deputy Chief Barbara Tolbert, Kennesaw PD; Chief Jeffery Boatwright, Roosevelt PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Assoc. V.P. (ret) Connie Sampson, Ga State Univ. PD; Executive Director Steve Heaton, GILEE; Chief Lou Dekmar, LaGrange PD; U.S. Marshal David Lyons, U.S. Marshal's Office; Asst. Executive Director Dwayne Orrick, GACP

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Modification Requested, deferred to Michael Caldwell

President Dennis Nelson asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the May 1, 2018 board minutes. However, Counselor Michael A. Caldwell, exercising his duty as GACP's Parliamentarian stated; I understand that before I arrived at the May 1st Board Meeting, GACP's President Dennis Nelson had asked for a motion to establish a committee to examine the curriculum at Reinhardt University to determine whether Reinhardt's program was equivalent to the program offered by the

Command College at Columbus State University. A motion or vote was not made on President Nelson's request however, immediately following that request, a motion was made by Chief Frank Waits to preclude the Board from ever considering the Reinhardt question again with a second offered by Chief Tony Tanner. That motion passed with 4 votes for yes and 2 votes for no.

General Counsel Caldwell further stated that, after reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting and upon reflection, he felt the motion was out of order because it was beyond the authority of this GACP's Board to preclude a subject from ever coming up again because it curtailed future Board Members from making independent decisions. He explained that the Constitution and Bylaws do not give the Board that authority. **Chief Frank Waits motioned to rescind his previous motion made on the morning of May 1, 2018 and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker. The Board voted unanimously for Chief Wait's motion to rescind the previous ruled out of order motion made at the May 1, 2018.**

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the May 1, 2018 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Please note, this motion will serve as the official modification of the May 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Financial Report

- Notation about Vendors

President Nelson encouraged all attendees attending the GACP Summer Training Conference to stop by the vendor booths and look at our vendor's goods and services. President Nelson stated that he appreciates our vendors for their continued financial support to our association.

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all Board Members a copy of GACP's financial report dated May 31, 2018 one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the financial report dated May 31, 2018 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- Life Membership
 - Director Jim Steel, Gwinnett Co. Schools PD
 - Executive Director Marquenta Sands-Hall, Fulton Co. Schools PD
 - Chief David Colwell, Lake City PD

Executive Director Rotondo indicated all three members seeking Life Membership fulfilled the requirement for Life Membership under the GACP Constitution. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to grant Life Membership to Director Jim Steel, Executive Director Marquenta Sands-Hall and Chief David Colwell. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ❑ Resolution supporting the Not for Profit – Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider a Resolution from the Not for Profit Organization Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Early Childhood Education Program. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Frank Waits to authorize President Nelson to sign said Resolution to support that endeavor. Motion passed Unanimously.**

- ❑ 6th Edition State Certification Review & Approval

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to State Certification Coordinator Mark Bender and Chief Mike Jones to speak about the recently edited State Certification Standards Manual (6th Edition). Upon completion of their overview a **motion was made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to approve the 6th Edition manual once it is published. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ❑ Motion Request regarding Financial Institutions– Frank V. Rotondo, CEO and W. Dwayne Orrick, CFO

Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board for a motion regarding the purpose of financial transactions, authorizing W. Dwayne Orrick to be deemed the CFO of the Association while he maintains CEO status. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to approve W. Dwayne Orrick as CFO of the Association during the time he maintains CEO status. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ❑ Discussion and possible vote on GACP/Lexipol Agreement

Executive Director Rotondo requested that this issue be tabled because GACP and Lexipol have not yet reached an agreement, **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to table the GACP/Lexipol Agreement for a future meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ❑ Vernon Keenan – NIRS (National Incident Reporting System)

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Director Vernon Keenan who briefly spoke about 2 Federal programs that the State of Georgia is supporting as deemed to be progressive law enforcement practices; NIRS (National Incident Reporting System) and National Use of Force Database. Director Keenan stated that he has assigned several GBI personnel to staff vendor booths at our summer training conference to provide additional information to active and professional members regarding these 2 important programs.

Director Keenan also spoke of the recent issues regarding sex-offenders who had been pardoned and being removed from the sex-offender list. This issue occurred as a result of a Georgia Court of Appeals decision that held these persons could no longer be supervised as an offender.

- ❑ Overview STC Changes – Luncheon, Vendor Breaks, Voting, Etc.

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about changes at this years' Summer Training Conference, which include but were not limited to the GACP Luncheon, vendor breaks, voting stations, etc.

President's Report

- ❑ Deferred to Dwayne Orrick to give overview of the RRC (Risk Reduction Certificate)

President Nelson asked Assistant Executive Director Orrick to give a brief overview on one of his presidential goals, the Risk Reduction Certificate Programs, (RRC). Assistant Executive Director Orrick spoke briefly about the program and stated that it is in the final draft form and that program should be rolled out shortly.

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Indicated that his speech would be very short at the luncheon.
- *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

- President Dennis Nelson wanted to thank the Board and the membership for their cooperation during his tenure. President Nelson said it was the highlight of his professional career being the President of GACP.

Executive Session

- **Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously.**

The focus of the Executive Session was the yearly evaluation of Executive Director Rotondo as per his contract.

- **Motion made by *Chief Billy Grogan* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously**
- **Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, motion made by *Chief Billy Grogan* and seconded by *Chief Frank Waits* to approve a 5% salary increase for Executive Director Rotondo. Motion passed unanimously.**

Additionally, discussed in Executive Session, Executive Director Rotondo told the Board that he will be utilizing some sick leave to handle a health-related matter and while he was convalescing Assistant Executive Director W. Dwayne Orrick will be handling his duties. Executive Director Rotondo indicated Assistant Director Orrick has performed very well as the assistant director since he was hired in January 2018.

Adjournment

Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits* and seconded by *Chief Wesley Walker* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.