

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Winter Training Conference – The Classic Center  
February 9, 2019**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Joseph Wirthman.

President Wirthman read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Joseph Wirthman  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief J. Frank Waits  
4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Bruce Hedley  
Immediate Past President, Warden Dennis Nelson  
Chairman of District Reps., Chief Bruce Carlisle  
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.

**Others in Attendance:** Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick, GACP; Director Dan Branch, Buford Dept. of PS.; Chief Michael S. Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief (Retired) Keith Glass, Monroe PD; Chief Woodrow Blue, Donalsonville PD; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; Chief Mark Kissel, Cherokee Co. School Police; Chief Lou Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Executive Director Steve Heaton, GILEE; Major Brandon Gurley, Brookhaven PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Chief James Callaway, Morrow PD; Chief Mark Mitchell, Canton PD; Vice President (Retired) Connie Sampson, GA State PD; Chief Mike Booker, Decatur PD; Chief Calvin Moss, Woodstock PD; Chief Billy Hancock, Ocilla PD; Chief Wendell Faulk, Buena Vista PD; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Chief Tony Bailey, Powder Springs PD; Lt. Lane Cadwell, Powder Springs PD; Sgt. Joshua Keener, Vidalia PD

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

President Wirthman presented the minutes of the January 15, 2019 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Bruce Carlisle to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2019 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, 2018 at least one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Tony Tanner and seconded by Chief Frank Waits to accept the financial report dated December 31, 2018 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Committee Chair, Connie Sampson, indicated to members that GACP was financially strong.

### Executive Director's Report

- Representative of Administrative Office of the Courts
  - Administrator was not able to be present at the meeting
- Life Membership
  - Mark Kissel - Chief, Cherokee County Schools (Pending Retirement)
  - Keith Sorrells – Chief, Rockmart PD
  - Ken Vance – Executive Director, POST
  - Randall “Randy” Moon – Oakwood PD

Bruce Carlisle wanted to know if all members who were proposed for Life Membership were up to date with their dues being paid. Executive Director Rotondo indicated one member was late with his 2017 and 2018 dues but those have been paid. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to grant Life Membership to the noted members stated above (Kissel & Vance upon retirement in June 2019). Motion passed unanimously.**

- Legislative Issues

- SB 407 (2017-2018 Regular Session)

Executive Director Rotondo spoke extensively about a bill that passed during the 2018 Regular Session, SB 407. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that a clarification order would be issued by the court system regarding procedures to follow in compliance with SB 407. The clarification document becomes official on February 15, 2019 upon an affirmative vote of the Justices.

- Pending Legislation

Executive Director Rotondo gave an overview of pending legislation and deferred during his overview to Assistant Executive Director Orrick to clarify several points dealing with some 2019 active bills. The bills covered in Executive Director Rotondo's overview included but were not limited to HB 20, HB 43, HB 55, HB 58, HB 75, HB 88, HB 107, HB 111, SB 15, etc. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo spoke about a bill that GACP is requesting to be introduced. The pending legislation does not have a number yet; however, the bill deals with law enforcement and “ambassadors” being able to direct traffic for special events after receiving training.

- Risk Reduction Certification Program (RRC) – Defer to Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick

Assistant Executive Director Orrick indicated that within a few months, the RRC program should be functioning. Assistant Executive Director Orrick gave a quick overview of the program and stated it will hopefully reduce law enforcement liability.

- Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about several areas of the conference and the progress we have made with respect to the Classic Center.

- Conference Activities

- Vendors

- ❑ Social
  - ❑ Training
  - ❑ Conference Center Relationship
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- ❑ Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Chief's Day at the Capitol will start at 9:00am on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be sent out during week of February 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **President's Report**

- *President, Chief Joseph Wirthman*
  - President Wirthman asked the members in attendance to introduce themselves.
  - President Wirthman indicated GACP conducted their first webinar and it appears to have been very successful.
  - President Wirthman suggested that Executive Director Rotondo explore the possibility of having a webinar produced to explain the concepts associated with 2018's SB 407 dealing with misdemeanor citations.

### **Executive Board's Report**

- *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
  - No report at this meeting
- *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
  - No report at this meeting
- *3<sup>rd</sup> VP Chief J. Frank Waits*
  - No report at this meeting
- *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Bruce Hedley*
  - No report at this meeting
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief Bruce Carlisle*
  - No report at this meeting
- *Immediate Past President, Warden Dennis Nelson*
  - No report at this meeting

### **Old Business**

- Executive Director Rotondo and Assistant Executive Director Orrick indicated they will be meeting with representatives of John J. College on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the Classic Center to discuss an initiative associated with reconciliations between police and the communities.

### **New Business**

- GACP attorney Michael Caldwell spoke briefly about citizens and their rights to video city police departments. Counselor Caldwell indicated he will send out correspondence to all

members if they are confused as to the rights of individuals to video within a police agency and trespass laws.

**Adjournment**

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