

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Summer Training Conference  
Savannah, Georgia  
July 20, 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, Vacant due to retirement

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 – arrived late

*\*\*Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

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

President Wirthman declared a quorum in attendance

**Others in Attendance:** Asst. Exec. Director Dwayne Orrick, GACP; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; VP(Ret) Connie Sampson, GA State Univ.; Chief Janet Moon, Peachtree City PD; Chief Alan Rowe, Valdosta State Univ. PD; Chief Scott Gray, Fayetteville PD; Chief Lance Poss, Columbia Co. Schools PD; Chief (Ret) Keith Glass, Monroe PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; US Marshal David Lyons, US Marshal's Office; Chief Mark Mitchell, Canton PD; Exec. Director Steve Heaton, GILEE; Chief Calvin Moss, Woodstock PD; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Chief James Callaway, Morrow PD; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Commissioner John King, GA Insurance Office; Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton PD; Director Dan Branch, Buford Dept. Of P.S.; Chief Michael S. Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Rome PD; Former Director Bob Dallas, GOHS; Deputy Chief Ronnie Mooney, Suwanee PD; Chief Roy Minter, Savannah PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief (Ret) J. Frank Waits, Vidalia PD; Director Billy Mixon, Command College; Chief Jeff Boatwright, Roosevelt Facility PD.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

President Wirthman presented the minutes of the June 11, 2019 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Bruce Carlisle and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

Executive Director Rotondo presented to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated June 30, 2019 at least one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief**

**Wesley Walker and seconded by Chief Bruce Carlisle to accept the financial report dated June 30, 2019 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that GACP is in very good financial shape and that the minutes, as well as, the financial report are presented to the board at least one week prior to any board meeting.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- Life Membership
  - Shawn Douglas – Chief (Retired) Middle Georgia State University PD with over 37 years in law enforcement of which 10 plus years as a police chief.
  - Brett Evans – Chief (Retired) Warner Robbins PD with 32 years in law enforcement and more than 16 years as a police chief.
  - John King – Chief (Retired) Doraville PD with 34 years in law enforcement, 17 of which as a police chief.

The above 3 names were considered under the general life membership rule of the Constitution and By-Laws whereas an active CEO may be deemed for Life Membership once they retire with an excess of 20 years in law enforcement and 10 years as a police chief.

- Steve Heaton – Chief (Retired) Griffin PD with 29 years in law enforcement but slightly less than 10 years as a police chief.
- Cynthia “Jackie” Battle – Chief (Retired) Dougherty County PD with over 38 years in law enforcement of which 6 years as a police chief.

Retired members Steve Heaton and Cynthia “Jackie” Battle is being considered for Life Membership based on special stipulation in the Constitution and By-Laws whereas both candidates have less than 10 years as a CEO of a law enforcement agency.

**Motion by Chief Bruce Carlisle and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to grant Life Membership to Shawn Douglas, Brett Evans, John King, Steve Heaton and Cynthia “Jackie” Battle. Motion passed unanimously.**

- John King – Insurance Commissioner
  - Insurance Commissioner/retired Police Chief John King addressed all members in attendance with respect to his new duties and responsibilities.
- Risk Reduction Certification (RRC) – Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about GACP and ILGRM/GRMA’s new Risk Reduction Certificate Program (RRC). Executive Director Rotondo indicated that this program was a stated goal of GACP Immediate Past President Dennis Nelson and shall remain part of his legacy at GACP.

Executive Director Rotondo referred to Assistant Executive Director Orrick to speak further about the program.

- Assistant Executive Director Orrick advised the program was released and published on the GACP website July 20, 2019. Additionally, he spoke about the bullet points associated with the RRC program and that he would be doing a webinar on the program in August.

- ❑ Executive Director Rotondo introduced Bob Dallas former GOHS director. Former GOHS Director Dallas spoke briefly about the worth of a movement called “The Consolidation Against Bigger Trucks”. It should be noted that former IACP President Russ Laine has embraced this program and has requested that the GACP send out an email apprising its members that the program exists and request their support.
- ❑ Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the addition of 2 extra hours of training that did not appear in printed material but will be provided to the members upon registration. One hour of training will be allotted on Monday, July 22, 2019 between 2:30 and 3:30. That training consists of exploring goods and services associated with contemporary policing needs such as, enhanced radio communications, body armor, vehicle safety equipment, etc. The 2<sup>nd</sup> hour of training will be granted at the business meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. That training program will contain state department heads speaking about their duties and functions as it relates to the assistance, they can provide to law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

### **President’s Report**

- *President, Chief Joseph Wirthman*
  - Spoke briefly about marijuana legislation which appears is being embraced throughout the country.
  - Chief Wirthman spoke about GACP’s voting procedure on Monday, July 22, 2019
  - Chief Wirthman encouraged all members and their families to attend the ice cream social and other pertinent social activities in conjunction with the STC.
  - Chief Wirthman wanted to thank all the members in attendance for their support and loyalty to him and the association and how being the president of the GACP has been the highlight of his career.

### **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 Vacant due to Retirement*
- *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

**Executive Session**

- ❑ **Motion made by *Chief Tony Tanner* and seconded by *Chief Wesley Walker* to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The executive session was regarding a personnel matter.**

- ❑ **Motion made by *Chief Tony Tanner* and seconded by *Warden Dennis Nelson* to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**No additional information is known about the Executive Session.**

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by *Warden Dennis Nelson* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**