

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
GACP Building  
Duluth, Georgia  
September 13, 2019**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Wesley Walker.

Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Wesley Walker

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Bruce Hedley

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Janet Moon

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Alan Rowe

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Mark Scott

Immediate Past President, Chief Joseph Wirthman – Present via phone call

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; Chief John Robison, Alpharetta Department of Public Safety; Chief Calvin Moss, Woodstock PD; Director Dan Branch, Buford Department of Public Safety; Vice President (ret) Connie Sampson, GA State University; Inspector Mitchell Posey, GBI; Prosecutorial Liaison Jaret Usher, GBI; Chief Zach Ardis, Commerce PD; Captain Darrell McDaniel, Fulton Co. School Police; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Solicitor General Stephanie Woodard, Hall County Solicitor General's Office.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

President Walker presented the minutes of the August 14, 2019 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Bruce Carlisle and seconded by Chief Mark Scott to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

Assistant Executive Director Orrick distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated July 31, 2019 at least one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Alan Rowe and seconded by Chief Bruce Hedley to accept the financial report dated July 31, 2019 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

It should be noted that Financial Committee Chair Connie Sampson mentioned the yearly audit will be taking place at the end of the month and the board members will receive a copy of the report in November.

### **Special Reports**

- Jaret Usher, Prosecutorial Liaison for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
  - Ms. Usher spoke regarding the Anti-Gang Initiative advising there are over 50,000 active gang members in the Atlanta area. Ms. Usher stated that subject to O.C.G.A. 16-15-11, a Gang Database has been created, but requires input from local agencies. They hope to have this database active to all agencies soon as they feel when agencies share gang information with each other it becomes the successful key in dismantling these violent groups. She also provided background information on several legislative initiatives being proposed for the 2020 Legislative Session
  
- Solicitor General Stephanie Woodard, Hall County Solicitor General's Office
  - Solicitor General Woodard spoke about DUI's and what agencies need when dealing with this issue. Ms. Woodard stated the consensus with local law enforcement is the Administrative License Suspension Hearings (ALS) is not the avenue to continue and they are hoping to eliminate this process.
  - Solicitor General Woodard discussed first offender treatments and proposed changes in the punishments.
  - Solicitor General Woodard then showed a short video titled "Domestic Violence and Firearms" along with their website information, [www.safergeorgia.com](http://www.safergeorgia.com), and stated they are looking for GACP's support.
  - Chief Mark Scott requested Ms. Woodward put together all the details she spoke about today into a survey format so it can be sent out to our members.

### **Committee Reports**

- Legislative Committee – Chief John Robison gave an overview of several legislative topics including, but not limited to:
  - SB 222 - Misdemeanor Citations, differences between jurisdiction;
  - HB 282 - GBI Sexual Assault Kits, challenge is the storing of these kits at each agency;
  - Involuntary Mental Health Evaluations in which officers would be authorized to take persons into custody and transport them for evaluation who are a danger to themselves or others;
  - Hate Crime;
  - SB63 – Pursuits, state-imposed restrictions on agencies;
  - Red Flag Law;
  - Asset Forfeiture;
  
- Marijuana Testing, Chief Billy Grogan spoke regarding a vendor in Sweden that had a test kit in which the GBI personnel was able to access. Kit worked but found to produce a false negative. This kit was a presumptive test, not scientific. GBI is still working with maker of this kit, but GACP strongly opposes legalizing marijuana;
  
- POAB – Chief Robison deferred to Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick who advised if it is done according to Statute it is to come from fines. One funding proposal is provide ½ percent increase in auto insurance premiums. Another proposal which appears to be more promising is to increase the fine add-on for the fund. Chief Billy Grogan advised the need to get out to the legislators and discuss their concerns.

- Chief Mark Scott requested a list be provided to the board stating what bills GACP opposes and/or represent.  
**Motion made by Chief Janet Moon and seconded by Chief Mark Scott to accept the recommendations of the Legislative Committee and draft forms until we get to the Legislative Session. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Recruitment/Compensation Committee – Chief Mark Scott spoke about looking at policy and procedures that will encourage people to stay and creating a starting salary survey. Chief/President Walker distributed to the Board a Local Enforcement Compensation Reform Report prepared by the Georgia Sheriff’s Association.
- Training Committee – Chief Calvin Moss addressed the Board regarding the By-Laws as they pertain to the committee’s responsibilities and questioned if they should be amended. Chief Moss relayed their recommendations as follows:
  - More networking with vendors;
  - Reduce large scale presentations at the conferences and have more break-out sessions;
  - Changes to the scanning in/out process;
  - Reach out and acquire better presenters at conferences;
  - Introducing new chiefs at the conferences – Need to mentor new chiefs more;
  - Increasing reimbursement amount
    - Chief Mark Scott requested the committee research the dollar amounts and inform the Board at a later meeting their findings.

**Executive Director’s Report** – Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick conducted on behalf of the absence of the executive director.

- Fall Chief Executive Training Class (CETC)
  - Assistant Executive Director Orrick advised the next class starts September 30<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Sonesta Hotel. He discussed instituting the dispersing of presenter documentation from paper format to electronic via thumb drive. CETC registrants will need to bring a laptop or iPad device; GACP will have some extra laptops for use if needed.
  - Brannen Motor Company will once again be providing a pizza lunch and bringing their vehicle for the class to view.
- Winter Conference Update
  - Assistant Executive Director Orrick gave a timeline for the release of the 2020 Winter Conference details and advised we will be able to release 2020 Summer Conference details within days of returning from winter conference.
  - Assistant Executive Director Orrick also advised that any plans to recognize Executive Director Rotondo and his service to GACP will need to be delayed until the summer conference.
- Summer Conference Contract

- Assistant Executive Director Orrick advised the board that the percentage of rooms that are occupied versus the required minimum are close. Training Coordinator Monica Duran is evaluating the data with staff from the host hotel to ensure we remain within the contract requirements.
- Directory
  - Assistant Executive Director Orrick recommended the transition from a paper directory and to an electronic version that is accessible to the members via their profile on the database and on the website. This would ensure the directory is always up-to-date and reduce the costs associated staff time and postage.
- New Chiefs
  - Second Vice-President Janet Moon suggested new chiefs be provided with some identifier that would designate them as a new member. For example, have a different colored nametag.

### **President's Report**

- *President, Chief Wesley Walker*
  - Chief Walker reported he met with Georgia Sheriff's Association President, Sheriff Stacy Jarrard (Lumpkin County) and Executive Director J. Terry Norris regarding partnering with them on certain issues. There are many issues the two associations mutually support such as POAB, compensation for local officers and Asset Forfeiture and need to work more closely in addressing.

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

- *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Bruce Hedley*
  - No report at this meeting
- *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Janet Moon*
  - No report at this meeting
- *3<sup>rd</sup> VP Chief Alan Rowe*
  - No report at this meeting
- *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Mark Scott*
  - No report at this meeting
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief Bruce Carlisle*
  - Chief Carlisle indicated 56 people have signed up for the Chief Peer Support Workshop scheduled on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Chief Carlisle also indicated that a job-related fitness test is being implemented into the police academy.
- *Immediate Past President, Chief Joseph Wirthman*
  - No report at this meeting

**Old Business**

- President Walker advised the Board and those in attendance that the Executive Director position has been posted. GACP Past Presidents will be on the interview panel.

**New Business**

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**Executive Session**

- **Motion made by *Chief Alan Rowe* and seconded by *Chief Bruce Hedley* to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

The executive session was to discuss a personnel matter.

- **Motion made by *Chief Alan Rowe* and seconded by *Chief Bruce Carlisle* to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by *Chief Bruce Carlisle* and seconded by *Chief Alan Rowe* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**