

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Gwinnett Place Marriott Hotel, Duluth GA  
Monday, September 20, 2004**

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**Meeting called to order**

- The meeting was called to order by President Louis Dekmar.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Louis M. Dekmar  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Bryan Golden  
\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Hubert Smith  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick  
4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Stacey Cotton  
Chairman of District Reps., Chief Deputy Mike Malone  
\*\*Immediate Past President, Chief George Potter  
Executive Director, Executive Director Rotondo V. Rotondo  
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell  
\*\* Indicates Board member not in attendance.

**Others in attendance were:** Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director, Vernon Keenan; DPS Director of Legal Services, Wayne Yancy; DPS Deputy of Legal Services, Terry Long; Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia, Tom Hayes; U.S. Justice Department employee, Didi Nelson; Georgia State University Police Director of Police Services, Connie Sampson; Suwanee Police Department, Chief Mike Jones; Retired Chief Armand Chapeau; Milledgeville Police Department, Chief Woody Blue; Retired Chief William Kicklighter; Deputy Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Christina Ash; Lilburn Police Department, Chief Ron Houck; Homeland Security Program Manager, Tony McClung

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- **Motion made by *Chief Dwayne Orrick* to accept the 07.24.04 minutes as presented; seconded by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

- **Motion made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone* to approve the Financial Reports as presented; seconded by *Chief Bryan Golden*. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Director's Report**

- Request for Life Membership
  - Executive Director Rotondo advised the Executive Board that he appreciated their email response to a request in consideration of retired Sylvania Police Chief obtaining Life Membership. The Board voted electronically to approve Life Membership for retired member William Black. A Life Membership plaque was presented by Active GACP members Chiefs Richard Newell and Butch Chan.

Executive Director Rotondo also regretfully announced that Chief Black died shortly after the presentation.

- Executive Director Rotondo requested Life Membership be approved for retired Police Chief Richard Bond, formerly of the Gainesville Police Department, as well as other departments. **Motion was made by Chief Dwayne Orrick, second by Chief Deputy Mike Malone to grant Life Membership to retired Police Chief Richard Bond. Motion was approved unanimously.**
- Executive Director Rotondo requested consideration for Life Membership be given to retired DeKalb County Marshal Leonard Thrower. However, the Board was aware that some political controversy surrounds the retirement of the Marshal and requested no action be taken on this matter at this time.

➤ Life Membership Review

President Dekmar interrupted Executive Director Rotondo's report to state that he is asking the Police Chief of Lilburn, Ronald H. Houck, to review the section of the GACP Constitution and Bylaws pertaining to Life Membership. Among several areas to be reviewed are years of service as an Active member of GACP, years of service to the State of Georgia, and the reputation of the individual requesting Life Membership. Additionally, President Dekmar appointed Chief Stacey Cotton to represent the Executive Board on this ad hoc committee.

➤ Firefighters' Resolution

Executive Director Rotondo requested approval for a resolution in support of our state firefighters. **Motion made by Deputy Marshal Mike Malone, seconded by Chief Bryan Golden, to approve the Firefighters' Resolution. Motion was approved unanimously.** The Resolution was signed by GACP President Chief Louis M. Dekmar.

➤ Homeland Security Program Manager

Executive Director Rotondo introduced GACP's Homeland Security Program Manager, Tony McClung, to all attending members. Mr. McClung spoke briefly about his duties as a sub-grantee award winner working under the Georgia Research Technology Institute.

➤ State Training Funds Issue

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he would be working with Chief Dwayne Orrick and Counselor Caldwell on a training fund issue. That issue involves what appears to be disparities in training monies granted to GACP and what is awarded to the Georgia Sheriffs Association. Director Rotondo was very clear in stating that it was not his intention to ask for a reduction in monies granted the sheriffs, but would like to see parity between the two associations regarding state training money.

➤ Purchase of Alcohol at Executive Board Dinners

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about a Finance Committee recommendation to restrict the purchase of alcohol at GACP Executive Board dinners by GACP. The 2003/2004 Finance Committee Chairman, Chief Gene Wilson, indicated in a formal report that he felt it would be inappropriate for GACP to spend Association money to buy alcoholic beverages for Board members at Board dinners. **Motion made by Chief Deputy Mike Malone, seconded by Chief Stacey Cotton, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee, thereby prohibiting GACP from**

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**purchasing alcoholic beverages at Executive Board dinners. Motion was approved unanimously.**

- **Military Service Personnel Award**  
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he had been working with President Dekmar and the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, retired member Ronnie Alton, in preparing a special award for military service personnel.
- **Grant**  
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that with the knowledge of President Dekmar, grant paperwork was being developed to facilitate GACP's application for a grant, which essentially would make available interpreters for law enforcement agencies to serve limited English speaking people.

**President' Report**

- **GILLEE Foundation**  
President Dekmar indicated that he was establishing an ad hoc committee to look at funding sources to assist the GILEE Foundation. Director Keenan stated he was developing a letter to be sent to all GACP members who went to Israel via the GILEE Exchange Program. The letter would advise them that GILEE could accept drug forfeiture monies.
- **Retired Police Chief Committee**  
President Dekmar deferred to retired Chief Kicklighter to discuss several concepts associated with the possibility of establishing a Retired Police Chief Standing Committee. After an extensive discussion it was determined that the Retired Police Chief Committee would remain at an ad hoc level and would be directed to work closely with GACP and IACP to foster growth of the mentoring program.
- **Racial Profiling Committee**  
President Dekmar deferred to the Racial Profiling Committee Chair, Director Connie Sampson, to speak on a drafted copy of proposed legislation regarding racial profiling. Director Sampson deferred to "subject matter experts" and concerned GACP members in attendance asking for their input. The "subject matter experts" were attorneys from the DSP and PAC.

After an extensive conversation it was decided that numerous changes would be made in the first draft of the proposed legislation. Once changes were made, the new document would be sent to all Executive Board members for their review.

- **State Certification Funding**  
President Dekmar deferred to Executive Board member Chief Stacey Cotton to discuss state certification funding. Chief Cotton indicated that the State Certification Chairman, Chief R. L. "Chuck" Kelley, recommended the following changes:
  - Increase the certification application fee to \$300
  - Make the certification application fee non-refundable
  - The continuation of the 5 year contract period
  - Creation of an annual maintenance fee of \$300 for all state certified agencies

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**Motion was made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to accept the recommendations as noted above. The motion was approved unanimously.**

- State Certification for Standards  
State Certification for Standards is slated to be developed under the State Certification Chairman, Chief Chuck Kelley, in the very early spring of 2005. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that after discussing the issue with President Dekmar, the next two Presidents (at minimum) would be asked to continue the tenure of Chief Kelly as Chairman of the State Certification Program until the completion of the Fourth Edition Standards. The rewriting of those standards should take approximately two years. Director Bryan Golden, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, stated he would take it under advisement. Chief Hubert Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, was not available for comment.
- Homeland Security/GCIC Meeting  
President Dekmar deferred to Chief Dwayne Orrick to provide a report on the Homeland Security/GCIC meeting. Chief Orrick reported progress was made during that meeting.

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Director Bryan Golden – Nothing to report.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Hubert Smith – Absent.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick – Nothing to report.
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Stacey Cotton – Nothing to report.
- District Representatives Chairman, Chief Deputy Mike Malone – Nothing to report.

#### **Old business**

- No old business to report

#### **New Business**

- President's Reception  
Retired Chief Armand Chapeau asked the Executive Board to consider evaluating the use of, and the spending of GACP funds to purchase, alcoholic beverages at the GACP President's reception. President Dekmar stated that he would look at the procedure to determine whether or not alcohol should continue to be served at that function.
- Areas of Concern Noted at District Meetings  
Chief Deputy Mike Malone stated that he was at an 11<sup>th</sup> District Meeting and several areas of concern were expressed.
  - POST is still using Social Security numbers to identify law enforcement officers. Chief Dekmar stated that he would talk with the POST Director about the issue at the next POST meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21.

- Chief Ed Williams of the Roswell Police Department encourages GACP to continue to obtain information pertinent to pending Police Chief job openings and to send that information to all GACP members. Additionally, his request was to post such information on the GACP website. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that as per procedure, that is the normal course of business and will continue.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Motion made to adjourn by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, seconded by *Chief Bryan Golden*. The motion passed unanimously.**