

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Command College Building, Columbus, GA
April 12, 2006 – 1:00pm**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Bryan Golden.

Roll Call

President, Chief Bryan Golden

1st VP, Chief Hubert Smith

2nd VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick

3rd VP, Chief Stacey Cotton

**4th VP, Chief Michael Jones

**Immediate Past President, Chief Louis M. Dekmar

Chairman of District Reps., Chief James A. Smith

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

** Indicates Board member not in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Parliamentarian, Chief C. Frank Strickland; General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell; Chief Jay Stripling, Lumpkin PD; Chief David Lyons, Garden City PD; Chief Richard Boren, Columbus PD; Dr. Curtis McClung; Chaplain Craig Nalls; Rueben Hairston; Chief Deputy Mike Malone, Cherokee County SO; Chief George Potter, Perry PD; Chief Woodrow Blue, Milledgeville PD; and Len Pagano, Safe America Foundation

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- **Motion made by *Chief James Smith*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*, to accept the March 20, 2006, Executive Board minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- **Motion made by *Chief Hubert Smith*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- **Legislative Overview**
Executive Director Rotondo presented a legislative overview. Included in the overview were the following bills that passed: HB 101, HB 513, HB 1019, HB 1059, HB 1153, HB 1209, HB 1216, HB 1302, HR 1396, HR 1692, SB 64, SB 381, SB 396, SB 462, SB 529, and SB 581.

Additionally, a short discussion regarding several bills that did not pass occurred.

- **Dr. Curtis McClung/Motorola Award**
Executive Director Rotondo offered for consideration that \$1,000 be awarded to the winner of the Dr. Curtis McClung Award of Excellence. After a short discussion, a motion was made by *Chief Hubert Smith*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to approve the awarding of a \$1,000 check to the winning department of the Dr. Curtis McClung/Motorola Award to be used for continuation and/or further development of the winning program.

➤ Sponsoring of Chaplain's Dinner

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding a possible funding of the chaplain's program/dinner. Speaking during this presentation was Chaplain Craig Nalls who stated that the Georgia Law Enforcement Chaplains Program (GLECP) did not intend to pull away completely from the GACP and that GLECP is collecting dues. After this discussion **a motion was made by Chief James Smith to award up to \$1,000 toward the chaplain's program to be used for a dinner, scholarship, etc. Motion did not receive a second, therefore the motion died.**

President Golden stated to all attending members that GACP will continue to support the Georgia Chaplains Association.

➤ 2007 Budget

Executive Director Rotondo had presented to the board for their review and consideration a draft of the 2007 budget. President Golden requested the budget be tabled until the Finance Committee has a chance to review it, which should take place in early May. Therefore, this item will be placed on the May agenda.

➤ Life Membership for Chief Sammie Hall

Executive Director Rotondo requested that Life Membership be considered for Chief Sammie Hall of Buena Vista and that if consideration is granted, the Executive Director be permitted the liberty of having Chief Hall's Life Membership plaque presented to him at his retirement dinner on June 15 by a GACP representative. **A motion was made by Chief Dwayne Orrick, seconded by Chief James Smith, to grant Life Membership to retiring Chief Sammie Hall of Buena Vista. Motion passed unanimously.** The board, by concurrence, agreed to allow the Life Membership plaque to be given to Chief Hall on June 15, 2006.

➤ Summer Training Conference Fees

At the request of President Golden, Executive Director Rotondo advised all attending members that there has been a 5% increase in the cost of the conference for attending members. The 5% increase was based in part upon projected food costs plus numerous gratuity costs. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo stated that at the host hotel, GACP had secured 385 of the 403 available rooms.

➤ Suspension of Vendor Representative (Request for Reconsideration)

Executive Director Rotondo asked all board members to refer to the document dated March 29, 2006, authored by C. Michael Davis, II in their board packet. Mr. Davis requested reconsideration of his one (1) year suspension from GACP conference activities. Executive Director Rotondo stated that Mr. Davis wanted to advise the board that he did not have a GACP logo shirt on when he spoke with Governor Perdue at the Winter Training Conference. President Golden indicated he was willing to entertain a motion for reconsideration. Hearing no motion, the suspension stands.

➤ Athens/Clark County Police Department

At the request of Police Chief Joseph Lumpkins, Athens/Clark County Police Department, a court document was presented to the board for their review. The document referenced Civil Action # SU-05-CV-1704S, which pertains to the Athens newspaper requesting records from the Athens/Clark County Police Department that involve active homicide cases. A brief discussion occurred. **A motion was made by**

Chief Dwayne Orrick, seconded by Chief Hubert Smith, to have our GACP General Counsel draft a Amicus Curiae Brief opposing the release of active case documents. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Safe America Foundation
President Golden deferred to Lenny Pagano to discuss Safe America Foundation. After a brief discussion the board concurred without motion to continue to support one facet of Safe America, that facet dealing with teenage driving/training.

Executive Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief Hubert Smith, no report
- 2nd VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick, no report.
- 3rd VP, Chief Stacey Cotton, spoke briefly regarding Chief Randy Shirley, Lavonia Police Department, who is in contention for an all-star television award and noted that if members wish to support Chief Shirley, there is a website they could access to cast their vote.
- 4th VP, Chief Michael Jones, not present
- Immediate Past President, Chief Louis M. Dekmar, not present.
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief James Smith, no report.
- Parliamentarian, Chief Frank Strickland, no report.

New Business

- Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney
A brief discussion by the board surrounding the recent actions of Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney elicited additional participation from most of the members in attendance. After the discussion it was decided that GACP would not take any action on this issue.

- Executive Session
A motion was made by Chief Hubert Smith, seconded by Chief Dwayne Orrick, to go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chief James Smith, seconded by Chief Hubert Smith, to exit the executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Focus of the executive session was to elicit comments from Executive Board members pertinent to Executive Director Rotondo's yearly evaluation. Additionally, a possible personnel reorganization was discussed.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

- **Motion made to adjourn by *Chief Stacey Cotton*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**