

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, GA  
October 9, 2007 – 10:00am**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Dwayne Orrick.

The following were in attendance:

**Roll Call**

President, Dwayne Orrick

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Stacey Cotton

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Michael Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Woodrow Blue

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Stan York

Immediate Past President, Chief Hubert Smith

\*\*Chairman of District Reps., Chief Deputy Mike Malone (Medical Reasons)

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

\*\* Indicates Board member not in attendance.

**Others in Attendance:** Paul Maharry, GACP Training Director; Chief Ronnie Lane, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Chief David Lyons, Garden City PD; Chief James Miller, Louisville PD; and Director Dale Mann, GPSTC

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- **Motion made by *Chief Woody Blue*, seconded by *Chief Michael Jones*, to accept the July 28, 2007 Executive Board minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- General Counsel Michael Caldwell was asked if it was necessary to approve the minutes of September 11, 2007, since there was not a quorum. Counselor Caldwell indicated that it was not an official GACP meeting, therefore approval was not necessary.

**Financial Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the Financial Reports. **Motion made by *Chief Woody Blue*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*, to accept the Financial Report dated June 30, 2007, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion made by *Chief Hubert Smith*, seconded by *Chief Stan York*, to accept the Financial Report dated August 31, 2007, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Director's Report**

- Life Membership  
Executive Director Rotondo requested the Executive Board examine the prospect of issuing Life Membership to Richard Darby and Chief James Chadwick.

An extensive discussion occurred regarding approval of Life Membership for Richard Darby since he does not meet the traditional GACP requirements for Life Membership. However, based upon the GACP Constitution, Article II, Section 3, Paragraph 4, a waiver was recommended by the Board and he was granted Life Membership. **Motion by *Chief***

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**Michael Jones, seconded by Chief Hubert Smith, to grant Life Membership to Richard Darby due to his tenure with the State of Georgia as a CEO, his service as Chairman of POST Council, and his service as the Director of the Georgia State Certification Program.**

**Motion by Chief Michael Jones, seconded by Chief Stan York, to grant Life Membership to Chief James Chadwick of the Dalton Police Department effective November 1, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.**

➤ Legislative Issues

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly regarding HB 308, which deals with eyewitness identification. After a lengthy discussion, Executive Board members agreed to request that Executive Director Rotondo communicate with Dr. Roy Malpass of the Eyewitness Identification Research Laboratory at the University of Texas at El Paso to see if he would be available to attend a meeting in the State of Georgia with respect to eyewitness identification. The Executive Director was authorized to use discretion with respect to payment for Dr. Malpass' services.

Director Rotondo spoke briefly about a proposed immigration bill which will be authored by State Senator John Douglas.

➤ CIT Program/NAMI

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Paul Maharry, GACP Training Director, to discuss problems with the CIT Program/NAMI. After an extensive discussion regarding the problem, the Executive Board authorized Executive Director Rotondo and General Counsel Michael Caldwell to author a letter to be remitted to the Director of NAMI.

➤ Summer Training Conference (STC) Procedure Changes

Training Director Paul Maharry offered several suggestions to the Board at the direction of the Conference Committee with respect to modification of procedures associated with the STC banquet. After lengthy discussion, the following motions were made with respect to the suggestions of the Conference Committee:

- **Motion made by Chief Stacey Cotton, seconded by Chief Woody Blue, that only police chiefs who are graduating from the Command College be recognized during the STC banquet and that their recognition be announced simultaneously. Motion passed with one dissenting vote, Chief Mike Jones.**

With respect to the above motion, the Board requested that Executive Director Rotondo communicate with Dr. Archie Rainey and suggest that Command College graduations be conducted in Columbus, Georgia. GACP would provide Executive Board members or GACP staff members at those graduation ceremonies to commend the graduates.

- **Motion made by Chief Stacey Cotton, seconded by Chief Woody Blue, that GACP recognize police chiefs whose agencies were being awarded state certification or re-certification at the STC banquet simultaneously and remit to those police chiefs a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Motion made by *Chief Stan York*, seconded by *Chief Woody Blue*, that door prizes awarded to members at the STC banquet be limited to five to ten big-ticket items. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **President's Report**

- **Future Board Discussions**  
The Board briefly discussed several items that will be more fully discussed at the next Executive Board meeting. Decisions will be made at that time with respect to the immediate Past President position if that position becomes vacant, changing GACP Bylaws with respect to the Chairman of the District Representative running for a GACP Executive Board position, and Bylaws changes with respect to standing committees.

With respect to the Bylaws changes discussed above, suggested revisions will be drafted by General Counsel Michael Caldwell and sent to all Board members prior to the next Executive Board meeting.

- **Highway Safety Committee**  
President Orrick deferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Michael Jones for an overview of his Highway Safety Committee. A brief synopsis of that committee's movement was discussed by Chief Jones.
- **"A Child is Missing"**  
President Orrick stated to all Board members that he strongly encourages all GACP members to endorse and support "A Child is Missing" program.
- **Mental Health Committee Update**  
President Orrick spoke briefly about GACP's Mental Health Committee, which is Co-Chaired by Frank Hooper and Mark Welsh.
- **IACP Leadership Development**  
President Orrick stated to all Board members that he strongly endorses and supports leadership development and training in conjunction with IACP.
- **Law Enforcement Issues /Criminal Justice Disciplines**  
President Orrick spoke about his desire in the future to assemble a group of participants to address law enforcement issues and that those participants should be members of the criminal justice disciplines, i.e. court probation, prosecutors, etc.

### **Board Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Stacey Cotton – No Report.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Michael Jones – Chief Jones spoke regarding a meeting he attended as part of his duties as Chairman of the GACP Traffic Committee where he was introduced to concepts regarding traffic problems.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Woodrow Blue – No Report.

- 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Stan York – No Report.
- Immediate Past President, Chief Hubert Smith – No Report.
- Chairman of District Reps., Chief Deputy Mike Malone – Not present.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Decals on License Plate Tags  
Chief Smith spoke about the perceived difficulty associated with not having conspicuously displayed decals on license plate tags. The Board, by consensus, requested that Executive Director Rotondo speak with a Department of Motor Vehicle official regarding this concern.

**Motion by *Chief Stacy Cotton*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*, that a letter be authored that would be sent to the Director of Georgia's Department of Revenue expressing GACP's concern regarding the policy change that eliminates conspicuously displayed decals. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Executive Session**

- **Motion by *Chief Stacy Cotton*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*, to go into Executive Session for the express reason of discussing a personnel matter of one of the GACP Board members. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion by *Chief Hubert Smith*, seconded by *Chief Stacy Cotton*, to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

- **Motion to adjourn made by *Chief Woody Blue*, seconded by *Chief Stan York*. Motion passed unanimously.**