

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
September 11, 2012**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief J. Frank Waits.

President J. Frank Waits read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Frank Waits

1st VP, Chief David Lyons

2nd VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

3rd VP, Chief George N. Turner

4th VP, Chief Steven Heaton

Immediate Past President, Stan York

**Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

** Indicates Board member not in attendance.

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and Bylaws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board members were in attendance.

Others in Attendance:

Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody P.D.; Chief Connie Sampson, Georgia State University P.D.; Director D. Mike Edwards, GACP

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the GACP board meeting on July 21, 2012, for Board considered action. **Motion made by *Stan York*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented two financial reports, one dated June 30, 2012, and the other date July 31, 2012. **Motion made by *Chief George Turner*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to accept both of the Financial Reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that the GACP audit and the GACP Foundation audit were recently completed and draft copies were sent for his review. The audits confirmed that both are in good financial condition. The formal audits will be presented to the Executive Board upon printing.

Executive Director's Report

- State Certification Rule Change – Executive Director Rotondo, accompanied by Director Mike Edwards, presented for the board consideration of a change in the State Certification Program Rules, particularly Rule IX, dealing with Final Reports and Recommendations. **After a great deal of conversation regarding the pending rule change, the motion was made by Chief David Lyons and seconded by Stan York to accept the sum and substance of the rule change presented to them. The motion was passed with one dissenting vote by Chief Steven Heaton.** A copy of the complete rule will be attached to these minutes.
- Information Regarding State Training Money – Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he and the GACP Administrative Manager, Ellen Cormier, met with a representative of the Governor's budget office (OPB) to discuss GACP's need for continuing financial support for their state mandated training programs O.C.G.A. § 35-8-20 & O.C.G.A. § 35-8-2.1. An appointment has been made for the Executive Director and President Waits to meet with Representative Jay Powell at his Camilla, Georgia, office in November to discuss GACP's continuing financial requirements.
- Delinquent Dues Memo - Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he sent a delinquent memo to numerous members of the GACP, requesting that they remit to the GACP office payment of their delinquent 2012 dues by September 21, 2012. As a result of the memo, many of those members paid their 2012 dues.
- Life Membership – Executive Director Rotondo indicated that a request was submitted to him, as per the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, by Chief Armand Chapeau that retired Chief Joseph “Jackie” Whitmire of the Toccoa Police Department be granted Life Membership. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Jackie Whitmire has an excess of 20 years of law enforcement service, in which he served as chief an aggregate of ten years and two months. **Motion made by Chief Keith Glass, seconded by Chief Steven Heaton, Chief Joseph “Jackie” Whitmire Life Membership. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Redacting Information from Accident Reports/Membership Concern Regarding Changes in the Open Meetings Act – Executive Director Rotondo and President Waits are exploring whether there were deficiencies in the hand-out to many people who participated in a training program by a private company with respect to redacting information on motor vehicle accident reports. Executive Director Rotondo has been communicating with an open records expert and the Attorney General's office has also been asked for its opinion on redacting certain information on motor vehicle accident reports. President Waits explained to the members in attendance some of his concerns in regards to this possible erroneous information.
- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he is now reviewing GACP's Summer Training Conference contracts for the years 2015 and 2016 with the Savannah Westin Hotel. Upon completion of his review, those contracts are expected to be signed.

President's Report

None

Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief David Lyons – None
- 2nd VP, Chief Keith Glass – None
- 3rd VP, Chief George Turner asked several questions about a meeting planned at the State Capitol on September 12, 2012, regarding the decriminalizing of misdemeanor traffic crimes under O.C.G.A. TITLE 40. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he would not be personally able to attend that meeting but will have that meeting monitored.

Chief Turner mentioned to all attending that the Atlanta Police Department will be conducting an Auto Theft Recovery Training Program and he invited the board members and the GACP membership to attend.

Chief George Turner respectfully made a motion for the Executive Board and all others in attendance to bow their head for a moment of quiet reflection in memory of those public safety employees who heroically lost their lives on 9/11. Stan York seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4th VP, Chief Steven Heaton – None
- Immediate Past President, Stan York – None
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier – Not in attendance

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

- **Motion made by *Chief David Lyons*, seconded by *Chief Steven Heaton*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**

Attachment

RULE IX FINAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Final reports and all supporting documents will be sent electronically to the Director, GLECP who will forward the reports to the SCC and the JRC members for review. The SCC will send any comments and/or concerns to the JRC. The JRC will then administer one of the following decisions:

1. Initial certification;
2. Recertification; or
3. Deny Certification/Recertification
4. Probation: If the JRC believes the agency can achieve compliance with all non-compliant standards within six months, the JRC will place the agency on a six-month probationary period.

During the six month probationary period, the agency will be given an opportunity to correct all deficient standards noted during the on-site. The agency will then be required to demonstrate that the deficient standard(s) has been brought into compliance to the satisfaction of one experienced assessor, preferably a team leader, (not previously involved in the agency's on-site) who is appointed by the Director, GLECP. The assessor will electronically forward his/her report to the Director, GLECP, who will forward to the JRC. If the agency has demonstrated compliance with the deficient standard(s), the JRC will lift the probation and certify the agency. If the agency fails to comply due to an issue for which there is no remedy, the JRC will not approve the agency for certification.

B. The JRC will take all comments and/or concerns made by the SCC into consideration, but the JRC will make the final decisions regarding an agency's certification status.
