

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, GA
November 6, 2014**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Keith Glass.

President Keith Glass asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief M. Keith Glass
1st VP, Chief George N. Turner
2nd VP, Chief Billy Grogan
3rd VP, Chief Dennis S. Nelson
4th VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman
Immediate Past President, David L. Lyons
Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

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

Others in Attendance: Deputy Chief Janet Moon, Suwannee P.D

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the previous board meeting. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan, seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman, to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated August 31, 2014 along with the 2014 GACP Audit. **Motion made by Chief George Turner, seconded by Chief Dennis Nelson to accept the financial reports dated August 31, 2014 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- Evaluation of Law Enforcement Training Programs - Requested by Chief Mark Kissel

Executive Director Rotondo requested the President and Executive Board honor Mark Kissel's email request regarding the evaluation of Law Enforcement Training Programs for the State of Georgia. After a short discussion, President Glass indicated that he would ask Mark Kissel to chair a committee regarding state law enforcement training endeavors.

- Life Memberships

Executive Director Rotondo requested that three qualified members of the association receive life memberships.

A motion was made by *Chief David Lyons* and seconded by *Chief George Turner* to approve all of life memberships. Motion passed unanimously.

The three approved members were:

- 1) Charlie Walters, Gwinnett County PD
- 2) Willie Bolton, Athens-Clarke Department of Corrections
- 3) Tim Harbin, Woodbury PD

Special Note: Executive Director Rotondo will send all Life Members in the database a certificate and letter to thanking them for their years of service to the association on behalf of the executive board and the staff of GACP.

- Mission Statement

Executive Director Rotondo requested that the board consider changing the GACP Mission Statement. After a short discussion, President Glass tasked Chief Turner and Chief Grogan to possibly revise the GACP Mission statement and present it to the board for approval.

- Lou Dekmar, IACP's new 3rd Vice President

On behalf of IACP's new 3rd Vice President, Lou Dekmar, Executive Director Rotondo thanked all the members of the board for their support and the monetary contribution to Chief Dekmar's campaign. Chief Dekmar stated that he looks forward to working closely with GACP and helping the IACP develop new goals to further propel law enforcement into the future.

➤ State Certification Fee Increase

Executive Director Rotondo requested that the board consider increasing the three-year State Certification contract fees as well as yearly renewal costs. Fees for new agencies and previously certified agencies that are seeking new contracts for certification and/or recertification will be increased to \$375.00. The requested fees will be used to help offset the cost of allowing the State Certification Director or his designees to visit State Certified agencies periodically to offer support and guidance. **A motion was made by Chief David Lyons, seconded by Chief George Stagmeier to modify the state certification contract to reflect the fee increase and intended use of the funds. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ Taser Training

Executive Director Rotondo introduced the Taser Training initiative offered by Taser International for discussion. The Executive Board agreed to allow the Executive Director to explore Taser's body camera training further to determine if the training would coincide with GACP's management concepts and be appropriate for future conferences. President Glass suggested that Taser International conduct a training session at the 2015 Winter Training Conference in Augusta. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that the training programs for the 2015 Winter Training Conference had already been set; however, Taser International can possibly provide training at GACP's Summer Training Conference in July 2015.

➤ Medical Cannabis

Executive Director Rotondo asked all board members in attendance to view the Medical Cannabis chart prior to his remittal of a copy to State Representative, Allen Peake, for consideration. All members reviewed the document and agreed that it encompassed most of GACP's recommendations. There was no opposition to the chart being remitted to State Representative Allen Peake.

➤ Eye Witness Identification

Executive Director Rotondo noted that the attachment section of the board meeting booklets contained a spread sheet entitled "Eye Witness Identification". It reflected some of the changes he will authorize for placement in the GACP model policy. Executive Director Rotondo indicated he expects legislation be introduced this year that will attempt to mandate and codify the manner in which eyewitness identification is conducted throughout Georgia.

➤ ABATEGA

Executive Director Rotondo noted for the record that he honored President Glass' request to contact the lobbying group ABATEGA. (ABATEGA is a lobbying group whose mission in charge involves motorcycle safety.) However, after numerous attempts to contact the president of ABATEGA, Executive Director Rotondo received no response.

➤ Cancellation of Secondary Recyclers Meeting

After a brief discussion between Executive Director Rotondo and the board members present, the board, by acclamation, gave the authority to Executive Director Rotondo to cancel a meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The meeting was set to discuss secondary metal recyclers concerns regarding legislation.

President's Report

- None

Board Reports

- Chief Turner provided a brief paper regarding the Federal Government's 1033 Program (military equipment) and spoke briefly about his concerns that federal legislation may curtail the use of this program. He also spoke briefly about the Federal Government's Secure Communities Program and provided all board members with documentation he received at IACP's Major City Chief's meeting regarding secure communities/immigration issues.

Chief Turner indicated that many police departments throughout the country are preparing for the possibility of community turmoil upon the rendering of the Ferguson/Missouri grand jury decision.

- Chief Grogan indicated that there were several pipe bomb incidents in the Dunwoody area that were resolved quickly by local law enforcement units.
- Chief Lyons spoke briefly about his attendance at IACP's SACOP Division meetings. Chief Lyons noted that he was impressed with the amount and quality of issues SACOP is addressing on behalf of our law enforcement communities.
- Upon completion of the Executive Board reports, President Glass excused himself from the remainder of the board meeting due to an illness.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Executive Session

A motion was made by *Chief George Stagmeier* and seconded by *Chief Dennis Nelson* to discuss personnel matters and allow Executive Director Rotondo to briefly explain the development of GACP personnel policy, staffing needs and budgets. Motion passed unanimously.

- During Executive Session, Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about several personnel matters. He also spoke briefly about the development of GACP policy and presented notes regarding the budget analysis.
- Executive Director Rotondo noted that GACP's Public Relations Specialist, Jennifer Sharrow, has been working diligently with GACP's software/database developer, Colin Rotondo, to develop a completely customized database. Prior to being considered the consultant for the database program, several companies bid for the opportunity to work for GACP. However, Mr. Rotondo's exceptional credentials and more competitive fees made him the superior candidate.
- Executive Director Rotondo spoke candidly about personnel matters and his authority under the GACP policy to hire, fire and discipline employees. All of the attending members, without hesitation, concurred that staffing and normal business duties are to be left to the discretion of the Executive Director as per the approved GACP personnel policy and according to his hiring agreement.

A motion was made by *Chief Billy Grogan* and seconded by *Chief Dennis Nelson* to close the executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

- **A motion was made by *Chief George Turner* and seconded by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**