

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
The Guardian Center
Perry, GA
June 16, 2015**

Call to Order

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

President Glass introduced Tim Bearden and Geoff Burkart of the Guardian Center to all members in attendance. Both Mr. Bearden and Mr. Burkart spoke briefly about the Guardian Center being a training venue for police and military personnel.

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, Warden 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 (arrived late)

**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: Marshal Frankie Peacock, Byron, GA; Chief Wesley Cannon, Byron PD; Chief Stephen Lynn, Perry PD; Chief Wesley Walker, Lyons PD; Chief Chris Coley, Cochran PD; Chief Steve Heaton, Griffin PD; GPSTC Director Chris Wigginton; GPSTC Deputy Director Keith Sanders; GPSTC Deputy Director Rick Townsend; Chief Investigator Paul Garland, Clayton County DA's Office and Chief Investigator Garland's daughter, Elizabeth Grace Garland (Intern).

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the previous board meeting. **Motion made by Chief Grogan, seconded by Chief Wirthman to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated April 30, 2015. **Motion made by Chief Wirthman, seconded by Chief Grogan to accept the financial reports dated April 30, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

➤ **Request for Life Membership**

In 2013, Jim Steele retired while having the title of Director of Public Safety with the Gwinnett County Public Schools. After his retirement, Director Steele's name was offered for consideration for Life Membership; however, the Executive Board wanted more information to determine if he was eligible for Life Membership. During this meeting, Executive Director Rotondo explained that Jim Steele met all the training qualifications and appears to meet the qualifications of Life Membership. However, there were some concerns of whether he was actually performing the job of Director of Public Safety for 10 years. President Glass asked the Board if any members wanted to propose a motion for Life Membership. **There was no motion made after a first or second calling; therefore, the proposal fell for a lack of motion.**

➤ **Wells Fargo Deposits**

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Wells Fargo has received \$400,000 of the GACP's operating fund for deposit into a financial account. Executive Director Rotondo further stated that should the Board decide to make small monetary contributions to needy non-profits such as police explorer programs, those can be made from the General Operating Budget.

➤ **GACP Foundation Insurance Gift**

Executive Director Rotondo announced that Chief Louis Dekmar provided the GACP Foundation the gift of a life insurance policy with a face value of \$150,000. Chief Dekmar mentioned to Executive Director Rotondo that this gift should be earmarked for scholarships to the children of law enforcement officers. The scholarship funds will be provided to the foundation upon the death of Chief Dekmar. **A motion was made by *Chief Lyons*, seconded by *Warden Nelson* requiring Executive Director Rotondo to thank Chief Dekmar for his benevolence.**

➤ **Summer Training Conference Update**

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about some of the programs that will be offered at the Summer Training Conference. Those include, but are not limited to: body cameras, managing mass casualty events, hard lessons learned, and DOJ findings on Ferguson vs. Missouri.

➤ **Request for support of HB 593**

Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider supporting HB 593 at the request of Representative Lee Hawkins of Gainesville, GA, Glen Mowery of the Alarm Industry, and Counte Cooley, President of Electric Sales Company (GA State Construction Industry Licensing Board). **After a short discussion regarding the bill, a motion was made by *Chief Grogan* and seconded by *Chief Lyons* to support and embrace HB 593.**

➤ **Consent Decree/Justice Department Mandate-White Paper Committee**

Executive Director Rotondo, at the request of President Glass and Incoming President Turner, spoke briefly to the Board as a whole asking them to consider the authorization of a committee to develop a white paper concerning consent decrees and other Justice Department mandates. All Board Members in attendance concurred and stated that the development of a white paper would be a proactive stance for GACP to assume. President Glass indicated he and Chief Turner will discuss possible candidates for the positions of committee chair and other additional committee members.

➤ **The Development of an Informational Card**

At the urging of Michael Caldwell, Executive Director Rotondo will develop a document which will be distributed via email to association members concerning civilian police encounters.

President's Report

- Chief Glass spoke briefly about the Cleveland Consent Decree and other Justice Mandates mentioned during the white paper discussion.

Board Reports

- Chief Grogan asked Chief Glass to report the potential changes involving the POAB as they relate to HB 590 and HB 591. During Chief Glass's presentation, Chief Lyons differed on one point with the President with respect to support of the two bills.
- Chief Grogan advised all in attendance that the District Attorney in DeKalb County was empaneling "civilian grand juries". A lengthy discussion occurred regarding civilian grand juries and their impact on law enforcement.
- Warden Nelson had no report.
- Chief Wirthman had no report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

- **A motion was made by *Chief Lyons*, seconded by *Chief Grogan* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**