

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Training Center
Forsyth, GA
September 15, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief George Turner.

President George Turner asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief George Turner
1st VP, Chief Billy Grogan
2nd VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson
3rd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman
4th VP, Chief Wesley Walker
Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass
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 By-Laws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board Members were in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Chief Connie Sampson, GA State University PD; Chief Gene Wilson, Conyers PD; Chief Keith Corley, Forsyth PD; Chief Roosevelt Smith, Lithonia; Chief Bill Westenberger, City of Kennesaw; Former Chief Dan Greathouse, ROCIC

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by *Chief Grogan*, seconded by *Chief Wirthman* to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's audit and GACP's Foundation audit for the FY 2014 – 2015, as well as GACP's financial report. **With respect to GACP's financial report a motion was made by *Chief Walker* and seconded by *Chief Stagmeier* to accept the financial reports dated June 30, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

➤ **Life Membership**

Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board to consider for Life Membership, Mike Riley, Jackson PD. Executive Director Rotondo indicated retired Chief Riley qualifies for GACP Life Membership under the Constitutional By-Laws. **Motion was made by *Chief Grogan* and**

seconded by *Chief Wirthman* to approve the Life Membership status of Chief Riley. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider a Life Membership for Ulysses O. Bryant, the retired police chief of Savannah Chatham County Public Schools. **After a short discussion with respect to Retired Chief Bryant, a motion was made by *Chief Grogan* and seconded by *Warden Nelson* to approve the Life Membership status of Retired Chief Bryant. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo also requested the Board consider for Life Membership retired police Chief Bill McBride, Georgia Regents University Police Dept. **After a short conversation with respect to Chief McBride's credentials and his retirement, a motion was made by *Chief Wirthman* and seconded by *Chief Stagmeier* to approve Life Membership for Chief McBride. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ **STC Banquet Participation**

At the request of Chief Grogan, Executive Director Rotondo indicated he had well over 350 tickets for placement and that less than 180 people showed up to the Summer Training Conference Banquet. Placement/guarantee being 350 versus the 180 actual attendees was costly. After a Board conversation, several ideas were discussed, leaving Executive Director Rotondo with some options for securing next year's banquet count.

➤ **District Meetings and Training**

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the lack of training being offered by district members throughout the state. Some ideas for consideration were discussed by the Executive Director, Chief Stagmeier and other members in attendance to foster the growth of training programs in some of the remote areas of Georgia.

➤ **Follow-Up: Georgia Legislative Black Caucus (GLBC) Meeting - Legislation**

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about attending several meetings about police and racial tensions in their communities. He indicated he attended several meetings, including GLBC members and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) movement. Executive Director Rotondo felt comfortable in attending those meetings as a speaker and stated that all of the meeting attendees were very respectful and appeared to understand law enforcement initiatives.

➤ **Membership Dues**

Executive Director Rotondo indicated there were approximately 20 – 30 police chiefs who failed to pay their dues in 2015. After making personal telephone calls to the members, most of them paid. However, Executive Director Rotondo felt that the lack of payment was due to the fact that many of those members received training outside GACP sponsored training programs; therefore, felt they did not need to pay their membership dues. A further discussion on this topic will follow.

➤ **GACP Projects**

Executive Director Rotondo has been engaged in projects with the cities of Newnan, Dunwoody, Fayetteville, Albany and Covington. Some of those projects have been completed and some have not.

➤ **Presentation of State Certifications**

Executive Director Rotondo informed the Board it has been increasingly difficult to obtain members to hand out state certification awards at city council meetings. He encouraged all board members to assist in presenting certification plaques to cities and/or counties within a reasonable jurisdictional area from their department.

➤ **Lottery Commission Concern**

Chief Turner and Chief Grogan spoke about a meeting they attended with Lottery Commission employees regarding the lottery commission contracting with Sheriffs throughout the state to conduct regulatory inspections of convenience stores and other locations selling lottery tickets and housing bingo machines. Chief Turner and Grogan advised the members in attendance that the Lottery Commission agreed to enter into MOUs with the Georgia Sheriffs Association because the Lottery Commission were understaffed and could not provide the regulatory services to cover the state. Police Chief Turner indicated that GACP will monitor this special lottery problem.

President's Report

- President Turner spoke briefly about his goals and stated that he would be asking his staff to assist GACP in facilitating the success of his established goals.

Executive Board's Report

- None

Board Reports

- Chief Grogan indicated that he just completed a Promotion Ceremony and that GACP was part of the promotion process for Sergeant in his department and he openly thanked Executive Director Rotondo and the GACP staff for doing an excellent job in helping him pick suitable candidates for promotion.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Former Chief Dan Greathouse who is now employed for ROCIC said that his programs are earmarked at helping local law enforcement obtain support to operate their departments

efficiently. Chief Greathouse said that he is willing to work with GACP to help facilitate the growth and the further acceptance of ROCIC programs throughout the state.

- Executive Director Rotondo agreed to publish some of the ROCIC's literature.

Adjournment

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