

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Summer Training Conference  
Savannah, Georgia  
July 23, 2016**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Chief Billy Grogan.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Billy Grogan asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief George Turner  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 was in attendance. Chief Turner had previously indicated that he would be late in arriving to the board meeting and requested that Chief Grogan preside over the meeting until his arrival.

**Others in Attendance:** Training Director June Killian, GACP; Academy Director Lester Drawdy, Reinhardt University P.S. Inst.; Chief Tony Bailey, West Point PD; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Capt. Bill Wellmaker, Gwinnett County School Police; Chief Mike Yates, Griffin PD; Chief Keith Glass, Monroe PD; Director Dan Branch, Buford Dept. of P.S.; Chief Tony Tanner, Waycross PD; Executive Director Steve Heaton, GILEE; Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton PD; Chief Mark Kissel, Cherokee County Schools; Chief David Lyons, Garden City PD; Chief Jason Parker, Dalton PD; Chief Carol Martin, Gainesville PD; Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Rome PD; Deputy Director Rusty Andrews, GBI; Director Vernon Keenan, GBI; Director Robbie Friedmann, GILEE; Chief Steven Land, Hazelhurst PD; Chief Woodrow Blue, Donalsonville PD; Asst. Director Nadia Borissova, GILEE; Associate Vice President Connie Sampson, GA State University; Chief Robert Hoffman, Stapleton PD; Chief Russell Poss, Columbia County BOE; Chief (Ret) Armand Chapeau, Griffin PD; Chief Jeff Boatwright, Roosevelt PD; Deputy Chief Geoffrey Parker, Hazelhurst PD; Chief Mike Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief Rick Townsend, Adairsville PD.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief M. Keith Glass and seconded by Chief George Stagmeier to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2016, Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Financial Report**

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated April 30, 2016. **Motion made by Chief M. Keith Glass and seconded by Chief Joseph W. Wirthman to accept the financial reports dated April 30, 2016, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **➤ Life Membership**

Three active members of the association had recently retired; therefore, Executive Director Rotondo requested Life Membership for the following:

1. Archie Hand – Waverly Hall PD
2. Gary Broden – Avondale Estates
3. Juanita Howell – Whitesburg PD

**Motion made by Chief M. Keith Glass and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to approve all candidates presented for life membership. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **➤ State Certification Committee (SCC) Recommendations**

- Executive Director Rotondo requested the SCC Chairman, Mike Jones, speak to the Board about two recommendations they were making with respect to the administration of the SCC. Those two recommendations were:
  1. Only CALEA agencies to go on a 4-year State Certification cycle
  2. Non-CALEA – Will remain a 3-year cycle

Chief Jones spoke about the need to have the Board approve these recommendations because they will support the growth of the SCC. **Motion made by Chief M. Keith Glass and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson, to approve changing the reapplication cycle for Georgia State certified agencies from three years to four years for CALEA certified agencies. Agencies that are State certified, but not CALEA certified, will remain on the three-year reapplication cycle. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **➤ Training Director June Killian – Overview of GACP Conference App**

- Executive Director Rotondo asked Director Killian to give an overview of GACP's new app.

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Dr. Robbie Friedmann who spoke about the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) Program. Dr. Friedmann's conversation focused on philosophies and ideologies that thrive under the disguise of politics.

Upon the arrival of Chief Turner, he resumed his duties as President in chairing the Executive Board meeting and, additionally thanked Chief Grogan for chairing the meeting until his arrival.

The President of the Association, Chief Turner, deferred to a member of the association who spoke about contemporary training issues.

### **President's Report**

President Turner encouraged all of the members of the association to continue accenting contemporary training programs by use of their departmental resources. Chief Turner further stated it is his belief that by accenting these contemporary program series, law enforcement will be able to ultimately quell some of society's concerns with respect to policing procedures.

### **Executive Board's Report**

- *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan*
  - Chief Grogan spoke about one of the sub-divisions of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing document dealing with procedural justice. The procedural justice program basically involved four simple steps:
    - Fairness
    - Impartiality
    - Let the person/community speak
    - Being transparent
  - Chief Grogan encouraged the members attending the board meeting to come and be part of Sunday's Training Committee meeting; it is his hope that the members attending the board meeting can provide some additional ideas to the Training Committee to accent current law enforcement topics.
  - Chief Grogan told all of the members in attendance that he had selected his Committee Chairs and Representatives and, hopefully, he will be communicating with other members seeking ideas and support.
  - Chief Grogan encouraged all in attendance to attend Tuesday night's banquet where he will be installed as GACP's new President. Chief Grogan further stated that it is his intent to have the meeting last no longer than two hours.
  - Chief Grogan openly thanked Chief Turner for his commitment to professional law enforcement by being President of GACP and his handling of the protestors in Atlanta during their last set of marches and protests.
  - Chief Grogan mentioned to the members that in the future he would like to see a Life-Time Achievement Award be given to a retired member.
- *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
  - Warden Nelson requested that all of the members in attendance think of Mike Edwards, GACP's former State Certification Director, in their prayers. Mike Edwards' wife had recently passed away and if the opportunity arises or if they personally know Mike Edwards, that they should call with their respects.

- *3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
  - Nothing to report
- *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
  - Chief Walker wanted to let all of the members in attendance know that Vidalia Police Chief Frank Waits, a former President of the GACP, was in the hospital awaiting surgery.
- *Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass*
  - Immediate Past President Chief Glass thanked the membership for their support while he served as a member of the GACP Executive Board.
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier*
  - Nothing to report

#### **Old Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

- None

#### **Executive Session**

- **A motion made by *Chief M. Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief George Stagmeier*, to adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion made by *Chief George Stagmeier* and seconded by *Chief M. Keith Glass* to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**After the Executive Session, a motion was made by *Chief Billy Grogan* and seconded by *Chief M. Keith Glass* to award Executive Director Rotondo with a salary increase. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by *Chief Billy Grogan* and seconded by *Chief Wesley Walker* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**