

GEORGIA POLICE ACCREDITATION COALITION, INC.
Regular Meeting - April 16, 2004
Rome, Georgia

This meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Skytop in Rome, Georgia. Chairperson Sherry Lang called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the December and February meetings were offered for approval and accepted by unanimous vote. Introduction and attendance was the conducted. There were 42 members present representing 36 agencies.

The Chairperson then gave her report. The first order of business was to take nominations from the floor for the vacancy on the Board. The following persons were nominated for the vacant Board position:

- (1) Dorsey Stover
- (2) Angela King
- (3) Mark Bender

After nominations were closed, the Secretary, Greg Nichols left the meeting to prepare the ballots for the election. While absent, the Vice Chair Chris Lagerbloom recorded the minutes.

The Chairperson then announced the locations of the upcoming meetings.

June 2004 - Tybee Island
August 2004 - GPSTC, Forsyth
(Note: Election for (4) new Board Members)
October 2004 - Fairfield Inn, Macon
December 2004 - To be decided later
(Should be held in Central Georgia)

The next Tri-Pac meeting will be hosted in Georgia on February 17th and 18th, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Skytop in Rome, Georgia. Janet Moon and Greg Nichols will Co-Chair the Preparation Committee. Volunteers were requested and the following members agreed to assist:

- (1) Pam Goddard
- (2) Diane Merritt
- (3) Christy Salo
- (4) Jason Donley

The Chairperson then announced that the Atlanta Tourist Bureau was seeking a sponsor agency to bid for a CALEA Conference for 2007. The CALEA Conference in Pasadena, CA. was then discussed.

The Chairperson then announced the statistics on Georgia agencies expressing an interest in the CALEA process that were given by Peg Gant, CALEA Program Manager, at the Tri-Pac meeting in February. Georgia has more CALEA agencies than the surrounding Southern States.

The Chairperson then announced that Chief Lou Dekmar has expressed an interest in GPAC. He stated he would attend a GPAC meeting in the near future. Chief Dekmar is a CALEA Commissioner and the upcoming President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Dekmar advised that several options were being researched concerning the problems with the State Certification Program. As a result, an Ad Hoc Committee to study remedies for the State Certification Programs problems was canceled.

The Chairperson then reminded the membership of the GPAC Shirts and Lapel Pins that are being offered for sale.

The Chairperson then solicited discussion on Mocks and On-Sites.

The Chairperson then advised that the election for the vacancy on the Board would be held. Labeled ballots for each agency present were distributed to a representative of that agency for voting. The ballots were counted and the results are as follows:

Dorsey Stover - 19 votes
Mark Bender - 13 votes
Angela King - 3 votes

There was no vote cast by the representative from Griffin PD.

The next order of business was the Vice-Chairperson's report. Chris Lagerbloom asked that all members contact the GPAC Webmaster and update the GPAC roster information if it is incorrect. Chris that advised that he had received very little input on his request for training topics. Some suggested topics were:

Definitions of terms
Discuss Hard Standards
Extra-Duty and Off Duty Employment

Chris asked that all thoughts and suggestions be e-mailed to him, especially any topics for the meeting in Tybee Island in June. Chris then asked for volunteers to staff the file review room on Thursday, June 17th in Tybee Island. The following members expressed their willingness if allowed to attend by their agency:

Chuck Groover
Chris Lagerbloom
Pam Goddard
Lee Green

Although recorded in the Chairperson's report above, it was at this time that the approval of the December and February meeting minutes were approved.

There was no Secretary's report. Greg Nichols stressed the importance of updating roster information with the GPAC Webmaster.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's report. Drew Marchetta provided a written report to the membership showing all activity from the December meeting through the March meeting. The report also indicated the current balances in each account. The audit of the organization's finances will take place on May 21, 2004. After the audit, Account A will become the primary operating account and Account B will become the hospitality account.

The next order of business was the Website Committee report. Chris Lagerbloom advised the membership that the website had over 18,000 hits in March. Chris also advised the membership of the activation of a Message Board on the website. He encouraged all members to request a User ID and Password and to visit the site often. Chris then advised that a suggestion had been received to post a list of qualified Assessors on the website. The membership unanimously approved the suggestion and a list was circulated among the membership for Assessors to sign up.

The next order of business was the Outreach Committee report. Bud Smith stated that there had been some poor communication and the Governor's appointment to the Board of the Law Enforcement Hall of Fame and Museum had not yet been made. The Hall of Fame has begun to receive contributions. A civic organization solicited donations from their members and raised \$13,000.00.

Bud requested that all members actively seek and advertise State Certification to any agency they came into contact with.

The next order of business was the Mock On Site Committee report. Pam Goddard advised the membership that Mock On Sites had been conducted or requested by Moultrie PD, Macon PD, Columbus PD and Columbia County S.O. Pam stressed the need for Assessors and urged qualified Assessors to sign up on the list being circulated.

There was no Hospitality Report.

The next order of business was the P.O.S.T. report. Elaine Snow advised that a resolution was passed by the P.O.S.T. Council and sent to the legislators asking that legislation not be passed adding other law enforcement organizations as members of the P.O.S.T. Council. Elaine stated that the Police Officer Memorial Service at GPSTC was scheduled for either the 20th or the 21st of May. She encouraged all that could to attend. Elaine advised that new procedures were being developed for 2nd request waivers for mandatory 20 hours of annual training. A 2nd request will now go before the Review Committee for recommendations prior to being scheduled for a hearing before P.O.S.T. Council. Elaine advised that Peace Officer Annuity and Benefit information would now be placed in all new officer certification packets. This does not preclude agencies from continuing whatever programs they are presently conducting. P.O.S.T. Council now requires that an officer out on medical disability have their certification suspended while on disabled status and that a medical clearance be submitted to P.O.S.T. prior to the officer's certification being reinstated. Also in discussion by P.O.S.T. is a requirement that all certified peace officers in Georgia undergo some type of re-certification process every four years.

There was no State Certification Report.

There was no report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Standards Review. The Chairperson thanked the committee members for their hard work.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was followed by a training session on "Levi's Call." Emily Buttrill and Vicki Metz from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation were the instructors.