

Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition General Meeting

October 22, 2004

I. Call to Order and Welcoming Statements

GPAC's General Meeting was held at the Fairfield Inn in Macon, Georgia.

II. Introductions and Recording Attendance

35 members represented 30 agencies. 6 of the 8 board members were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

IV. Reports

A. Chairperson's Report

There are several new members on this board due to the election in August. The Board is as follows:

Chair - Greg Nichols
Vice Chair – Mark Bender
Treasurer – Drew Marchetta
Secretary – Diane Merritt
Outreach – Chip Grefski
Hospitality – Janet Moon
Website – Jason Donley
Board Member – Bud Smith

The Board started with 8 members in the mid 1980s. GPAC has grown from 11 members to 125. We propose to increase the board to 10 members to more evenly divide the workload and provide better support to GPAC.

There was some confusion on whether the new members would be part of the regional support teams so Chip gave his presentation on the support teams. Then the membership voted to approve the two new members.

The next vote was on how to elect the new positions. There was a lot of discussion on when the elections should be held. It was decided to elect the members at the regular elections. One new position will be on the current election cycle (will serve 2 years) and one new position will be on the other election cycle (will serve 1 year). Elections will be held in August, at the regularly scheduled meeting for elections.

By-laws will be amended.

The December meeting will be in Forsyth. The meeting and training will be held at GPSTC. Hospitality and file review will be at the Holiday Inn.

The membership voted to have the meetings held at the Holiday Inn in Macon, Ga. (Please note that when Greg stopped in to register the dates with the Holiday Inn in Macon, there were scheduling problems. Greg will brief us at the December meeting.)

The meeting dates for 2005 are as follows:

February 10-11 – Rome
April 28-29 – Macon
June, 16-17 – Tybee Island
August 18-19 – Macon
October, 20-21 – Macon
December 8-9 – Macon

B. Vice-Chairperson's Report

The training yesterday was provided by Lt. Stan Crowder on "The Real Truth About Posse Comitatus." The training included an historical perspective, differences between armed forces and how to activate the national guard.

Today's training is on Sexual Harassment, Profiling and Discrimination. It is presented by Chip Grefski.

The training for the next meeting will be on job description building and the importance of psychological testing.

C. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report this meeting.

D. Treasurer's Report

Dues notices went out. We are looking into accepting credit cards via the website.

Dues are due December 1st, 2004.

The audit is at the CPA. We should have the final report in December.

E. Web Site Report

	<u>10/01/2004 to 10/20/2004</u>	<u>Last 12 months</u>
Hits	10,996	199,898
Avg Hits/Day	549	547
Visits	1313	22,999
Pages	4296	71,187

32% of visitors to the site enter by direct request. The top three search engines that find the GPAC website are Google, MSN, and Yahoo.

There has been discussion to use the website for more interactive services for the membership and for scheduling of file review services during meetings.

F. Outreach Report

In December 2002, technical advisors went away. There were too many agencies in the certification process for the few technical advisors to support. Due to budget constraints the Georgia Chief's Association cut the technical advisors. GPAC has worked to fill this gap, however there are no specific contacts listed on the website for support.

The proposal of the regional support teams would create local groups for agencies to get together and work out problem folders. Regional groups may encounter unique situations to that region and these support groups would be in a position to address these issues.

Each regional support group will select one representative to act as chair. The chair will report to the Outreach Committee chair.

G. Mock/On-Site Report

Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department had its State Certification On-Site. It was successful with no files returned.

Fitzgerald Police Department had its State Certification On-Site. It was successful. Fitzgerald appreciated the patience shown by the assessors.

East Point is scheduled for their State Certification on site the first week of November.

There are 5 more on-sites scheduled before the winter conference.

H. POST Report

There was no P.O.S.T. report.

I. TRI-Pac Update

There are some changes which generated some unexpected costs. GPAC should be able to absorb these costs. A meeting of the TRI-Pac committee will be scheduled.

J. New Business

There is a certification manager's course scheduled in Rome on October 27. There is one opening. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Skytop.

Savannah is trying to get the CALEA conference for Fall 2007. Any support would be appreciated. It is currently between Savannah, Colorado Springs and Daytona.

V. Adjournment to Training