

GPAC – General Meeting

December 14, 2007

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members in attendance were Rob Garrett, Pamela Goddard, Jody Sheffield, Christina Palacios, Chris Robinson and Karen Sanders. Agency introductions were completed.

The minutes from the August 17, 2007, and October 12, 2007, meetings and the Financial Report was approved by the general membership.

Rob Garrett reported that we are currently working on the details for the Atlanta CALEA conference hospitality night (to be hosted by GPAC). The Hilton will allow us to use their banquet room for free but there are charging approximately \$4.00 per drink to serve donated alcohol. Also, we would have to use the Hilton's catering service which is very expensive. Christina Palacios is going to check with the Marriott to see if it would be cheaper to use their facilities. Christie is also working with a business that may sponsor the event. Cheri Pickard is also working on an alternative location.

Rob asked that members check with their local businesses and try to get door prizes donated to give away at the conference. Rob reported that we are working on getting prices for flash drives, insulted cups, and a couple of other things to put in the giveaway bags that the attendees will be given when they sign in at the conference. We are also looking at prices for items such as T-shirts and challenge coins to sell at the conference.

Cheri Pickard will be conducting the training again at the February meeting and it will be the end of the series on building files and interpreting the standards. The training will be 4 hours instead of 2. It will start at the regular scheduled time, 1300 hours and run until 1700 hours.

Rob asked the attendees about the possibility of going from 6 meetings a year to meeting quarterly. The membership expressed that they would want to leave the meetings as scheduled for now. The membership was interested in meeting once a year for a three day conference, having longer training, and charging a fee to attend. The fee would enable us to bring in instructors and pay their expenses.

Rob advised that we were working to find a new meeting location because of several issues we have had with the Holiday Motel. Some of the board members went to the Marriot in Macon and we are going to get a room rate from them. The information will be presented at a later meeting.