

GPAC – General Meeting

Friday, April 20, 2007

Minutes

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

Copies of the minutes from the February 16, 2007, meeting were distributed and approved by the general membership.

Cindy Ledford presented the financial report for transactions since the February meeting. The financial report was approved by the general membership.

Rob Garrett announced that the June 21 and 22 meeting will be at Tybee Island at the Ocean Plaza Hotel. The room rates are \$99.00 and reservations must be made by May 17 to get the reduced room rate. The telephone number and address will be posted on the website.

Rob announced that Cheri Pickard is going to teach a professional development training course. The class will be 8 hours and will address the whole process to include from building the files to preparing for the on-site. The date is tentatively set for August 16, 2007, more information will be provided at the June meeting.

Mark Bender will post the upcoming training for the June meeting on the website.

James Ellis has been heading the outreach program, but due to taking a new job James is resigning from the board.

Pam Goddard reported that four agencies brought files for file review. Two of the agencies were Mobile, Alabama and Birmingham, Alabama.

Jody Sheffield reported that she has some GPAC shirts with her for everyone to see. Anyone wanting to order a shirt is asked to contact her.

Christina Palacios reported that she is serving on the hospitality committee for the Atlanta CALEA conference. Christina advised that she will need others to volunteer to serve on the committee and help with the conference. Christina also explained that the money left over from the sell of the raffle tickets will be used to fund hospitality for the upcoming GPAC meeting. All members of GPAC are encouraged to participate by helping sell the tickets.

Rob stated that the budget for the CALEA conference is \$100,000.00 and we will be raising money by selling raffle tickets for a Suzuki ATV to be given away at the Georgia Chief's Association Conference on July 31, 2007. A later raffle will also be held to give away a second ATV. We have gotten permission from CALEA to have a booth at the Colorado Springs

conference to sell raffle tickets. This ATV will be given away at the Atlanta CALEA conference. The proceeds from the first raffle will be distributed with 10% going to the Georgia Chaplain's Association and the other 90% will be divided evenly between GPAC and APD. The money will be distributed after the first drawing. GPAC will be using the money to purchase the item that will be given away to all the conference attendees.

Lisa Keyes reported that APD will have their next planning meeting on May 23 at City Hall West. The meeting will include site visits to possible locations for the host night event. They are looking at possibly using the World of Coke center. Coke has agreed to do a commemorative Coke bottle for the conference. The venue hotel will be the Hilton downtown.

Rob also advised that we will need everyone available to help with the conference. We will need people to donate door prizes to be given away at host night.

Carter Greene is heading up the training for the CALEA conference. He requested that anyone with suggestions on topics and instructors to contact him as soon as possible. CALEA has to approve all training and he has to get a list of topics to them by the end of May.

Rob asked for nominations to fill the position that is being vacated by James Ellis. After nominations were made, a vote was taken and James Porter from Georgia State University Police Department was elected to the position. This position will be up for reelection August 2008.