

GPAC – General Meeting
Friday, February 16, 2007

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Agency introductions were completed. Copies of the minutes from the December 8, 2006, meeting were distributed and approved by the general membership.

Rob Garrett presented the financial report for transactions since the December meeting. The financial report was approved by the general membership. Rob Garrett congratulated Deborah Harrell who was recently hired by Milton Police Department as a Major.

Rob Garrett advised that Karen Sanders is currently the contact person for the GPAC website. All requests or suggestions should go through her. Also, Rob discussed legal update and current issue emails that he sends out frequently, if you are not receiving the emails contact Karen with your current email address. Board member addresses are listed on the GPAC website.

The June meeting location was opened for discussion. Room rates for Tybee Island are \$99.00 per night. No suggestions were made for a different location so the meeting will be June 21 & 22 at Tybee Island. Contact name and number for reservations will be listed on the GPAC website.

James Ellis – Outreach Program – advised that he had been contacted by five agencies about joining GPAC. James asked that everyone talk with neighboring agencies and encourage them to get involved with the State Certification and CALEA process and join the GPAC.

Pam Goddard reported that file reviews are going well. Several agencies that are just getting into the process have brought files for review. Anyone wanting to have files reviewed are asked to email Pam a few days in advance to insure that enough assessors are available.

Christina Palacios – Hospitality – stated that all available help will be needed for the Atlanta CALEA conference to assist with hospitality.

Chuck Groover is the GPAC representative on the steering committee for the 08 Atlanta CALEA conference. Chuck stressed that all available help will be needed. PAC members will be needed to help work booths, with registration, etc. Chuck requested that all accredited agencies try to make arrangements to be present at the conference and assist Atlanta PD. If you are from a state certified agency and in the metro Atlanta area your help will also be appreciated.

Lisa Keyes of Atlanta Police Department was present and reported that a tentative budget is set at \$100,000 and they are requesting help from the PAC on collecting the money. Lisa reported that they still need volunteers for the different committees. If you are interested in being on one of the committees you can contact Lisa by telephone or send her an email.

Rob Garrett reported that the board met on February 15, 2007, and discussed the budget for the CALEA conference. The board voted to have a unified budget with APD. The PAC and APD had a unified budget for the last Atlanta CALEA conference and APD and GPAC split the money that was left over after the conference. Lisa Keyes will present this option to APD and report back.

Rob Garrett reported that Drew Marchetta is working to get at least one ATV donated to raffle off to help raise money for the conference. Rob also requested that members help in getting items donated to use as door prizes for host night. Chuck said that GPAC members could also help by selling and purchasing raffle tickets. We are looking at having one raffle at the summer Chief's Conference and the other at one of the upcoming CALEA conferences.

Mike Edwards reported that State Certification 4th Edition was approved at the January Chief's Conference. Agencies can do either 3rd edition or 4th edition up to the summer conference (July 2007) after the conference all agencies must comply with the 4th edition. Mike stated that the 4th edition is not on the website yet but should be posted by March 1, 2007. The model policy approved by GIRMA should also be posted on the GACP website around that same time period. Mike advised that a Certification Manager class is scheduled for February 26 and an Assessor class is scheduled for February 27 at the GACP headquarters.

The board will meet next on April 19, 2007, at 1100 hours, in Macon. The next GPAC meeting is scheduled for April 19 & 20, 2007, in Macon. The training on Thursday will be on File Maintenance taught by Cheri Pickard of Alpharetta Police Department. Friday training will be Copper Theft in Georgia and taught by Sergeant Lewis Wade of the Macon Police Department.