

GPAC – General Meeting

Friday, August 21, 2009

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members in attendance were Cheri Pickard, Pam Goddard, Cedric Duncan, Eddie Bogan, Bill Kirkendall, and Karen Sanders.

The minutes from the June meeting was presented and approved. The financial statements were given and also approved by the membership.

Cheri Pickard talked about the June GPAC conference in Brasstown. Surveys were passed out near the conclusion of the conference and the results were discussed. One of the most suggested improvements was to have coffee during the breaks and that the schedule allow for down time to enjoy the resort. The board is working with the hotel to lower the room rates and expenses for the PAC and we are also considering raising registration to \$125 so the money will be available to provide drinks and snacks at the breaks. Also, we are working on the class schedule to allow for some downtime during the day. We have received a bid from the King and Prince at St. Simmons Island. In the future we may look at alternating locations between Brasstown and St. Simmons to better serve the members of the PAC. Cheri explained that before the PAC made any final arrangements the membership needed to vote on the location for the June 2010 conference location. A motion and second was made to have the conference in Brasstown in 2010. The membership voted and the motion passed.

Cheri opened the floor for discussion on moving the GPAC meeting location. The suggested new meeting hotel was the Comfort Inn and Suites in Forsyth. This hotel has a training room that seats 80, room rates at \$69 for non-smoking rooms and \$55 for smoking per night and the room rates include a hot breakfast. For every 15 rooms that the PAC members book the hotel will comp one room. This will help to bring in outside instructors for specialized training by having an available for them to stay in. A motion was made and the membership voted to move meeting locations to the Comfort Inn and Suites in Forsyth. The membership will be notified later with the new meeting place and contact information.

Cheri talked about the upcoming Grant Writing Class being hosted by the PAC. The two day workshop will focus on grants for law enforcement, fire departments, and EMS agencies. Registration is set at \$250.00. A sign up sheet was passed around for people who were interested in attending.

Bill Kirkendall gave an update and explanation of the Regional Coordinator program. There were two new Regional Coordinators named, Andrea Jones of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department and Russel Rogers of the East Point Police Department.

Pam Goddard talked briefly on the File Review process and thanked everyone who assisted with file review.

Cheri asked Joel Montezinos to talk briefly about upcoming training that he would be providing for the PAC. Joel and his wife are both certified polygraphists and have developed a training program for law enforcement on the use of the polygraph in investigations.

Cheri announced that we would be having our second annual Chili Cook Off at the October meeting.

Cheri announced that GPAC did not get the bid for the 2012 CALEA conference. The conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

The GACP is currently working on the 5th edition State Certification Manual. Chief Harrell has asked for input from the PAC members. Cheri passed out a contact letter for Chief Harrell and encouraged everyone with suggestions for additions or changes to the manual to contact Chief Harrell.

The GACP has also appointed a committee to work on an Assessor Manual for State Certification. If you are interested in assisting with the manual or have suggestions contact Carol Martin or Cheri Pickard.

There is also a committee looking at beginning a Team Leader training program and requirements for the State Certification Program. Brett West and Sherry Lang are heading the committee.

Mark Bender was present at the meeting and presented with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the Pac as a former board member.

It was announced that board member elections were being held at the meeting. The members whose positions are up for election are Pam Goddard, Eddie Bogan, Chuck Groover, Cheri Pickard and Karen Sanders. Nominations were taken at the June meeting and the following were nominated: Kathy Strickland, Eddie Bogan, Vance Deupree, Cheri Pickard, Karen Sanders, Pam Goddard, and Carol Martin. All accepted the nominations except Chuck Groover. The floor was opened for any other nominations and none were made. Vance requested that his name be removed from the ballot. He advised that he did want to remain a regional coordinator but his current work assignment would allow him the time needed to commit to the board. Elections were held and the following were elected to two year terms: Pam Goddard, Kathy Strickland, Sandy Talley, Cheri Pickard, Cedric Duncan and Karen Sanders. Due to the resignation of Chris Robinson one position was for a one year term and this position will be filled by Carol Martin.