

GACLEA
Summer Conference
MEETING MINUTES

7/12/09

Host: GACP

Location: Savannah, Georgia

Members Present:

Ted Cochran – KSU,
Craig Watson – Emory
James Hodnett – GMC
Rus Drew- CSU
Steve Bowser – Spelman College
Carlton Mullis- GSU
Mike Blouin- Dekalb Tech

Richard Goodson GC&SU
Jimmy Williamson – UGA
Sammy Stone- South GA Tech College
Gerald Anderson- Life University
Scott Doner – Valdosta State Univ.
Connie Sampson- GSU
Bill McBride- MCGA

Guests- Paul Glowacke- St Mary's Univ. PD (TX) - IACP Rep.
Rick Darby- 4th Vice President Candidate- Cornelia PD

Meeting called to Order

GACLEA President Sammy Stone called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
President Stone welcomed attendees and read the purpose of the organization.

Guest Speaker

President Stone turned the floor over to our guest, Paul Glowacke. Mr. Glowacke explained that he was the IACP representative for Secondary and Higher Education Law Enforcement. He explained the grant opportunities and initiatives available and what IACP was doing to assist us in obtaining these grant opportunities. He offered his support on any IACP issues concerning law enforcement in higher education.

Minutes of last meeting

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

President Stone advised that the Treasurer, Chief Oris Bryant, had provided him with the updated Treasurer's report. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Treasurers report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Old Business

GACLEA Shirts

President Stone relinquished the floor to Director Steve Bowser (Spelman) to review the progress on the ordering of the new shirts for the membership. Director Bowser brought four shirts for the membership to choose from in different shades of blue. The membership voted and selected a dark shade of blue for the next GACLEA shirt.

Dues Issue

Chief Jimmy Williamson (UGA) requested the floor and advised that due to the current budget situation, he did not feel it was prudent for him to pay dues for membership this year and understood that he may have to leave the association. Chief Williamson said that he is dropping all of his dues and affiliations this year except for GACP and felt it was important that as the leader of his organization that he do his part in cutting back expenses. (paraphrase)

This brought discussion from the membership present. Chief Goodson (GSC) brought up the fact that the state of the GACLEA budget is healthy and that maybe we should consider as an organization dispensing with the paying of dues for this year. After discussion, a motion was made to dispense with the paying of dues this year for all members of the association in good standing. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

IACLEA Report

Chief Scott Doner (VSU) gave the IACLEA report. He discussed the IACLEA conference, the regional conferences and provided information on the new IACLEA president.

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Chief Rick Darby presented himself for election to the 4th Vice President's post of GACP.

Committee Reports

The committee reports were next on the agenda.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Chief Richard Goodson brought to the floor motions on new amendments to the GACLEA constitution and bylaws on behalf of committee chair Chief Craig Watson (Emory). All of the proposed amendments revolve around modernizing the constitution to allow for electronic voting to make the association more efficient in its operation.

Due to the nature of constitutional requirements, the bylaws changes could be approved at this meeting, but the constitutional amendments had to be reviewed at this meeting and wait until the next meeting to come to a vote.

Both bylaw amendments were agreed to by a unanimous vote from the membership present. The text of the changes to the bylaws are outlined below:

1. GACLEA Member of the Year Award
 - Purpose: To recognize a member of GACLEA for their outstanding contributions to the organization and to campus safety.
 - Criteria: The Alex K. Johnson Member of the Year Award should be awarded to the member of the organization whose dedication and service to the association and whose professionalism in the promotion of public safety in higher education exceeds that of his peers.
 - Voting: A call for nominations for the Officer of the Year will take place at the Summer business meeting. All nominations will be placed on a ballot form which will be delivered electronically to all eligible voting members by September 1st. Votes may be cast electronically or by regular mail and must be delivered to the chairman of the Programs and Awards Committee by September 30th in order to be valid. The recipient will be selected by popular vote.

The Official By-Laws of The Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, relating to voting by the membership, is amended by creating Article IV and inserting the following after the conclusion of Article III:

ARTICLE IV – VOTING BY THE MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, present issues for consideration of the membership via electronic distribution (e-mail, fax, text message, and other appropriate electronic communications tools commonly in use). The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, issue electronic ballots and accept electronic votes cast by the membership in relation to such issues. In all such cases, unless otherwise designated in the Constitution and By-laws of this Association, approval of a measure presented for electronic ballot shall be granted upon a majority of votes cast by eligible voting members.

The constitutional amendments proposed for a vote at the next GACLEA meeting were as follows:

Article III of the Official Constitution of The Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, relating to Meetings, is amended by striking Article VI in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

1. The frequency and location of meetings shall be as prescribed in the by-laws
2. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members registered at any regular meeting.

3. For the purpose of electronic voting, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members who respond appropriately to a properly issued electronic ballot.
4. Procedure at meeting shall follow the parliamentary rules as stated in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

1. Election to Membership
 - a. Persons desiring membership in the Association must make application to the membership committee.
 - b. The membership committee will determine the eligibility of applicants and present the application along with the committee's recommendation to the membership for consideration.
 - c. Applications for Institutional, Active Institutional, Associate, and Supporting membership may be presented for approval at any scheduled quarterly meeting; or, electronically to all eligible voting members. Membership will be awarded upon a majority vote of voting members present at a meeting or responding via electronic ballot.
 - d. Nominations for Honorary Membership may be presented for approval at any scheduled quarterly meeting; or, electronically to all eligible voting members. Membership will be awarded upon a vote of approval of two-thirds majority of voting members present at a meeting or responding via electronic ballot.

SECTION 2.

All articles and parts of articles in conflict with this amendment are repealed.

Legislative Committee

There was no report from the Legislative Committee.

Membership Committee

Chief Richard Goodson said that the membership committee has reached out to the new chief at Coastal College of Georgia and provided him with membership information. His name is Brian Sipe and he takes over for Chief Rick Clark.

Goals and Objectives Committee

There was no report from the Goals and Objectives Committee.

Awards Committee

Chief Richard Goodson opened the floor to the membership for nominations for the GACLEA Member of the Year and the GACLEA Officer of the Year.

Technology Committee

There was no report, but there has been some discussion about having the technology committee get together to review and update the GACLEA website.

Training Committee

Director Steve Bowser lead a discussion about Campus Executive training coordinated by Bruce Holmes and conducted by the Board of Regents.

There was an extended discussion about the Regional Police Academies and Technical Colleges' Police Academies. The discussion centered on the caliber of recruit and the nature of the students being granted admission. Chief Mike Blouin (DTC) reassured the membership that the backgrounds conducted are very thorough and that the Technical Colleges are doing everything that they can do to get it right.

Publicity Committee

Associate Director Carlton Mulls (GSU) said that he hoped the membership understood that he was not "piling on" on events like the recent robberies around GA Tech. He stated that he just pulls all the media reports, puts them together and sends them out. The membership expressed its gratitude to Mr. Mullis for his efforts.

New Business:

Chief Jimmy Williamson said that he had some gun (GLOCK) holsters that were in good shape that he was willing to give to any agency that needed them. They just transitioned to a new holster and didn't need them anymore.

The meeting was adjourned by President Stone at 3:15pm

Minutes submitted by Richard Goodson