

GACLEA Business Meeting – Columbus State Univ. (Command College)

May 23, 2014

Members Present:

John Fields – Albany State University (Chief)	229-288-3351
Mark R. Lott – Columbus State University (Asst. Chief)	706-568-2022
Bobby Hamil - Clayton State Univ.	678-466-4266
Sammy Stone – South Georgia Technical College	229-942-5070
Ken Morgan – Fort Valley State Univ.	478-825-6211
Tom Mackel – Univ. West Georgia	678-839-6255
James E. Spooner, Jr. – Bainbridge State College	229-243-6456
John Upton – Georgia Highlands College	706-252-2236
Craig T. Watson – Emory Univ.	404-727-6115
Rus Drew – Columbus State Univ.	706-568-2022
Antonio Long – Atlanta Metropolitan State College	678-768-8617
Bill Byars – Georgia Northwestern Tech College	
Thomas Chambliss – Spelman College	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

President, Chief Bobby Hamil called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 am

READING OF THE PURPOSE

The group's purpose was read by Vice President Antonio Long

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT

No new members present. President Hamil advised he had extended invitation to the Kennesaw State, Georgia Southwestern and North Georgia Chiefs. Secretary Morgan stated he had invited Chief Coaxum from Savannah State but he had other prior scheduled engagements.

OFFICER REPORTS

President

- Bobby Hamil – Recognized Thomas Chambliss in attendance on behalf of Steve Bowser.
- Announced the new GACLEA P.O. Box 403 Americus, Georgia 31209.
- Announced Mike Stapleton will hold on to the listserv a little while longer even though he has begun working for the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office

Vice – President

- Antonio Long – Announced no reports to make at this time.

Secretary

- Ken Morgan – Presented the minutes to the February 20, 2014 business meeting held at Little Ocmulgee State Park. There was a correction to the February 20, 2014 minutes in the area of the treasurer's report whereby it was mentioned that \$318.59 was expended for awards for Richard Goodson and Ted Cochran. Pres. Hamil advised the awards purchased were for outgoing President Carlton Mullis and Member of the Year Michael Stapleton.
- Rus Drew motioned and the motion was seconded by Antonio Long that the minutes stand approved for the Berry College business meeting and the Little Ocmulgee business meeting held February 20, 2014 with the necessary corrections. Motion carried the body.

Treasurer

- Sammy Stone – Reported \$13,205.50 in the GACLEA account. Three checks had been written for P.O. Box fee, Stamps and Donation to Ken Morgan
- Sammy Stone – Advised the executive committee had made the changes to the bank account and were in the process of receiving a debit card.
- Sammy Stone – Reminded members that the Annual Membership Fees – Due September 1st every year for the ensuing year.
- Rus Drew – Expressed having an invoice to notate the annual fee. Ken Morgan advised that he is working with Connie Sampson's (GSU) web technical support person in adding the annual fee to the application to make it a check off item on the form. That way accountants at institutions can see it's a renewal fee box checked on the form.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative and Government Relations – Sampson

- Bobby Hamil – Brought up the new gun law. Advised there is seemingly no impact to College campuses. Bill Byars expressed gun advocates state the Bill is unclear and carry groups are trying to find loopholes. The bill defines no carry in school zones but unclear in off campus settings related to the University. John Upton advised he is seeing a lot of open carry in his area.
- Craig Watson – Discussed HB 539 died as the Sheriff's Association was fighting it because it extended Young Harris College's boundaries. The Sheriff's Association didn't show up at the last hearing but GMA did. Craig advised the bill will come back up.
- Bobby Hamil – Spoke on the USG Tobacco Free Policy. There was a lot of lay discussion regarding fines, disciplinary considerations, regulatory practices and enforcement issues. Institutions are creating policies to address.

Columbus State University President, Dr. Timothy Mescon joined the meeting at this point and was introduced by CSU Chief Rus Drew.

President Mescon expressed that he dropped in to greet the GACLEA members and to welcome them to CSU. President Mescon was very excited about the space shuttle model that they were receiving to become a part of their space center exhibit. President Mescon went on to state that he is a fan of his Police Department and the services the department provides for the University even when the challenges of a growing campus into the downtown area. President Mescon went on to state that he was proud of the Command College and thanked all the Chief's present for their service to all of Georgia's institutions.

Membership – Cooke, Crocker, Stone

- Sammy Stone – reiterated that membership invoice on the website is being revised and that 2015 dues are due Sept. 1st. Bobby Hamil advised he had an email from Craig Watson outlining the specific fees for regular member, honorary member, agency membership and associate member.
- Bobby Hamil – relayed that there needs to be some emphasis placed on updating new membership packets to include portfolio, lapel pin, cup etc.

Constitution and Bylaws – Watson, Cooke

- Craig Watson – shared the recommended amendments and revised edition of the GACLEA Constitution and Bylaws.

Public Relations – Mullis

- Bobby Hamil – praised Carlton Mullis for his efforts in continuing to send out the PR reports.

IACLEA – Cooke, Sampson, Doner

- No Reports

GACP – Sampson, Cooke, Golden

- Bobby Hamil – advised he will get with Paul Maharry to ensure GACLEA has its normal room locked in at the summer conference for Sunday.
- Bobby Hamil – advised he is interested in break out training sessions to specifically target Campus law enforcement. Rus Drew – expressed that it would be probably difficult for GACP to carve out specific training for GACLEA. Antonio Long – suggested maybe involving the K-12 Chief's

Technology - Mullis and Stapleton

- Ken Morgan – reported that he has met with Cassandra Davis (Georgia State Univ. Technical Support) in regards to updating the website. Ms. Davis had been out for a short time but assured that she will be able to update after receiving the necessary passwords and website backbone information from 1 and 1 web services. Ken Morgan will be the conduit for informational changes along with Carlton Mullis and Connie Sampson whom Mrs. Davis works for.

Nominating and Awards – Mullis, Stapleton, Bowser, Watson and Morgan

- Bobby Hamil – brought up the suggestion of honoring Ted Cochran as (Honorary Member) everyone was agreeable to the idea.
- Craig Watson – Proposed that Thedis Bryant present the Oris W. Bryant Jr. Officer of the Year Award. Suggested maybe GACLEA pick up her hotel expense and incidentals, if she came up to present.

Goals and Objectives/Programs – Executive Committee

- 40th GACLEA Anniversary - To be held at Emory talked about in Old Business

Old Business:

- Craig Watson – Presented information that he has the Miller-Ward Alumni House reserved for the 40th Anniversary of GACLEA. Craig suggested and the membership agreed that November 6th and 7th would be the dates for the 40th anniversary meeting of GACLEA.
- Craig Watson, Tom Mackel, Antonio Long, Bill Byars and Rus Drew volunteered to serve on the 40th anniversary steering committee. Rus Drew – expressed he would like to see the association reach out to Past Members and Founding Members. Discussion came up about having a special shirt or items for 40th Anniversary.
- Discussion arose about GACLEA shirts. Thomas Chambliss (Spelman) stated Steve Bowser turned the polo shirts over to Carlton Mullis.
- Discussion arose about GACLEA membership items. Bobby Hamil advised he would research what we have and begin the task of ordering replacement items especially for new members to include the membership lapel pin. Bill Byars stated the GACLEA Executive Board has always had the authority to order items to not exceed \$500.

New Business:

- Bobby Hamil – Began discussion on recent issues with GPSTC's speed training of Officer's with respect to online courses. Lengthy discussion occurred concerning the various email notifications from POST, GPSTC and GACP.
- Bobby Hamil – Addressed the issue of new federal guidelines and revamping of two way radio's. Rus Drew characterized their transition in Columbus as a "train wreck" and a major cost issue.
- Bobby Hamil – Initiated a conversation about Clery reporting updates. Major changes being proposed as it relates to the VAWA (Violence Against Women's Act) in the area of dating violence, stalking and domestic violence. There is discussions and possible information coming about Electronic Stalking.
- Bobby Hamil – Asked if any had any updates on the Agnes Scott case. Craing Watson expressed the issue is not dead it's just tabled for now about the issue of Private School law enforcement arrest powers and immunities associated with them.
- Bobby Hamil – Addressed concerns about what are timely notifications and the impact on Colleges and Universities. Rus Drew advised he would like to address the GACLEA group in some lengthy dialogue but emphasized the initial media release must be good and thorough. Rus talked a little about issues he had as it

relates to his Officer related shooting on Columbus State's campus. Rus expressed to keep your President informed. Chief John Fields advised he brings his University's media person in on his police training to educate them.

- Bobby Hamil – Expressed that GACLEA has a member (Ken Morgan) running for 3rd or 4th Vice President of GACP. Ken advised he is running for 3rd or 4th Vice President due to their being a vacated seat along with the 4th Vice President's seat. Ken advised Chief Joe Wirthman of Jefferson PD and Chief Dennis Nelson of Metter PD are also vying for one of the seat. Ken expressed their came a call at one of the recent GACP Executive Meetings about since there are two vacancies there will be two votes per voting member. Ken advised he needs GACLEA support and thanked everyone for their donation. Rus Drew suggested to place leaflets in the registration packets and reach out to as many Chief's as you can.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

