

GACLEA Business Meeting – Little Ocmulgee State Park (McRae)

February 20, 2014

Members Present:

New – John Fields – Albany State University (Chief)	229-288-3351
New – Gregory L. Elder - Albany State University (Asst. Chief)	229-894-0606
New – 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
NT Marinelli Jr. – Georgia Perimeter College	678-891-3953
Wayne Wilcox – Armstrong	912-344-3333
Sherry Cornett – Reinhardt Univ.	770-720-5543
Steve Bowser – Spelman College	404-270-5326
Tom Mackel – Univ. West Georgia	678-839-6255
Charles Warren – Mid. Georgia State College	478-934-3002
Bryan D. Sipe – College of Costal Georgia	912-279-5819
Jimmy H. English (Ret.) – Georgia Southwestern	229-942-5425
Scott Beckner – Georgia College & State Univ.	478-445-5800
Wiley R. Tuft – Georgia College & State Univ.	478-445-0801
James E. Spooner, Jr. – Bainbridge State College	229-243-6456
John Upton – Georgia Highlands College	706-252-2236
Robert Connolly – Georgia Tech	
Scott Doner – Valdosta State Univ.	229-333-7816
Craig T. Watson – Emory Univ.	404-727-6115
Rus Drew – Columbus State Univ.	706-568-2022
Sonja McCulloch – South Georgia State	912-260-4402
James Hodnett – Georgia Military College	478-288-0966
Williams McBride – Georgia Regents Univ.	706-721-2916
Bryan Golden – Abraham Baldwin Ag. College	229-391-5060
Bruce Holmes – BOR – USG	678-561-4745
Connie B. Sampson – Georgia State Univ.	404-403-3230
Jasper Cooke – Georgia Regents Univ.	706-667-4207
Mike Russell – Georgia Southern Univ.	912-478-5234
Kenneth A. Troisi – Southern Crescent Tech College	678-603-0981

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

President, Chief Bobby Hamil called the meeting to order at approximately 8:25 am

READING OF THE PURPOSE

The purpose was read by Chief Bobby Hamil

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief John Fields – Albany State University
Asst. Chief Gregory Elder – Albany State University
Asst. Chief Mark R. Lott – Columbus State University

OFFICER REPORTS

President

- Bobby Hamil - Advised due to the minutes just coming to everyone via the listserv we would forego approval until next official meeting.

Vice – President

- Antonio Long – Phoned in and listened via conference call

Secretary

- Ken Morgan – Informed everyone he had a digital copy of the minutes of the last meeting and would be willing to share any items needed to be brought forth from the November 15, 2003 meeting.

Treasurer

- Sammy Stone – Reported \$13,059.53 in the GACLEA account. Also, reported two checks written out from last meeting. \$1,000 donation to Chief Teresa Crocker to aid in her rehabilitative status. \$318.59 expended for Awards to outgoing Chief Ted Cochran and Honorary member Richard Goodson
- Sammy Stone – Advised the executive committee needs to draft a letter to the Bank to update the names on the account and draft a letter to establish a Post Office Box. Stone provided a temporary Post Office Box of P.O.B. 6788 Americus, GA 31709.
- Annual Membership Fees – Due September 1st every year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative and Government Relations – Sampson

- Bobby Hamil – Brought forth information that newly revised Georgia Gun law/carry bill had passed the Georgia House of Representatives which highlights carrying weapons in Churches and some Government buildings. It appears to stay the same as it relates to University and College campuses.
- Craig Watson – Discussed HB 539 and HB 1 in that the Georgia Sheriff's Association is vehemently against the bill that affects seizure and forfeiture.
- Bruce Holmes – Let it be known that the New USG Smoke/Tobacco free policy for institutions is on the table with the Board and will likely pass soon. Holmes advised an issue on the table will be enforcement of the policy and who's responsible.

- Connie Sampson – Discussed the issue of State Employee raises. A 1% state raise is insight; however, some institutions may be able to offer additional percentages of raises from internal fund sources.

Membership – Cooke, Crocker, Stone

- Sammy Stone – advised he had some new membership applications on hand.
- Bobby Hamil – relayed that there needs to be some emphasis placed on updating new membership packets to include portfolio, lapel pin, cup etc.
- Steve Bowser – advised Carlton Mullis is in charge of memberships shirts now.
- Robert Connolly – recognized as Interim Chief at Georgia Tech
- Bobby Hamil – stated he would reach out to the New Chief's at Georgia Southwestern, Kennesaw and North Georgia College.

Constitution and Bylaws – Watson, Cooke

- Craig Watson – advised the revisions are still a work in progress. Watson stressed there are not a lot of revisions to be made. Bobby Hamil stated Gary Chasteen, Craig Watson, Rus Drew and Bill McBride volunteered to work on the revisions.

Public Relations – Mullis

- Bobby Hamil – praised Carlton Mullis on his efforts in coordinating the reports into a single document he recommends all sharing with other USG departments especially student affairs

IACLEA – Cooke, Sampson, Doner

- Jasper Cooke –Began a lengthy positive discussion on Congress finally funding the Safety Centers for Campus Public Safety. Vendors began driving what we do in public safety. Vendors drove everyone to buy billions of dollars' worth of Mass Notification Systems. These centers will help identify problems before they happen as opposed to being reactive but will take a year or two to come into effect. Discussion was had on Equity in Law Enforcement. Jasper stated this is attached to legislation in Washington which should also help law enforcement.
- Jasper Cooke – relayed that the annual IACLEA conference will be in Montreal the last week in June. Hopefully, it will not impact many summer conferences for other states.

GACP – Sampson, Cooke, Golden

- Connie Sampson – reported the winter conference got winterized and shortened due to anticipated severe weather conditions.
- Bill McBride – discussed how much the Summer Conference costs in which the Westin is extremely costly in Savannah. McBride is also interested in requests for training as he feels some of the training in the past has not been job specific.
- Bobby Hamil – advised he is interested in break out training sessions to specifically target Campus law enforcement.

Technology - Mullis and Stapleton

- Bobby Hamil – expressed the GACLEA website needs to serious updates.
- Connie Sampson – advised she thought the site was hosted out of UGA but was not sure. Sampson will get with her tech support/I.T. person within her department to assess the needs of the site.
- Steve Bowser – stated he would be willing to assist Connie and her team.

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

- No nominees for Officer of the Year at this point
- Suggestion that the GACLEA Website needs to state who Alex K. Johnson was for Member of the Year since that award is named after him.
- Jasper Cooke – advised ICLEA put out an Office Person of the Year Award.

Goals and Objectives/Programs – Executive Committee

- Website Update is top priority
- 40th GACLEA Anniversary - To be held at Emory
- Spring Meeting May 22-23, 2014 – Host: Columbus State University

Old Business:

- Information shared regarding Agnes Scott College lawsuit. Petitioner alleged he was falsely arrested. Issue raised the ASC Officers worked for private institution and the State Court indicated the Officers had no qualified immunity. State Court of Appeals stated the Officers did have immunity. Case lingers on.

New Business:

- Honorary member status was suggested for Ted Cochran. Motion offered by Scott Doner and seconded by Steve Bowser that Ted Cochran received honorary member status.
- Officer of the year award discussed. Steve Bowser motioned that the award be named after Oris W. Bryant Jr. who died in office. Connie Sampson seconded the motion. Scott Doner recommended Oris's wife Thedis Bryant be present to give out the award in the fall.
- Lay discussion on Listserve. Need responses from members when questions are posed.
- Bobby Hamil discussed the recent Auburn University lawsuit. Stated that a family is arguing that if Auburn had kept a Police Department in place it would have helped prevent a crime.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.