



Georgia Polygraph Association

Minutes of Meeting March 11, 2025

United Methodist Church
1102 Fair Rd., Statesboro, GA
Prepared by Sgt. Gilbert Guthrie

I. Call to order

Members were welcomed to the meeting by President James Hayes, which was then called to order.

II. Members and Guests in attendance

James Hayes	Gilbert Guthrie	Andre Futch	Michael Stephens
Don Berez	David Peebles	Jason Shadd	Joshua Alford
Amanda Baker	Linda Howard	Charles Sullenger	

III. Secretary Report

The Secretary Report was presented by President James Hayes. Approval for the minutes of the last meeting, as submitted to the membership via the GPA website, was called for and approved.

IV. Treasurer Report

The Treasury Report was presented by President James Hayes. The current balance as of February 28th, for the GPA is \$6945.71. Approval for the Treasurer's Report was called for and approved.

V. Old Business

The Tri-State Conference, which is being hosted this year by South Carolina, was discussed. The conference is taking place on November 4th through the 6th in Mount Pleasant (SC), which is in the Charleston area. The conference fee is \$110 for members on one of the organizations affiliated with the tri-state training conference and the room rate for the hosting hotel in \$150. These details have been posted on the South Carolina Association of Polygraph Examiners' web site. We discussed the amount of money the GPA will pay to help offset the conference fee for our active paid members. The suggested amounts ranged from \$25 to \$50. A motion was made for the GPA to pay \$50 of the registration fee and this amount was approved. As it stands, the GPA will pay \$50 of the South Carolina Tri State Polygraph Conference for any of our attending members who are in good standing with the organization. President Jay Hayes said he will reach out to the South Carolina president and work out the details.

VI. New Business

An increase of the dues was discussed. It was pointed out that we can not sustain the same level of services to our members at the current membership fee. The GPA offers training with a catered meal at least 4 times a year at each meeting and offers a free multi day training conference once every three years along with supplementing the tuition for the tri state conferences that are hosted during the subsequent years. We discussed rolling back the paid lunches and/or the trainings throughout the year or scaling back the quality of conferences we host and supplement for our members to attend. In the end it was agreed that we did not want to cut back services at this time and that the dues would need to be increased in order to maintain these services. We compared our dues to the dues of the polygraph associations in the surrounding states and discussed how difference price points would affect the private examiners as well as the public safety examiners. One suggestion made was to increase the dues for 2026 to \$75, then increase the dues for 2026 to \$100. A motion was made to increase the dues for 2027 to \$75 and then

assess our financial situation at the end of 2026 when we can see how the increase has affected our membership. This motion was voted on and approved.

VII. Announcements

The next regular meeting of the Georgia Polygraph Association will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 10 am. The location for the training will be announced once a facility is secured. Catered and training will be provided.

Training provided directly after this meeting by Joshua Alford over Quality Control.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.