

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 12, 2017

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 12, 2017. All Commission members were present.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that they are preparing for the January Commission meeting and demonstration of the Termidor HP application and encouraged attendance as the Department of Entomology will host a breakfast prior to the meeting. He also mentioned that Dr. Dan Suiter will no longer be offering recertification webinars, but is planning a pollinator protection workshop on June 13, 2018 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the UGA Griffin Campus. Attendance is capped at 40-50 participants. Mr. Gorecki congratulated Dr. Forschler for the Entomology Society of America (ESA) award in Urban Entomology. Dr. Forschler received the award on November 7, 2017 in Denver, CO.
- F. Ms. Lauren Fralick provided a legislative update. She noted that there were four special elections the week prior and all of those vacancies were filled by women. She also noted that there would be additional elections on January 9, 2018 to fill vacancies in Valdosta and Henry County. Her last item of note is that the legislature is still discussing rural development and that the outcome of these discussions could affect the pest control industry.
- G. Mr. Gorecki provided an NPMA update. He noted that NPMA was scheduled to meet with U.S. EPA about the legislative agenda later today. Items to be discussed include labeling, 25(b) products and expediting the registration process. Mr. Gorecki also noted that NPMA is involved in a fundraiser for Glen Thompson (PA) and would be discussing cooperative federalism in an attempt to limit municipalities from regulating pesticides. Finally, Mr. Gorecki discussed a pyrethroid workshop hosted by NPMA and ASPCRO for U.S. EPA staff that is scheduled for December 13, 2017.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on compliance assistance and outreach regarding the new Rules and noted that the compliance period has been extended and the new deadline for compliance is March 1, 2018. He noted that Mr. Taylor is working on updates to the registered employee manual and related examinations. Mr. Lastinger also discussed revisions to several documents that were sent to the Commission for review on December 8, 2017. These included revised versions of the WDO Contract guidance and Official Waiver guidance, and the 2018 Commission meeting schedule notice.

- I. Mr. Gorecki discussed the revision to the alternate application technique policy as it relates to the Official Waiver form. A guidance document will be drafted to assist the regulated community. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to accept the revised policies. Mr. Holley seconded and the motion passed.
- J. Mr. Lastinger indicated that a demonstration of the Termidor HP application equipment was still scheduled after the January Commission meeting. A BASF representative was in attendance and was asked several questions about the HE label, which appears to require that the label must be with the applicator at the time of application. He indicated that the most recent version of the label was available in the BASF repository; however, he recommended having a hard copy of the label when making an application.
- K. Mr. Lastinger and Commissioner Black provided the Department updates. Mr. Lastinger noted that a new record was made for 1.7 million tons of peanuts produced in Georgia in 2017. Commissioner Black discussed his plan for developing a pollinator component to the Georgia Grown program which is tentatively called the Georgia Grown Bee Safe Community. He envisions standards for municipalities and registration for bee keepers, as well as Georgia Grown community and pollinator gardens. Tommy Gray and Mike Evans will be involved in the development of the program. Dr. Forschler noted that this program could impact the pest control industry.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided the Program update. He noted that the Commission meeting in Rome that was cancelled due to hurricane Irma would be rescheduled, likely in May or June 2018.
- M. Mr. Taylor provided an update on recertification course renewals. He noted that an email was sent to all course sponsors and that 1072 courses had been renewed so far.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kurjatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sivard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department – Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
 - Recertification Course Renewals – Tim Taylor
- d. New Rules: Compliance Assistance & Outreach Timeline
 - Revised policies
 - Compliance Date
- e. Alternate Application Technique Policy
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Reed Exterminating Co., Inc. – Greenville MS
- Arrow Exterminating – Buford

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Reagin Pest Solutions – Oconee County (insurance).
- I.K. Pest Management Inc. – Cobb County (insurance, late fee payment).