

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2019

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:09 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 16, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; and Christy Kuriatnyk. Greg Holley and Dr. Brian Forschler were available via teleconference.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, Georgia Home Builders Association, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mrs. Kuriatnyk to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Brian Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology Update. He mentioned a recent termite project with the National Park Service on Cumberland Island that involved the identification of Formosan termites. UGA's Department of Entomology will host the January 7, 2020 Commission meeting in Athens at 10 AM. Breakfast will be provided at 9 AM.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He announced the retirement of Jesse Everett and appreciated his service as a state inspector. The revised policies from the previous Commission meeting have been published to the website. GDA sent an email notification to all licensed companies regarding the revised policies.
- G. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. Mr. Conti presented a question regarding the ventilation rule and buildings that exceed two family dwelling units. The Commission discussed the current policy and the building codes. Ms. Betty Sleeth with the Georgia Home Builders Association was present and commented on the code. This will be further discussed at a future meeting after a further review of the commercial building codes. Mr. Conti noted a recent decline in the number of complaints that have been submitted to the division. Chairman Gorecki requested a current compliance report for the January meeting.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. 2020 recertification course renewals went out via email recently to course sponsors/instructors. GDA will submit a draft C&T plan to EPA in March of 2020. Mr. Taylor will prepare a list of potential changes to rules and policy and present at the January meeting.
- I. The Commission discussed Notice 17-01 Business Naming Policy. The word "business" has been added to the list of undistinguished names. The revised policy will be posted to the SPCC website.
- J. Mr. Gorecki commented that the Mosquito Control Workgroup is still moving forward with discussions and drafting recommendations.
- K. The Commission discussed spray foam insulation activities. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the recent projects and research activities. He recapped the concerns with the building code that currently allows the band joist and mudsill to be

covered with Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF). The installation of SPF on the band joist and mudsill covers the critical areas that the pest management professional needs to visually inspect for termite activity. The mudsill, band joist, and joist ends are often the first points at which termites can be detected as they enter the wood structure. A building code amendment and supporting white paper has been drafted to request this practice be prohibited and to allow for effective termite inspections. Mr. Holley made a motion to approve the draft proposal. Mrs. Kuriatnk seconded the motion and the motion passed. The proposal will be submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Ms. Betty Sleeth commented that the proposal would be discussed at DCA's Meeting of the State Codes Advisory Committee on January 30, 2020.

- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Mr. Bell discussed multiple proposed bills in several states that would ban certain pesticides. West Virginia has a proposed bill for licensing reform that would exempt licensing requirements.
- M. Ms. Bonnie Rabie provided an update on State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG). The group met last week with EPA. Discussions included C&T plans, marijuana, and hemp. She announced Ms. Faye Golden as the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) President Elect.
- N. Mr. Gorecki closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and expressing appreciation to all that put in hard work this year.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman  
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman  
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health  
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia  
Bodine Sinyard, 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 – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance – Alex Conti
  - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Revision to Notice 17-01 Business Naming Policy
- e. Mosquito Workgroup Update
- f. Under-floor space ventilation standard & Notice 14-08
- g. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- JMI Pretreat Service – Butts County (insurance)
- Guard All – Dekalb County (insurance)
- The HAPECS Company dba Critter Control of Central GA – Clayton County (name change, insurance)

The Commission did not approve the following applications

- Premium Pest dba Meister Termite (100024) to Premium Pest Meister Termite