

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 12, 2018

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on June 12, 2018. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley; and Bodine Sinyard. Dr. Brian Forschler and Christy Kuriatnyk were available via teleconference.
- 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 May meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology Update. They are currently interviewing for new faculty members. He reminded everyone of the Urban Pollinator Protection Workshop coming up on June 13th at the training center in Griffin.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and Program updates. He announced that the Urban Pollinator Protection workshop will include regulatory sessions representing each section of the Plant Industry Division. This week the Department is hosting a national pesticide inspector workshop for advanced inspectors in Savannah. He announced Alan Lowman resigned as Director of the Ag Inputs Section to pursue a career with the Boll Weevil Eradication Program. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned that the new online employee registration transfer applications are now available and receiving positive feedback from the industry.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the drafted policy for Employee Registration for the Commission to review. This policy will include clarification on pre-examination training requirements and verification.
- H. Mr. Gorecki discussed the draft revision on the Compliance Fact Sheet for the Termite Warranty Retreatment Rule. He mentioned that Ms. Fitzgerald is working on a report that will monitor the number of complete regulatory retreats.
- I. The Commission continued the discussion on spray foam insulation and related concerns and outreach. Mr. Gorecki mentioned that Commissioner Black met with Commission members to discuss some of the related issues. Commissioner Black is very engaged and reached out to several of his contacts with the Georgia Home Builders Association and the American Chemistry Counsel. Mr. Holley and Mr. Rick Bell were recently interviewed by Fox5 reporters. The Commission will reach out to Southface to learn about how the industry is trained. The July issue of the Environmental Health Publication distributed by GDA will include an insert from CPCO on the issue. Mr. Sinyard encouraged pest control companies to stay ahead of spray foam insulation issues by educating their customers. Mr. Gorecki added that they are waiting on the final details of the new Energy Bill.

- J. Ms. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update stating there are numerous run-offs for house and senate seats. Several study committees will meet during the summer.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA Update. He announced the new Hands-Free Law going into effect on July 1st and shared some of the details. He provided an update on the Senate and House Farm Bills. He also gave an update on the Clean Water Act.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed last month's request by Mr. Walt Gewin to review the Partial Treatment Rule. A sample contract was provided to the Commission for review. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



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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
 - Department – Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
- d. Draft Employee Registration Policy
- e. Draft Revision Compliance Fact Sheet: Termite Warranty Retreatment Rule
- f. Spray Foam Insulation
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- A-Plus Pest Management – McDaab, TN

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Dragonfly Mosquito & Pest Specialist – Fulton County (insurance).
- Peach Pest Control – Forsyth County (insurance).