

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 15, 2018

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 AM in Room 324 of the Krannert Center on the campus of Berry College in Rome, GA. on May 15, 2018. All Commission members were present except Ms. Bragg and Mr. Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Black, Representative Katie Dempsey, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Mr. Gorecki provided opening remarks welcoming Commissioner Black and recognized Cook's Pest Control for coordinating the meeting.
- D. Dr. Stephen Briggs, President of Berry College, welcomed the Commission and attendees to the College. He recognized their important relationship with agriculture and the State of Georgia.
- E. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. Commissioner Black thanked the Commission for holding the meetings in other areas of the state such as Rome. He discussed how the Commission is uniquely structured and the importance of the pest control industry. He recognized the Commission for creating effective rules and regulations. Commissioner Black discussed the importance of Georgia pollinators and discussed several related programs to improve pollinator health. He asked the Commission for assistance with Georgia Grown Bee Safe projects that will assist communities.
- H. Commissioner Black introduced Representative Katie Dempsey and expressed his appreciation for her attendance and her support of the department. Representative Katie Dempsey thanked the Commission and the Pest Control Industry for all their hard work and invited attendees to visit downtown Rome.
- I. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology Update. He discussed student work on ants in sea turtle nests and a project on hand held compression sprayers. He reminded folks to attend the National Urban Entomology Conference in Raleigh, NC that starts May 20th.
- J. Mr. Lastinger gave the department and program updates. He announced that the Urban Pollinator Protection Workshop will be taking place at the UGA Griffin Campus on June 13th and will include a roundtable discussion with representative from each section of the Plant Industry Division. Dr. Suiter will announce the workshop to licensed household pest control operators and mosquito control operators. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned a new certification program that the Plant Protection Section is providing for pollinator habitats on solar farms. Lastly, he stated there will be an upcoming meeting at Athens Technical College with President Dr. McConnell regarding a new online pre-examination employee registration training program.

- K. Mr. Tim Taylor announced that Employee Registration Transfers can now be completed online. He provided a handout and answered questions. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the vendor is currently working on further developing the program for new Employee Registration applications.
- L. Ms. Shannon Fitzgerald discussed the Alternate Application Technique Rule. There are three products currently approved under the rule: Termidor HE, Termidor HP, and Termidor HPII. A guidance document has been drafted and is currently under review to assist with compliance. It will likely include diagrams, treatment options and break down of each standard. The department hopes to complete the guidance for commission review this summer. Dr. Forschler added that a new active ingredient is being looked at for hydraulic injection.
- M. The Commission continued the discussion on spray foam insulation and the increasing questions and concerns that continue to arise. Mr. Gorecki discussed the importance of outreach to consumers. Mr. Rick Bell has been contacted by Fox5 to do a story. Commissioner Black suggested reaching out to the National Home Builders Association and the Board of Realtors, homeowners associations and general contractors. Mr. Rick Bell added that a new energy code is being finalized in June that could cause additional issues. The Commission will continue the discussions.
- N. Mr. Lastinger reviewed the Employee Registration rules. He discussed pre-examination training requirements, the definition of a registered employee, non-registered employees and the on the job training requirement. A new policy is being drafted to provide guidance on the following items:
- Pre-examination training
 - On the job training
 - Non-registered employee
 - Pre-examination Training Form
 - Exemptions
- The draft policy will be submitted to the Commission for review.
- O. Mr. Walt Gewin met with the Commission regarding his concerns with the Partial Treatment Rule. He reviewed his concerns and requested the Commission review the rule. The Commission discussed his request and shared several concerns. The Commission requested copies of a sample contract that would offer the type of service that he proposed. He agreed to submit this information to the Commission for review. The topic was tabled for further discussion.
- P. Ms. Lauren Fralick provided a legislative update. She announced there are 17 seats available in the legislature and encouraged everyone to vote in the primary.
- Q. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He provided an update on the Senate and House Farm Bills. Mr. Gorecki discussed the pre-emption amendment to FIFRA. Mr. Lastinger noted that any county or city in Georgia that may attempt to regulate pesticides should be reported to GDA or the Commission.
- R. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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 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 & Commissioner Gary Black

Welcome – Representative Katie Dempsey

Dr. Stephen Briggs, Berry College President

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
- d. Employee Registration Transfers
- e. Spray Foam Insulation
- f. Alternate Application Technique Rule
- g. Employee Registration Rule
- h. Partial Treatment - Mr. Walt Gewin
- i. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- j. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Ashford Exterminating – Savannah
- Beyond The Call Wildlife Solutions – Cataula
- Arrow Exterminators – East Ellijay
- Arrow Exterminators – Decatur
- Eco-Sensitive Pest Prevention - Cataula

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Preferred Pest Services – Loganville (Name change, Insurance)
- Ducks Pest Control – Martinez (Late Fee)
- Central GA Termite & Pest Control – Hawkinsville (Insurance, Consent Fee)
- PestServ – Pine Lake (Insurance)
- Pest King Services – Gainesville (Insurance)
- A1 Smash – South Fulton County (Address Verification, Insurance, License Fee Payment)
- Astro Pest Control Services of Savannah, Inc - Savannah (Research Fee Payment)
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