

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 14, 2017

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on October 10, 2017. The following commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley.
- 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. Mr. Holley 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 Dr. Suiter is still offering recertification webinars. He mentioned that UGA will host and coordinate the January Commission meeting in Athens and that breakfast will be provided. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that Dr. Suiter has confirmed that a pollinator protection webinar is planned for 2018.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He noted that the Department has a new HR director, Virginia Phifer.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He stated that Rachel Ward had resigned to care for her new baby and finish her education degree.
- H. Mr. Taylor provided an online licensing and pre-examination training update. He noted that the Department is working with the vendor to provide an option to submit new license application online. Mr. Taylor also provided an update regarding the pre-examination training project. This training will be offered online and available for new technicians to prepare for the employee registration examination. There will be a fee for the training.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed compliance assistance and outreach activities regarding the new regulations. He noted that the Department has begun outreach activities related to the new Rules and mentioned the compliance assistance booths and classes provided at the association conferences. Additionally, he mentioned that the slides the Commission is developing for compliance with the new regulations. The slides will be sent to the Commission members prior to the December meeting for review. He noted that the alternative application technique (AAT) guidance will be posted on the new regulations webpage. Mr. Lastinger also discussed the draft changes to the following guidance documents: WDO Contracts, Official Waivers, Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Reports, Wood Decay Fungus and State Inspections. Ms. Bragg made a motion to approve the revised guidance documents, Dr. Forschler seconded and the motion passed.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the alternate application technique request from BASF for Termidor HP and HE. The Commission approved Termidor HE during the October meeting for use as a

AAT control measure. Dr. Forschler reviewed questions submitted by Mr. Gorecki concerning the data set and Termidor HP label submitted by BASF. Mr. Jim Wright, a BASF representative, was present and provided some additional information and responded to the Commission questions. Mr. Wright offered to provide additional data regarding a number of properties treated with HP including the number of retreats. Mr. Lastinger discussed a state specific requirement that pesticide use records be left with the property owner at the time of treatment and asked Mr. Wright how that would be addressed with the equipment. Mr. Holley suggested that BASF coordinate a demonstration of the Termidor HP application equipment for Commission members to demonstrate how the equipment works and provides the pesticide use record. He also requested that BASF provide the additional data for treatments and retreatments. Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Wright agreed to coordinate on a time and place for that demonstration.

- K. Ms. Lauren Fralick provided a legislative update. She noted that the next session starts January 8, 2018 and that legislators are currently focused on economic development in rural Georgia and healthcare. She also mentioned that there were eight special elections last week and there would be four run-off elections on December 5, 2017.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He noted that NPMA had a placeholder in the Farm Bill and that NMPA is working on changes to FIFRA and the ESA. He also mentioned that GPCA is working on a consumer information piece for spray foam insulation that he hopes to have available in approximately three weeks. Mr. Lastinger requested that GPCA share the new publication next month. Mr. Bell offered to share the NPMA publication.
- M. Mr. Glen Ramsey, the GPCA Leadership Chairman, asked the GPCA leadership attendees to introduce themselves, and thanked the Commission for the opportunity.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 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 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

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
 - Online Licensing & Pre-exam Training Updates – Tim Taylor
- d. New Rules: Compliance Assistance & Outreach
 - New policy
 - Revised policies
- e. Alternate Application Technique Request
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. GPCA Leadership Chairman, Glen Ramsey
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Total Green Pest Prevention – Rising Fawn
- Eubanks Pest Control – Commerce

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Northwest Exterminating – Cobb County (insurance).
- Annette's Termite & Pest Control – Brantley County (insurance & payment of license fee).