

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 17, 2019

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:03 AM in the Blue Gill room of the Lake Blackshear Center at Georgia Veterans State Park in Cordele on September 17, 2019. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Bodine Sinyard, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Kim Bragg.
- 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. Mr. Gorecki opened by expressing gratitude to Mr. Sinyard and Adams Exterminating for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He recapped the July 5th demonstration project that involved the inspection and identification of active subterranean termites in a structure with spray foam insulation. He announced that the report will be published later this year. Dr. Forschler shared a sample of the removed foam insulation with the Commission.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He recognized area supervisor, Mr. Travis Whitley and local inspector, Mr. Carl Schnabel for their attendance. Mr. Lastinger recapped Governor Kemp's state agency budget cuts and that GDA developed a strategic plan that included a budget reduction plan.
- H. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. Inspectors are finishing up with license renewal inspections. These inspections started mid-August, about 75 out of the 150 have renewed since the statewide renewal inspections started. September 30 is the final deadline for expired licenses to submit a renewal application. GPCA and CPCO were asked to remind their members of the final deadline.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training updates. He announced that the online portal is now ready and available for companies to register their new employees. He explained how the process works and how efficient it will be for the industry. After completing the application and payment online, the new employee can work under the 15-day temporary provision of the Employee Registration Rule. This information will be shared with industry associations. Mr. Lastinger expressed his appreciation to Mr. Taylor regarding the hard work it took on the project. Mr. Taylor requested the Commission to approve an advanced train-the-trainer program for GPCA. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the GPCA advanced train-the-trainer program. Mrs. Kuriatnyk seconded the motion and motion passed.
- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the mosquito workgroup. Mr. Jeff Dunn with Northwest Exterminating is chairman of the group. Their first meeting consisted of 10 representatives of

mosquito control businesses. Mr. Gorecki discussed the current mosquito control regulations in Georgia. He also mentioned the new EPA certification and training rule and how it will impact future regulation by requiring training for mosquito control applicators. Their next meeting will be on September 30. Mr. Sinyard requested the group to come before the Commission with their written report.

- K. Mr. Gorecki provided an update to the draft revisions to Notice 18-01 SPCC Pre-examination Training Form. The Commission will meet again before a decision is made on the current draft.
- L. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on spray foam insulation activities. He recommended written guidance be presented to the Georgia Building Association, Spray Foam Alliance and distributors with a goal of updating Georgia building codes and International Building Codes to better address termite inspections and treatment standards. Mr. Lastinger added that at the recent conference of Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO), spray foam insulation and termites was one of the most discussed topics among regulatory officials. Several of the conference sessions referenced the related Georgia's activities and the SPCC issued document on spray foam insulation and pest management.
- M. Mr. Lastinger and Mrs. Kuriatnyk spoke about upcoming activities at the Georgia National Fair in Perry. The fair runs from October 3-13. Mr. Lastinger encouraged attendance to the fair and visit the Georgia Grown Building and the GDA Baby Barn. Ms. Kuriatnyk announced a Healthy Homes event that will take place at the Georgia National Fair Market Place. The outreach event will provide health resources and education to families in the region. Each day has a unique topic. GDA is assisting with volunteers to work the Pest Day which will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- N. The Commission discussed the pre-construction wood treatment rule for subterranean termite control. Nisus submitted some concerns regarding the dye marker requirement. Mr. Gorecki suggested that a guidance policy be issued to assist the industry. A new policy will be drafted for the commission to review.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Language has been submitted to a committee for spray foam insulation awareness to home buyers.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 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

**Welcome** – Mr. Bodine Sinyard

**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. Mosquito Workgroup Update – Jeff Dunn
- e. Draft revisions to Notice 18-01 SPCC Pre-examination Training Form
- f. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- g. Georgia National Fair – Christy Kuriatnyk & Derrick Lastinger
- h. Pre-construction wood treatment rule for subterranean termite control: dye or marker requirement
- i. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- j. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Cook's Pest Control – Decatur AL
- Arrow Exterminators – Ooltewah TN
- Barber's Best Termite and Pest LLC – Tallahassee FL
- Effective Solutions Inc. – Woodstock
- Global Pest Management - Dawsonville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Dangerzone Pest Management – Fulton County (insurance, phone number)
- King's Spraying Services – Toombs County (insurance)
- In and Out Pest Solutions LLC – Gwinnett County (name change)

Name Change

- 4+ Bug Getter's LLC (96144) to Bug Getter's LLC
- Meister Termite and Pest Control LLC (100024) to Premium Pest dba Meister Termite