

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 1, 2017

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 1, 2017. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Christy Kuriatnyk, Dr. Brian Forschler (By Phone), Greg Holley, 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. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mrs. Kuriatnyk seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Holley nominated Mr. Gorecki as Commission Chairman and Mr. Lastinger as vice-chairmen for the new state fiscal year. Ms. Bragg seconded motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update; he noted that the Department has adopted a new logo. Last week, the Department hosted a national pesticide inspector workshop in Savannah. About 50 inspectors attended from other U.S. states, tribes and territories.
- G. Mr. Taylor provided the license renewal update. He reported that 1, 109 companies, 2,085 certified operators and 5,333 technicians have been renewed. All licensees that have not renewed by September 30th will expire.
- H. Ms. Shannon Fitzgerald reported that the new and final guidance document for state inspections was posted on the website. She also noted a statewide field outreach effort to contact pest control companies that have not renewed their license to confirm operating status and provide technical assistance if needed.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed the final rulemaking. He reviewed final edits to the proposed rules. The Commission discussed the timeline for compliance and enforcement. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to accept the final edits and make the rule amendments effective on September 1, 2017 and allow and compliance assistance period through December 31, 2017 with a compliance date of January 1, 2018. GDA will begin reviewing current guidance and fact sheets for revisions related to the rule changes. Next steps will also include GDA filing the final rule with the Secretary of State.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the next Commission meeting to be held on the September 12th at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. Public Notice 17-04 announcing the meeting location was posted.
- K. Mr. Bo Warren provided a legislative update.
- L. Mr. Gorecki provided the NPMA update.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Agenda
Attachment 2 New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. FY18 Election of Officers
- b. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department – Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
 - License Renewal 2017 – Tim Taylor
 - Guidance for State Inspections – Shannon Fitzgerald
- e. Rulemaking: Final Rulemaking
- f. September Meeting Details
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Massey Services Inc. – West Columbia, SC
- Pestban Inc. – Norcross
- Creekside Pest Control LLC – Clermont
- Clear Defense Pest Control of Knoxville, LLC – Knoxville, TN
- Professional Pest Solutions – Augusta
- Safeguard Pest Solutions LLC - Canton

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- MYCO Pest Solutions – Paulding County (insurance)
- MV Pest Services – Cobb (insurance)
- Nextgen Pest Solutions – Forsyth (insurance)
- Coastal Pest Solutions – Glynn (insurance)
- Paladin Pest Control – Carroll (insurance)
- Bugs-B-Gone – Gordon (insurance)
- Bugs-B-Gone (Sub-Office) – Forsyth (insurance)
- Home Pest Solutions – Butts (insurance)
- S & S Termite and Pest Control – Opelika, AL (insurance)