

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2016

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on April 12, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki Chair; Derrick Lastinger Vice-chair (by telephone); Laurie Padgett; Dr. Brian Forschler; 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 March 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. Kris Braman has been appointed as Department Head of Entomology beginning in June. She has worked at the Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin for the past 27 years.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and program updates. He mentioned that the Department has a new Chief Information Officer, William Rutherford. Mr. Lastinger also noted his attendance at the current SFIREG committee meeting in Denver. During the meeting, EPA has announced that they plan to finalize the proposed certification and training rules and pollinator protection strategy by the end of the year. For program activity, he noted that the field staff will be participating in a statewide meeting in Macon next month. Field staff have been involved in several pest management workshops at the UGA Structural Pest Training Center.
- G. Mr. Lastinger stated that the Department was contacted by Stego Industries regarding their new product called PANGO Termite Defense System. The product is a pre-construction termite control device that is installed prior to the pour of a slab foundation. EPA doesn't consider it a pesticide or a pesticide device. However, the Georgia rule definition for device does include the product since the product claims to provide termite protection. Considering this information, the product would have to be installed by a Georgia licensed pest control operator in the category of wood-destroying organisms.
- H. Mr. Gorecki discussed a demand letter received from Barton Black Law, LLC on behalf of Hankey Pest Control to approve their name change request. The company originally requested a company name change to The Green Queen and the Commission did not approve the request on November 10, 2015 due to a similar licensed company name. In January, the company requested the Commission to reconsider and approve the requested name. In January the Commission decided to hold the request since there is a current request at the Attorney General's office to review the rule. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to maintain the November 10<sup>th</sup> decision. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.

- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed an issue with the Profume label placarding requirement and conflict with the Georgia sign posting fumigation rule. He provided an issue paper and the following position:

The Georgia Rule 620-8-.04 for posting a sign is to provide a warning to all persons to keep away. The warning sign specifications were designed to best communicate this information by requiring the sign be in insoluble ink and contrasting colors. When a rule or label requirement is found to be more restrictive, the more restrictive requirement applies to the applicator. Since the Georgia rule requires the print to be red with the exception of the words “**DANGER**” and “**DEADLY POISON**” to be in black letters, the Enforcement Agency considers the Georgia rule to be more restrictive compared to the Profume label placarding requirement.

Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to accept the issue paper for guidance policy and for the Department to do outreach to licensed fumigators. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed. The guidance document will be posted on the website.

- J. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. She noted that the legislative session finished up two weeks ago. The Governor is in the bill signing and review period. The Governor has until May 3<sup>rd</sup> to sign or veto a bill. Lastly, nothing passed in the session regarding tax reform.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Legislative Day was a success in Washington D.C. with efforts focusing on two main issues. Legislative meetings focused on concerns with the Department of Labor’s increase in overtime pay. The other issue that has increasingly been in the news is the ZIKA virus. Funds from the government have been requested for the CDC to increase research related to the virus. He also noted that ASPCRO’s mid-year meeting will be held next week in Burlington, Vermont.
- L. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that Laura Edison from the Georgia Department of Public Health contacted the Department regarding a project on pesticide exposure surveillance. She would like to attend a future Commission meeting to discuss her project.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 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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### Agenda

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**Open** –Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. Pango Wrap and device definition
- e. Demand for Name Change letter from Barton Black Law, LLC representing Hankey Pest Control
- f. Profume and Georgia fumigation rule conflict
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Maple Leaf Landscape Management Inc.-Marietta
- Nexus Pest Control-Lookout Mountain, TN

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Shanes Environmental Solutions-Coweta County (Insurance).
- Frazier Pest Management-Gwinnett County (Insurance).
- Wright Choice Pest Control-Haralson County (Insurance).

Name Change

- Nice Guys By Turf Masters (96114) to Turf Master Pest Prevention