

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:00 AM in the Seney-Stovall Chapel of the Lucy Cobb Institute located at UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government in Athens on January 8, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk and Dr. Brian Forschler.
- 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. Dean Pardue of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) welcomed the Commission and attendees to the University. He spoke about the importance of pest control science and how the research from the University and the industry interact with each other. He mentioned several milestones that UGA met in 2018. He closed by expressing his gratitude to Dr. Kris Braman for her achievements and partnerships. Dr. Forschler expressed his appreciation for Dean Pardue and Dr. Kris Braman's attendance.
- D. Dr. Kris Braman, Chair of the Department of Entomology, expressed her appreciation to the Commission for choosing their campus as a location to hold the SPCC meeting. She also expressed appreciation for all the internships, grants, and support that they receive from the industry. Dr. Forschler, Dr. Dan Suiter and Dr. Nancy Hinkle were recognized for their recent awards and achievements.
- E. Dr. Forschler introduced the entomology students and each student provided a summary and report of their research projects. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update and presented the annual Urban Pest Control Program & Research Report (Attachment 3). Dr. Suiter announced upcoming workshops and a new webinar program to offer the Urban Entomology Certificate. He also discussed a study on the tawny crazy ant that was found at the Port of Savannah. Mr. Gorecki recognized Dr. Suiter and Dr. Forschler for their work in Georgia and congratulated them for their recent achievements.
- F. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- G. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He talked about various effects on GDA from the federal government shutdown. He announced that GDA's Food Safety Division will be responsible for monitoring and testing food at the upcoming Super Bowl. Mr. Gray expressed his appreciation to the SPCC's members for their active service on the Commission.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He introduced new staff members and expressed appreciation to the staff in attendance. He discussed program priorities including consumer protection and inspection consistency. He encouraged the industry to call when they have a regulatory question and that we can best protect consumers by working together. He introduced Mr. Alex Conti as the compliance specialist and Mr. Tim Taylor as the certification

and training specialist for structural and agriculture pesticide programs. Mr. Lastinger announced that the Commission was planning to have the April meeting in Augusta.

- I. Mr. Tim Taylor reviewed the licensing timeline and deadlines for renewals. He reminded attendees that all licenses expire on June 30, 2019. The employee registration training deadline is February 28, 2019. Active Registered Employees that tested after October 1, 2018 are exempt from the training requirement. Licenses not renewed by September 30, 2019 will expire.
- J. Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- K. The Commission discussed the pre-examination training requirements for employee registration including the current rule and related policy. The SPCC issued the current Pre-examination Training Form on March 13, 2018 as Notice 18-01 to comply with the rule. The Commission later issued the Employee Registration Policy as Notice 18-05. The Commission discussed making the Training Form 18-01 mandatory as required by rule. The Commission discussed the revision to the policy. Mr. Holley made a motion to approve the revision to the policy and establish a compliance date of July 1, 2019 to allow for compliance assistance and outreach, Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Lastinger indicated that GDA will send an announcement out to the SPCC contact list and to be included during field outreach activities. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation to the associations for outreach assistance.
- L. The Commission discussed spray foam insulation. The Spray Foam Alliance and Coalition, NPMA, Chemistry Council, manufacturers, applicators and pest control industry leaders met yesterday to discuss concerns and issues. Mr. Gorecki provided the meeting highlights and the progress. The meeting included a discussion about amending the building codes and making a revision to the Chemistry Council's termite bulletin. The Commission recognized Commissioner Black's related press release that brought attention to the matter which led to the productive meeting.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the AAT Rule Amendment. A public hearing was held December 18, 2018 and no comments were received at the hearing or during the public comment period November 14, 2018 – December 17, 2018. The final rule amendment was filed with the Secretary of State's Office on January 7, 2019 and will be effective on February 1, 2019. The rule amendment will provide an exemption to the alternate application treatment for the defined treatment standard that requires the treatment of the soil under earth filled porches for preventive control of subterranean termites.
- N. Mr. Gorecki provided the legislative update. The wild hog dinner will be held this Sunday. The Legislative Session starts Monday, January 14th. Governor-Elect Brian Kemp will be sworn in on the 14th as well as Commissioner Black.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. A tax on services has been introduced in several states. California and Massachusetts have introduced bills banning the use of first and second-generation rodenticides in their states. NPMA legislative days will be February 25-27 at the U.S. Capitol.
- P. Mr. Gorecki recognized Ms. Eunice Hall for her service to the pest control industry. She recently retired from Corteva Agriscience.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Urban Pest Control Program Report

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

Welcome – Dean Sam Pardue, UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences & Dr. Kris Braman, Department of Entomology

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. UGA Urban Entomology Department & Research Updates - Dr. Brian Forschler
- b. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department – Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
 - New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- c. Employee Registration Policy and SPCC Pre-examination training form
- d. Spray Foam Insulation
- e. Rule Change Update
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- CRC Services – Gwinnett County (insurance).
- Varsity Termite and Pest – Cobb County (insurance).
- Active Pest Control – Clarke County (insurance).
- Crossfire Pest Management – Appling County (insurance).
- B3 Pest Control Services – Gwinnett County (insurance).

ATTACHMENT 3

**URBAN PEST CONTROL PROGRAM
HOUSEHOLD AND STRUCTURAL ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA**

DATE OF REPORT TO COMMISSION: January 8, 2019

PROGRESS REPORT:

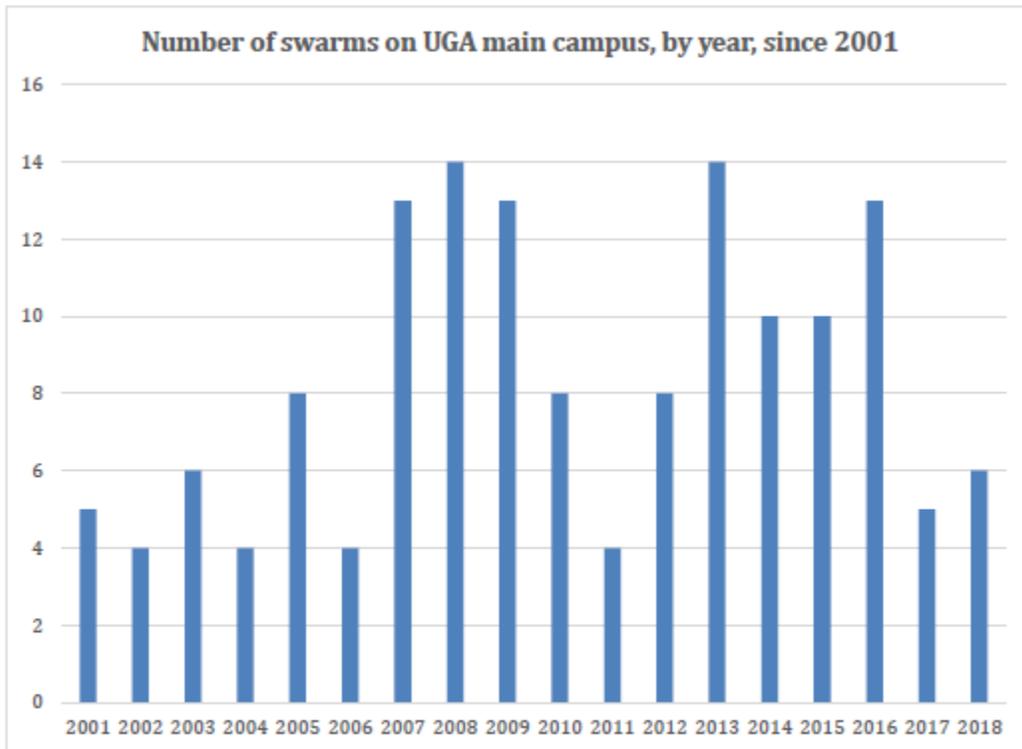
Graduate students continue working on projects relevant to the management of pests in and around structures and their accomplishments include 2 students who interned at the NPMA annual meeting in Orlando while 3 provided research updates at the National ESA meeting in Vancouver. The research program graduated one Masters student who worked on the spray pattern of three different hand-held compression sprayers using four different nozzle tips and two pressures using an exterior perimeter application scenario. That work showed there was minimal overspray at pressures less than 20 psi and all sprayer/tip/pressure combinations obtained *complete* coverage in the intended 2 ft² target area. Two other graduate students are working on projects related to the ecology of wood degradation in forests while a third is examining the distribution of subterranean termites across all 159 counties in Georgia. Fieldwork on ants, drywood and subterranean termites continues with demonstration projects on University property as well as examination of ant baits and adult mosquito control products in laboratory trials.

EXPENDITURES:

Graduate student stipend expenditures were approximately \$165,000 in addition to \$14,000 for undergraduate student workers and \$18,000 for supplies and equipment. The State Structural Pest Control Commission research fee was used for all of the undergraduate student salary and a portion of the graduate student stipends, equipment and supplies was paid through extramural grants.

PLANNED RESEARCH:

We plan to address the following research areas over the next year: (1) the ecology of wood degradation in forests (2) the distribution of termites in the state of Georgia (3) subterranean termite respiration and digestion of wood (4) continuation of industry sponsored examination of product efficacy and new application technologies.



We have recorded an average of 8 swarms per year over the past 18 years. The project shows an average of 11 infestations per year with ~12% of the infestations identified through physical plant employees conducting repairs or remodeling (active infestations that did not swarm). The infestation data from this 18-year demonstration project affords an annual infestation rate of the buildings on the main campus of less than 3% (from 390 bldgs. on 760 acres in Athens, GA).