

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 2017

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 300B of the Agriculture Building on March 16, 2017. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; and Greg Holley, (By Phone).
- 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 name Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed the May 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting details which will be held on the Tifton campus and include a tour of the Farmstead house. The tour will look at innovative building products and potential pest related issues. Mr. Gorecki suggested that the Commission consider supporting consumer outreach to provide information regarding how certain building practices such as spray foam insulation may affect termite protection services.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and program update. He introduced Mr. Bo Warren as the new director of policy for the Department. He noted that the Commission requested guidance on inspection and enforcement forms and processes is currently being developed. He also mentioned that with the new inspection program, there will be access to more specific compliance reporting and information. Regarding the new bed bug publication, there were questions during the last meeting on whether the publication could be printed by the pest control associations. The GDA Communications office did approve to allow the associations access to add their logo and print for their members. The Department is planning for pest awareness month and will provide outreach to consumers on how to protect homes and businesses.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor announced recent changes to the company insurance verification form. He mentioned that due to new requirements by the insurance commission, the Department had made required changes to the insurance verification form. The form is required to be signed and submitted by the DCO with attached copies of the certificate of liability insurance form and endorsements. He provided several reminders for licensing renewals. The Commission requested that the Department provide a renewal information document to assist the industry with renewal preparations and reminders.
- H. Ms. Jenny Wren discussed the recent published School IPM publication. She noted that a new webpage was launched to host the publication and other related resources.
- I. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. She noted that there are only five legislative days left for the session to meet. She also mentioned that Representative

Dominic LaRiccia is an owner of a pest control company and currently serving in the House. The Commission discussed inviting him to a future meeting.

- J. Mr. Gorecki introduced the rulemaking topic and provided an updated rulemaking document. Mr. Lastinger discussed Issue #3 regarding WDO contracts and the requirement to specify a specific type of application. Considering the different types of WDO control measures, the Commission discussed a rule amendment to require the specific type of minimum adequate control measure as defined in the WDO control measures chapter. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the draft language. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed. Next steps will include posting the rule amendments and holding a public hearing and comment period. Mr. Gorecki requested that the Commission put together training and outreach materials for the rule changes once they become final.
- K. Mr. Lastinger presented a business naming document that highlighted the current requirements under the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act and regulations. In response to suggestions made by the Attorney General’s Office to develop guidelines, the document also proposed business naming standards to assist the Commission with determining if a business name is distinguishable and not likely to cause confusion from the name of other businesses. The Commission discussed the standards and policy. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to accept the document and post as new policy. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed
- L. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 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, Secreta

## Attachment 1:

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### Agenda

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**Open** –Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update - Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
  - License renewal and insurance form – Tim Taylor
  - School IPM – Jennifer Wren
- d. Rulemaking
- e. Business Naming White Paper
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## Attachment 2

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- ATA Family Pest Solutions – Buford
- Hope Pest Solutions – Hiram (Sub Office)
- Code BB A Pest Company – Morrow
- Pestwork Solutions LLC – Gainesville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Last Call Pest Services – Dekalb County (insurance).
- Prince Pest Pros – Bibb County (insurance).
- ATA Family Pest Solutions – Gwinnett (insurance).

Name Change

- White Pest Control (97579) to Astro Exterminating Services of Fitzgerald
- Health Ranch Concepts ((97270) to Hornet Pest Control
- DRT Pest Control (100178) to Nextgen Pest Solutions