

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 9, 2017

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:00 a.m. in Room 19 of the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center Building on May 9th, 2017. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chair, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-chair, Christy Kuriatnyk; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; 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. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Assistant Dean West welcomed everyone to the UGA Tifton Campus. Dean West discussed the 2200 acres of fields dedicated to research and highlighted some of the work that is benefiting the Agriculture Industry.
- F. Mr. Gorecki thanked Dr. Forschler for setting up a tour of the Farmstead house on the Tifton campus which took place on May 8, 2017. The tour included a look at some of the new building products that have the potential to cause some challenges with pest management.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He thanked Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Mike Evans with the Department of Agriculture for bringing these construction practices to the attention of the Commission. Dr. Forschler also credited Mr. Lastinger with providing an opportunity for the Commission to get involved in the revisions to the Georgia Energy Code, which is being updated by the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code Task Force. Dr. Forschler indicated this will provide an opportunity for the Commission to voice an opinion and discuss the possible need for a white paper for consumers and builders to be aware of the potential pest management issues that can arise with these construction methods. Dr. Forschler indicated that this conversation and tour were a good starting point and that by the end of the year the Commission may be able to provide a statement or position to present on this issue. Dr. Forschler proposed that the Commission focus on addressing the updates to the Codes since these codes will lead the building industry. Dr. Forschler reiterated the need for any statement from the Commission to focus on addressing the issues at the level of the builder and that the industry may have to choose not to issue contracts on this type of construction and make that known to the consumer.

- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He noted that under White House Executive Order 13777 on regulatory reform, US EPA is asking for input on regulations. In response, the National regulatory and industry associations are putting together comments which are due by May 15, 2017. He indicated that the Department is also planning on submitting comments and that Commissioner Black is scheduled to attend a Senate hearing on May 11, on behalf of NASDA and the Georgia Department of Agriculture to provide comments on behalf of NASDA. Mr. Lastinger stated that once the comments are finalized they could be shared with the Commission.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor discussed license renewals and indicated that the certified operator renewals have gone out via email and mail and that the company renewals are scheduled to go out in mid-May, though a date has not been set. Mr. Taylor indicated that the Commission had requested that renewal instructions be developed and this was completed and sent via email and posted on the Department's website. Mr. Taylor indicated that certification renewals appear to be going well, approximately 800 certified operators have renewed so far.
- J. Ms. Fitzgerald provided an update on routine company inspections. She indicated that the Section is focusing on companies that may have avoided state inspections. These companies are being prioritized for an inspection by the close of the fiscal year. Mr. Lastinger pointed out that there have been a number of vacancies in the program that may have caused some companies to fall through the cracks, but reiterated the program's commitment to getting these companies inspected by the close of the fiscal year. Ms. Fitzgerald also stated that another potential tool the program may use to get the companies that have been avoiding inspections back into compliance is to suspend their license and not allow renewal until the inspection has been completed.
- K. Mr. Gorecki provided the Rule making update. He announced that the public hearing will be May 23, 2017 and the deadline for written comments is May 22, 2017. Mr. Lastinger indicated that comments have been coming in and he offered the choice of providing the written comments to the Commission prior to the public hearing or waiting until after the public hearing and providing all comments both written and verbal at once. The Commission indicated they would like to wait until after the public hearing and review all comments at once. Mr. Lastinger indicated that the Public Notice is posted on the Department's Legal Services website; there is also a link on the Commission website. Dr. Forschler asked if there have been many comments, Mr. Lastinger replied that there have only been a few received.
- L. Mr. Gorecki provided the NPMA update and indicated that they are working on some legislative initiatives for the industry. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a fumigation workshop he

attended, hosted by ASPCRO and NMPA for EPA staff members at the fumigation school at the University of Florida in Davie, FL. The focus was on non-soil fumigants, in particular, structural, chamber and port fumigations. He indicated that many of the questions from EPA staff were in reference to items in the US EPA Office of Inspector General Report issued late last year that had several recommendations including site security. He stated ASPCRO has formed a committee to assist EPA with recommendations. Mr. Lastinger indicated that some additional documentation required by Florida and California may be helpful. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned that NMPA is working with the registrants for fumigation stewardship to assist EPA, and that some labels require additional training; however, there is currently no standard for that training and NPMA is offering assistance to EPA for guidance.

M. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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

Welcome - Dr. Phillip Roberts, UGA Tifton Campus

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
 - Department
 - Program- Derrick Lastinger
 - License Renewal 2017 - Tim Taylor
 - Routine Compliance Inspections - Shannon Fitzgerald
- d. Rulemaking Update
- e. Legislative update - Lauren Fralick
- f. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

Name Change

- Holders Pest Control Services (96024) to Holders Pest and Wildlife Services
- Excalibur Services (98346) to Excalibur – Kelby Pest Services