

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 7, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki Chair; Derrick Lastinger Vice-chair; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; Christy Kuriatnyk; 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 February meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Suiter met with the Commission to discuss his proposal on recertification credit for archived webinars. He noted that the archived webinars would have a facilitator at a specific training site to ensure that attendees are attentive and complete the training verification records. At the end of the presentation, the instructor from the archived session would be available for any questions by teleconference at the end session for 15 minutes. Mr. Lastinger proposed that Dr. Suiter provide the details in a written document for the Commission to review and consider at the next Commission meeting.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed the UGA research project looking at the health score for school cafeterias and correlating this information with the school's pest management program. He also mentioned that Samuel Pardue will be the new Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences starting on March 14th.
- G. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He provided copies of the new employee newsletter which highlights work in each division. He stated that the Licensing Division has moved under Operations at the Department and that the Chief Operation Officer, Dan Brown, has transferred to the Department of Corrections. Lastly, the highly pathogenic avian influenza training continues to be a top priority among the Department.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He mentioned that the revised *Employee Registration Manual* has been published on the website. Following up with issues of federal trademark names, the pending request has now been sent to the Attorney General's office to review the current rule regarding the approval of company names. Lastly, he mentioned a recent incident involving the impersonation of state inspectors by licensed pest control technicians. The GDA Inspector General investigated the incident and found that the incident did occur as reported and it addressed accordingly.
- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a letter from Marcy Raich regarding her business, K9 Bed Bug Detection and her concern with Georgia's licensing requirements. In her letter, she requested an exemption from the current requirement and the creation of a new license category for inspections only. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned that he spoke to Ms. Raich to

discuss the current requirements and the options for getting certified and licensed. The Commission discussed her requests and agreed that the current requirements are appropriate and asked Mr. Lastinger to respond to Ms. Raich.

- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the termite retreatment rule and the draft policy. He mentioned that the Commission requested that the Department draft policy to address the current rule. The Commission discussed the current process and the need for some basic interpretation of the rule to address the variety of situations. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to remove the last sentence and accept the policy. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Lastinger announced that the June Commission meeting will be held at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided the legislation and NPMA updates. He discussed NPMA's Legislation Days coming up on March 13-15th. Efforts will focus on Department of Labor overtime proposed changes, NPDES permitting issues, mosquitos, pollinators and US EPA proposed certification rules.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. Letter from Mary Raich, Elite K9 Services
- e. Recertification request from Dr. Dan Suiter
- f. Termite retreatment rule – draft policy – Derrick Lastinger
- g. June Commission Meeting Location
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- American Pest Control – St. Simons Island
- Drake Pest Control LLC – Danielsville
- Arrow Exterminating – Atlanta

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Vortex Pest Control-Paulding County (Insurance).
- 1 Stop Home Services – Cobb County (Insurance).
- Down Home Pest Solution - Troup County (Insurance).
- All Seasons Pest Solutions Inc. – Oconee County (Name Change).
- Keene and Sons Inc. – Lowndes County (Name Change & Insurance).

Name Change

- Chux Pest Control LLC (96068) to Blitz Exterminators LLC