

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 12, 2019

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:31 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 12, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, and Christy Kuriatnyk. Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard were available via teleconference.
- 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 Ms. Bragg 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. Brian Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The UGA Termite workshop had 50 attendees last week and another workshop is scheduled for next week.
- F. The Commission discussed moving the meeting time for meetings held in Atlanta to better accommodate travel and avoid morning traffic. Dr. Forschler made a motion to move the Commission meeting time from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed. Mr. Lastinger noted that the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Augusta will start at 9:30 AM. The 10:00 AM start time will begin with the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in Atlanta. A Public Notice will be issued announcing the new meeting time.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He introduced two new inspectors, Mr. John Huff and Mr. Brady Payne. He announced that Mr. Tommy Gray will retire on April 1<sup>st</sup> after 31 years of service and Ms. Jan Bunn, is also retiring after 25 years. The department continues to follow the legislative discussions on industrial hemp. If passed, the regulation would be assigned to the Plant Protection Section. GDA will host a Clean Day Event on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the UGA SE Research Center in Midville.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the license renewal update. All structural licenses will expire June 30, 2019. This is also the deadline to pay the renewal fees. All training hours are scheduled to be entered by the end of March. If you discover any missing courses after April 1, GDA recommends contacting the Structural Pest office. Mr. Taylor advised companies to make sure that the liability insurance verification form has been submitted to GDA. Renewal notices will be sent to certified operators by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Company and registered employee renewal notices will be sent out mid-May. Mr. Taylor reviewed the renewal process and instructions.
- I. The Commission discussed the Pre-examination Training form (Notice 18-01) and related requirements. The form will be mandatory starting July 1, 2019. A minimum of 10 hours of classroom training is required and should be documented on the form. The Commission also discussed the Employee Registration Exam Preparation Course available through the Athens Technical College. Since this course focuses on the Employee Registration Manual, the

training does not meet with pre-exam training requirement. Inspectors have started outreach during routine company inspections regarding Notice 18-01.

- J. The Commission discussed Termidor HPII and related record keeping requirements and the treatment of garage slabs for defined treatments. Mr. Gorecki asked the pest management professionals in attendance about how they are currently recording the use of Termidor HPII on service records. Mr. Gorecki mentioned that he and Mr. Lastinger will follow-up with BASF to get more information regarding record keeping and what information is provided by the application equipment. After review of the AAT rule and the defined treatment rule, it was clarified that a garage or carport slab is not required to be treated by drilling and injecting for preventive termite treatments where the slab joins the structure for Termidor HPII. It was also noted that the area would be required to be treated by drilling and injecting when an active infestation is present in the area. The retreatment rule would also apply for re-infestations and require a minimum of 10 feet to be treated. The Commission will update the written policy and provide at the next meeting.
- K. Mr. Gorecki discussed residential mosquito control and licensing. GDA reported an increase in the number of mosquito control companies providing structural pest control without a structural pest license. The mosquito control category is currently regulated under the Pesticide Use and Application Act, while structural pest control falls under the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. GDA and the Commission has also received concerns regarding the technician requirements for each license type. Mr. Gorecki proposed putting a workgroup together to compile information to address the concerns. The workgroup will include pest control and mosquito control experts. If you have any information that would be helpful for the workgroup, please contact Mr. Gorecki or Mr. Lastinger.
- L. The Commission discussed spray foam insulation activities. Positive work continues to move forward with the spray foam insulation industry including manufactures and the coalition. Multiple scenarios were discussed on the benefits on spray foam insulation when installed correctly. Mr. Lastinger mentioned the department continues to be involved with spray foam insulation discussions and that the spray foam mock-up in Griffin is now being used in trainings.
- M. Mrs. Laura Fralick provided the legislative update. Topics currently being discussed include: banning certain building materials, healthcare, industrial hemp legalization, and rural broadband service. April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day of session.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 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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### 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**

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Updates - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
  - Department – Tommy Gray
  - Program– Derrick Lastinger
- d. License Renewals – Tim Taylor
- e. SPCC Pre-Examination Training Requirements
- f. AAT Termidor HP11
- g. Mosquito Licensing
- h. Spray Foam Insulation Activities
- i. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- j. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Bright Star Pest Management LLC – Grovetown
- Wolf Creek Pest Control – Watkinsville
- Vines Pest Solutions – Dublin

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- A-OK Exterminating – Madison County (insurance).
- Bed Bug Specialist & Exterminating, LLC – Houston County (insurance).
- Castle Pest Solutions, Inc. – Fayette County (insurance).
- 1UP Pest Control LLC. – Gwinnett County (insurance).
- Apex Exterminating – Pickens County (insurance).
- Southern Pest Elimination – Ware County (name change)

Name Change

- Bug Out Service, LLC (99231) to Bug Out
- Skyline Pest Solutions, LLC (97420, 100309, 99378, 99664, 98638) to Bug Out
- Surfside Pest Control (100275) to PA Georgia LLC, DBA TMA Pest Authority