

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 11, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:02 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on June 11, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, Greg Holley, and Kim Bragg. Dr. Brian Forschler was 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He discussed an upcoming demonstration project that will involve the identification of subterranean termites in a structure covered with spray foam insulation. The inspections will involve a visual search, moisture meters, infrared cameras and a microwave motion detector. Findings from the demonstration project will be shared at a future meeting. Mr. Gorecki added that NPMA is organizing the rewriting of a national spray foam insulation publication regarding termites to better address termite inspections and treatment standards.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. Commissioner Black re-appointed Greg Holley to the Commission for a new term. GDA recently met with EPA for their mid-year audit and activity reporting. EPA designated a new project officer for Georgia and will be invited to attend a future commission meeting. The September Commission meeting date has changed to September 17th and the location details will be announced once confirmed. Mr. Tim Taylor is attending and presenting at the Southern Regional American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) conference this week. Mr. Lastinger introduced Ag Inputs intern Ms. Lilli Mansell and structural inspector, Mr. John Huff. Mr. Lastinger discussed EPA's proposed draft pyrethroid mitigation measures that may make perimeter pest control more challenging with the use of these products. The Commission will consider commenting on the draft proposal.
- G. Mr. Alex Conti made a recommendation to the Commission to revise Policy 17-04 Alternate Application Technique to address some recent confusing language regarding the use of the official waiver form. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to approve the revision. Mrs. Kuriatnyk seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the license renewal update. The due date to renew without penalty is June 30, 2019. 447 companies, 1357 certified operators, and over 2000 registered employees have renewed so far. He asked the industry associations to assist with outreach on renewals. A company cannot operate if their license expires.
- I. The Commission discussed the revision to 18-05 Employee Registration Policy to address the 10-hour classroom training requirement. This training must be reviewed by GDA unless the

training is provided in-house by an employee that is either a certified operator or an approved SPCC instructor. Motion was made by Ms. Bragg to approve the revision. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed workgroup being put together to review and compile information regarding residential mosquito control and licensing. Mr. Jeff Dunn will chair the workgroup. More information will be shared at the next Commission meeting.
- K. Mr. Holley shared information regarding permanent wood foundations that has recently been brought to his attention. Over 200,000 homes in the metro Atlanta area have these foundations. Homeowners are finding it difficult to find a pest control company to provide a termite warranty on homes with these types of foundations. Mr. Gorecki expressed his appreciation to Mr. Holley for sharing this information with the Commission.
- L. Ms. Glenda Lehmborg, Executive Director of CPCO, made a request for the Commission to consider revising the approved instructor criteria. She suggested that an applicant with an Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE) or a Board Certified Entomologist (BCE) meet the advanced train-the-trainer criteria. After a brief discussion by the Commission, the topic was tabled for the next Commission meeting.
- M. The Commission addressed CPCO's concerns regarding restaurant owners getting proposals from pest control companies to perform pest control in their restaurants but then not following through with the proposal and doing the pest control themselves. Mr. Lastinger read a response from the Department of Public Health that an owner can treat their own restaurant for pest control. A certified operator license would be required if a restricted use pesticide (RUP) is applied.
- N. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO). ASPCRO, NPMA and EPA officials participated in a termite workshop hosted by Dr. Claudia Riegel and the New Orleans Mosquito, Termite and Rodent Control Board (NOMTRCB) at their training facility in New Orleans. Activities included hands on demonstrations and discussions on termiticide labels, termiticide efficacy testing, and termite baiting systems.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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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 Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance – Alex Conti
 - Certification & Training
- d. Revision to 18-05 Employee Registration Policy
- e. Workgroup Update
- f. Permanent Wood Foundations – Greg Holley
- g. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- h. Approved Instructor category and qualifications - CPCO
- i. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- j. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Arrow Exterminators - Macon

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Dyer Professional Pest Services – Douglas County (insurance)
- Platinum Pest Control – Murray County (insurance)
- Lake Lanier Pest Control – Hall County (insurance)
- TJHG Exterminating – Lee County (insurance)

The Commission approved the following name change:

- Almighty Termite Services

The Commission did not approve the following name change:

- Emlet Enterprises Inc DBA MA Pest Authority