

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 12, 2014

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 12, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission discussed a request from a certification exam applicant who requested to be exempt from having to meet the one year of experience in the last five years. The Commission reviewed the applicant's experience and did not approve the request for an exemption to the minimum experience requirement.
- F. Mr. Skin Edge provided the legislative update.
- G. Mr. Rick Bell reported on a meeting he attended with the Georgia Associations of Realtors (GAR) involving termite inspection and termite damage repair language on the GAR contract. Those attending the meeting agreed to work together on improving the contract language.
- H. Mr. Holley recognized Mrs. Lara Fink for her years of service to the Georgia Pest Control Industry and Commission.
- I. Mr. Gorecki welcomed and introduced Ms. Glenda Lehmberg as the new executive director of CPCO of Georgia.
- J. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that classes will begin shortly for the fall semester. He recognized and appreciated the positive feedback from the comments received on the Employee Registration Manual draft. He also suggested keeping the draft on the website for another week for additional public comments. The test questions are currently being revised and new questions will be added to the test bank. Lastly, he mentioned an article from an entomology journal by the name of American Entomologist. The article discussed the Structural Pest Control Section and cited several topics that were misleading on various topics such as enforcements efforts, mandated laws, and practices. Dr. Forschler suggested that the Commission consider responding through an editorial rebuttal.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He welcomed and introduced Mr. Adam Dye who works in the Department's policy office. He also provided an update on the Biowatch exercise and appreciated the commission members for their time and participation.

- L. Mr. Lastinger requested the Commission review a GDA case involving a consumer compliant and termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Wesley Burton provided details regarding the case. After discussion, the Commission made a motion requiring a complete comprehensive soil applied termite treatment and refresh termite bait products in all of the termite bait stations.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed the upcoming Annual Conference of the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials beginning this month in Montana. A discussion of Pollinator Protection and label language requirements for neonicotinoids will be on the agenda.
- N. Mr. Gorecki congratulated Mrs. Connie Rogers with GPCA for her recent promotion to the executive director for GPCA.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. There is possible news that EPA has decided not to issue a PR notice on the pollinator protection label language. Mr. Bell's hopes are that the ASPCRO language interpretations will be accepted by all states.
- P. Lastly, the Commission discussed several locations to have the meetings for the year of 2015. Plans for October or November of this year will be to hold a meeting at the GDA Tifton Lab Campus.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 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. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- f. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- g. Draft Employee Registration Manual Comments
- h. NPMA update
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- BUG HOUSE PEST CONTROL- AUGUSTA, GA (SUB-OFFICE)
- COOK'S PEST CONTROL, INC.-VALDOSTA
- HUM BUG PEST SERVICE-NEWNAN
- PROVEN PEST SOLUTIONS, INC.-GRANTVILLE
- PRO CORE PEST SOLUTIONS-CARTERSVILLE
- HOBOKEN PEST SERVICES- HOBOKEN, GA (NAME CHANGE)