

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 11, 2012

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on September 11, 2012. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman, Jimmy Allgood, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler, and Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of 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 September meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission reviewed company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge reported that the Governor is awaiting budget requests to be submitted from state agencies.
- F. Dr. Forschler discussed a summit that the U.S. Green Building Council will be hosting on High Performance Healthy Schools. The summit will be on October 9th and 10th at the Georgia World Congress Center. Dr. Forschler also reminded the Commission of the 2012 annual Entomological Society of America's Conference scheduled for November in Knoxville, Tennessee. He noted that there will be several opportunities for applicators to obtain CEU training during the Conference. He announced that Dan Horton with UGA is the acting State Pesticide and IPM Coordinator.
- G. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that new language had been posted on GDA's website in response to the Commission's request from the July Commission meeting. When searching for a pest control company and the company is not licensed, consumers will now be advised to contact GDA and report unlicensed companies.
- H. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on the program's implementation of the Department's strategic plan.
 - The program continues to make efforts to improve department and industry relations, focusing resources on inspector training and maintaining compliance assistance a priority. This year, several state-wide inspector meetings and trainings have been held. Also, several staff members have been added to the UGA Structural Training Workshop faculty.
 - To further enhance online resources for the industry, pest control companies can now apply for employee registration replacement cards online and update the company mailing address, phone number and email address.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor updated the Commission regarding the online licensing program. He noted that there were approximately 6,000 training records processed last month, as well as 5,000 processed in June. Mr. Taylor discussed the procedure that GDA follows to process recertification training records. Mr. Lastinger added that a request from CPCO had been

received regarding their concern about language on recertification training summaries posted on the website. GDA recently reviewed the language and found that it is correct and communicates the current average time it takes for sponsors of recertification training to submit records to GDA. Mr. Gorecki asked CPCO to submit alternative language for consideration. Mr. Lastinger asked Mr. Taylor to contact Mr. Eric Olsen of the Pesticide Section to compare language and review the language on course approval letters.

- J. Dr. Dan Suiter with UGA Extension joined the meeting by teleconference and proposed a UGA webinar program for recertification training. He plans to pilot a webinar in October to test the system and learn more about industry interest and participation. Dr. Suiter plans to send an email to a number of pest control operators announcing the upcoming online pilot session. Interested operators will need to register for the session and pay a fee which will initiate a series of email correspondence. He noted that each operators attending will have to register for the session. Once registered and logged on, the program will capture the amount of time the operators is logged into the system. Several concerns regarding positive identification and active participation were discussed among the Commission and those attending the Commission meeting. Mr. Gorecki suggested that Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Taylor get with Dr. Dan Suiter to discuss the program and verification requirements and report back to the Commission for the October meeting. Mr. Lastinger reviewed a May 2010 Commission policy for online recertification training verification for online conferencing. Dr. Forschler suggested that the Commission review current positive identification requirements and training limits for computer-based training.
- K. Mr. Lastinger announced that BASF had sent the analytical procedure for testing for the product Termidor HE. GDA previously requested BASF to submit this procedure and a soil distribution study.
- L. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be hosting the Farmer's Market Showcase on September 15, 2012 at the Atlanta Farmer's Market.
- M. Mr. Lastinger reported on the 56th annual ASPCRO meeting that was held in Seattle, Washington. He noted that the conference was well attended by state regulatory officials, researches, and pest management professionals. EPA announced at the meeting that they plan to release a draft of the product performance guidelines for public health pests. During the conference, Dr. Forschler was presented the ASPCRO hall of fame award. The next conference will be hosted by GDA on August 18th-21st, 2013.
- N. Dr. Rosmarie Kelly of the Georgia Department of Public Health presented a report of the West Nile Virus in Georgia. She also mentioned that the Georgia Mosquito Association is hosting a conference in October.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell with Arrow Exterminators discussed a meeting that he and Mr. Lastinger will attend with EPA, ASPCRO, NPMA & SPIREG representatives to discuss exceptions for controlling over-wintering pests such as lady beetles and kudzu stink bugs with pyrethroids.
- P. Mr. Gorecki mentioned a press release by the FTC announcing that it is taking law enforcement action against the manufacturers of two 25(b) bed bug products for deceptive advertising and claims.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM and applications for certification examination applications were reviewed.

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 Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Mr. Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
 - UGA Update
- d. Department of Agriculture – Mr. Lastinger
 - ASPCRO 2012 Report – Mr. Lastinger
 - UGA Webinar – Dr. Dan Suiter & Mr. Tim Taylor
- e. National Issues Updates – Mr. Richard Bell – (Chairman NPMA Government Affairs Committee)
 - Pyrethrin / Pyrethroid
- f. Department of Public Health – Mr. Redmond
 - i. Rosmarie Kelly PhD MPH , Public Health Entomologist West Nile Virus in Georgia

Adjournment

Attachment 2

**THE GEORGIA
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SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- PREMIUM PEST & TERMITE SERVICES, LLC. LOGANVILLE
- ISLAND BOY PEST SOLUTIONS, TIFTON
- EPIC PEST MANAGEMENT, SNELLVILLE

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- BASTING HOME SOLUTIONS (pending Insurance)
- GAVIN'S PEST CONTROL dba TRULY NOLEN (pending Insurance)

There were no requests for a name change.