

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 9, 2014

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 9, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler (Teleconference), 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. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He mentioned that the Commission letter will be published by the *American Entomologist* magazine in spring 2015. He also noted the details for the January Commission meeting which will be at the University of Georgia in Athens, hosted by the Entomology Department. Lastly, Dr. Forschler mentioned that the revised and new questions for the employee registration exam question bank were completed and submitted to GDA for final review.
- D. Mr. Taylor announced an opportunity to take the new employee registration sample exam. The exam will be available to take on December 15th, 16th and the 17th. Pre-registration is required to take the exam. The sample exam is available through Georgia Pest Exam and registration of the sample exam should be made under the "Mouse Club Exam". All exam proctoring rules will apply to keep the exam questions secure. GDA will do further review of the exam questions and results and make needed revisions. Dr. Forschler further explained the breakdown of new questions and revised questions including the new manual sections on IPM and pesticide mode of action.
- E. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December meeting Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted a recent legislative training that took place in Athens to discuss topics such as the budgeting process, economic development and transportation. All topics were discussed in preparation for the upcoming session starting on January 12th with the inauguration event taking place at the new Liberty Plaza.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the new rule compliance timeline and final implementation. He reminded the Commission of the compliance date of January 1st. As requested last month, Mr. Lastinger provided a report of the Commission website activity. The report indicated that website hits doubled for the same reporting period in 2014 compared to 2013.
- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that GDA received several inquiries from PMP's regarding the issuance of the NPMA-33 form. He noted that the rule requires the use of the state mandated Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report form to be issued

exclusively. He referenced several documents referencing HUD and VA specifically accepting state forms in place of the NPMA-33 form. Mr. Lastinger will forward the referenced documents to the Commission to further consider posting on the website. Mr. Holley suggested reaching out to the Board of Realtors to assist with outreach on the Georgia requirement.

- J. Mr. Taylor discussed recertification course renewals and notices for 2015; the notices were distributed last week. Currently there have been 800 courses submitted for renewal, 750 of those were submitted online and 50 were submitted through email. Course approval notifications are planned to be sent out throughout the upcoming weeks.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed the pollinator protection update. He mentioned a recent meeting with UGA and GDA representatives that are drafting a state pollinator protection plan. Once the draft is complete, it will be distributed to stakeholders. There is a public meeting scheduled at the Farm Bureau in Macon on January 27th.
- L. In regards to national activity, Mr. Lastinger reported that SFIREG is currently meeting to discuss pollinator protection plan guidance for states. ASPCRO is providing comments on the guidance regarding urban pest management.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 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. January meeting details
- e. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- f. Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Reports & NPMA-33
- g. Recertification course renewal 2015
- h. New Employee Registration Examination
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- HIGH PRIORITY PEST SERVICES- GREENE COUNTY (SUB-OFFICE)
- CANTON TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL-(NAME CHANGE-FORMELY SYSTEMATIC SERVICES INC.)
- INSECT A GONE-SUB OFFICE-LAURENS COUNTY
- TENNESSEE TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL-MARION COUNTY (TENNESSEE)
- MCCALL SERVICE INC.-DOUGHERTY COUNTY
- HASKELL TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL INC.-GWINNETT COUNTY
- STARR EPSTEIN-NEWTON COUNTY