

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 12, 2012

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on June 12, 2012. The following Commission members were present: Jimmy Allgood, Chair, Chris Gorecki, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Derrick Lastinger, and Dr. Brian Forschler.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA, and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. **Motion** was made by Mr. Gorecki to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Redmond seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Allgood announced that Commissioner Black reappointed Mr. Sinyard to serve another term beginning July 1, 2012.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on the new rodenticide label amendment allowing for rodenticide applications greater than 100 feet from a man-made structure. US EPA and GDA recently accepted the label amendments from Bell Labs.
- G. Mr. Tommy Gray, Associate Division Director, discussed the Pesticide Section's transition plan to allow PMP's to transfer a Public Health applicator license (category 31) to a Mosquito Control applicator license (category 41). GDA mailed notifications to Public Health applicators to notify license holders of the transfer application. Mr. Gray noted that if an applicator has accumulated credit hours in the Public Health category then the credit hours will be transferred to a Mosquito Control license. He also discussed licensing requirements for treating stinging insects. Pesticide applications for stinging insects in urban areas are permitted with a Structural Pest Control (category 29) license or an Ornamental and Turf Pest Control applicator (Category 24) license.
- H. Mr. Gray announced that Georgia Clean Day, a program designed to encourage the disposal of pesticides legally and safely, will be resuming. The program is being restored through federal funding from US EPA and discussions have started to hold a Georgia Clean Day in 2013 for the Structural Pest Control industry.
- I. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on the 2012 International Building Code Georgia Task Force Amendment regarding the "Installation of Wall Coverings". Mr. Lastinger mentioned that on behalf of GDA and the SPCC, he sent a letter on May 9th to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The letter expressed support of the amendment to address the issues related to inspection and management of termites in Georgia homes. GPCA representatives attended the meeting and were successful in getting the amendment language changed to add clarity to the requirement.
- J. Mr. Lastinger reviewed rule 620-3-02 of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act and Commission Policy on *Baiting Systems Used on New Construction*, which requires the

installation of a baiting system for the control of termites on a structure within ninety (90) days after the earlier of:

- (1) the granting of a local "certificate of occupancy"
 - (2) the actual occupancy of the structure by owner, tenant, or otherwise
 - (3) the closing of the sale of the property
 - (4) the completion of backfilling by the building contractor or owner
- K. Mr. Mark Mulling discussed compliance concerns with the requirement and builder contracts for termite treatments. With the current housing market in Georgia, it is not uncommon for a new home to sit vacant for several years before being sold.
- L. Dr. Forschler provided a University of Georgia update. He noted that Dr. Paul Smith, the extension pesticide coordinator for UGA, will be stepping down in August. He stated that he hoped the position will be filled by the fall. Dr. Forschler submitted a response to the IPM in Schools workgroup on behalf of the Commission regarding the status of the implementation of IPM in Georgia Schools.
- M. Dr. Forschler introduced Dr. Thihn Van Hahn, the director of the Institute of Termite Control and Works Protection in Hanoi, Vietnam. Dr. Hahn is visiting to learn about the state regulatory process.
- N. Mr. Lastinger noted that the Structural Pest Section's office will be moving to room 411 in the Agriculture building.
- O. Mr. Lastinger announced that the new online licensing program launched June 11th, 2012. As part of the new licensing program, all structural applicators will be issued a new license number. Applicators will be able to use their old license numbers until July 1, 2013. Licensees will be able to update contact information (email, address and phone number) online by logging in with a username and password.
- P. Mr. Allgood announced that he will be stepping down as the Chairman of the Commission. **Motion** was made by Mr. Lastinger to nominate Mr. Gorecki as Commission Chairman. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed. **Motion** was made by Dr. Forschler to nominate Mr. Lastinger as Commission Vice-chairman. Mr. Redmond seconded the motion and motion passed.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM and applications for certification examinations were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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1. Open –Mr. Allgood
2. Minutes
3. Commission Member Appointment
4. Expense Reports
5. New Company License Applications
6. Update on Rodenticide Label Amendments
7. Pesticide Applicator Licensing Changes – Mr. Tommy Gray
8. Georgia Clean Day
9. 2012 IBC GA Task Force Update
10. Commission Guidance Policy: Termite Baiting Systems in New Construction
11. University of Georgia Update –Dr. Forschler
12. Program Update – Mr. Lastinger
13. Election of Officers
14. Exam Application Review

Attachment 2

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- CRICKET PEST CONTROL, Dalton
- WATKINS TERMITE AND PEST, Lilburn
- BUZZCUTZ LAWN & PEST, Senoia

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- J.M.J. ENTERPRISE, INC. dba THE EXTERMINATOR (name and insurance).
- THE BUG GUYES (name).
- B-POSITIVE PEST MANAGEMENT (insurance).
- ALLIED PEST SOLUTIONS (Insurance).
- ALL BUZZ PEST SOLUTIONS (name and insurance).

The Commission did not approve the following requests for a name change:

- HOLLAND TERMITE & PEST CONTROL #98254 to [KOUNTRY KARE PEST CONTROL]