

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 12, 2013

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on November 12, 2013. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Greg Holley, and Maurice Redmond.
- 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 Mrs. Padgett to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Gorecki welcomed the GPCA Leadership Group to the Commission meeting. Mr. Lastinger provided a brief overview of the roles and interactions of the Structural Pest Control Commission and the Georgia Department of Agriculture.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Mr. Skin Edge provided a legislative update.
- G. GDA has partnered with Dr. Forschler and UGA to update the Employee Registration Manual. Recently, Dr. Forschler provided a draft version of the manual for the Commission to review which includes an IPM section. Mr. Gorecki discussed his concerns with some of the new terminology and suggested the addition of a glossary. He commended Dr. Forschler for his work on the manual. Mr. Redmond indicated that he shared the draft with their public health entomologist and will forward those comments.
- H. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He introduced Mr. Alan Lowman as the new program director of the Ag Inputs Section. Also, Mr. Wiley will assume additional enforcement responsibilities. He will also continue his current work with the Structural Pest Section's enforcement team. Mr. Gray discussed a recent publication of the Georgia Grown Magazine. The magazine focuses on various agriculture industries in Georgia and the Department's interaction with each sector. Lastly, Mr. Gray reported that the Georgia National Fair in Perry and the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie were both a complete success.
- I. Mr. Taylor provided the certification and training program update. He announced that sponsors and instructors will be notified by email for their 2014 course renewals. Similar to last year's procedure, if an outline has already been uploaded; a new outline is not required to be submitted. If the course is revised, a new course outline application is required to be submitted. In regards to licensing, wall certificates for certified operators can now be provided by email upon request. The language on the certification and employee registration applications has been revised to allow personal and company checks as an acceptable form of payment when applying for a new license.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the 2013 proposed rule change process. He provided an overview of the process starting with Commissioner Black's strategic planning group and

recommendations on rule changes. For the past year, the proposed rule changes were drafted and discussed by the Commission. On October 16, 2013, the proposed rules and public hearing were announced and notifications including a synopsis of the rule changes were sent to all licensees. The public comment period started on October 16<sup>th</sup> and will end on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The Commission will review and consider all comments before making the proposed rules final.

- K. Dr. Kyle Jordan of BASF discussed and presented information on their new product, Termidor HP (High Precision Termiticide) and application equipment. The mechanical unit in combination with Termidor HP reduces the time and labor compared to Termidor SC applications. The product uses a tank-less truck mounted unit that is used with a handheld soil injector. The injector is adaptable to all soil conditions; it can be used for high pressure applications or the standard low pressure applications. The unit is computerized and keeps track of the amount of the active chemical applied by site and it relays the information to a web based system. The device uses hydraulic pressure for soil injections and reduces the amount of water while maintaining the same amount of chemical. BASF plans to work with a few Georgia operators under an experimental use permit for additional testing and information. The Commission thanked BASF for providing the information and will engage Dr. Forschler for further review of the soil distribution study.
- L. Commissioner Black greeted the GPCA Leadership Group and expressed his appreciation of their attendance to the meeting. He challenged each member to provide consistent excellent customer service to the consumers of Georgia and set an example.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 and Certification Examination Applications were reviewed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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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 – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. 2013 Rule Changes & Public Hearing – C Gorecki/D Lastinger
- f. Employee Registration Manual – D Lastinger/ Dr. Forschler
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Termidor HP - BASF
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- BENNETT'S PEST SERVICE-PERRY, GA
- FORSYTH EXTERMINATING-JOHNS CREEK, GA
- STORY HOME SERVICES- DEARING, GA
- MERIWETHER PEST AND WILDLIFE-HOGANSVILLE, GA
- FERTILE GREEN PEST AND TERMITE SOLUTIONS-PERRY, GA
- DAVIS TERMITE AND PEST SOLUTIONS-FORSYTH, GA
- AVANTA EXTERMINATORS INC.-SUWANEE, GA
- WOODY'S MOSQUITO AND PEST SERVICES-NASHVILLE, GA (NAME CHANGE)