

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 10th, 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 September 10th, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley.
- 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 Bodine Sinyard to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Greg Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided a legislative update.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update for the Commission. He noted that Commissioner Black and a few other legislators accompanied the University's president, Jerry Morehead, to tour various farms in Georgia. He also mentioned that several members from the Department met with the UGA Entomology Department leadership to discuss the Pesticide Education Coordinator position and current pesticide safety training needs in the state. The UGA Structural Pest Control Training Center renovation is about 90% complete. The center should be available later this month in time for the fall workshops. Lastly, Dr. Forschler recognized Mr. Lastinger and his team for hosting a successful ASPCRO conference last month in Atlanta. Mr. Lastinger added his sincere appreciation for the local support and participation of the ASPCRO conference from many individuals and organizations which contributed to a successful meeting.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update.
  - o There was a recent incident of cheating on a licensing examination that occurred at one of the technical colleges. The cheating policy was enforced and the applicant will have to wait one year before re-examination. The applicant will also have to meet with Commission for approval.
  - o Licensing renewal update: The licensing division has reported that 95% of all the renewal applications that have been submitted have been processed. The SPS reported that 432 companies and 664 certified operators have not applied for license renewal. Expired license notifications will be sent out by the licensing division in October. The final expiration date for all licenses that have not been renewed will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. After this date, licensees will need to reapply for a license.
  - o Lastly, Mr. Lastinger mentioned an upcoming Georgia Clean Day event that will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> in Reynolds, Georgia in Peach County.

- H. I. The Commission continued to discuss the proposed 2013 rule changes, specifically the open item concerning the inspection of ventilation on the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report (WIIR). Motion was made by Dr. Forschler regarding Item # 9 to change the reference for the ventilation inspection to the residential building code. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed. The Commission also agreed to revise the requirement to correct unreported conditions conducive from two years to one year. Mr. Lastinger discussed the schedule of events for the proposed rule changes. The timeline includes reviewing the draft rules by the Department's legal team, developing a synopsis for each proposed rule, and scheduling the public hearing.
- J. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM 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

**Attachment 1:**

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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 – C Gorecki
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- PONTILLOS'S PEST PREVENTION-NEWNAN
- KNOX PEST CONTROL-OXFORD
- DR. PEST-WINDER
- WHEELER'S PEST CONTROL-ARABI
- SOUTHEAST ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS-ATHENS

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- INSEKT PEST PREVENTIONS-RINGGOLD-(PENDING DCO RENEWAL)
- ALL-IN-ONE PEST SOLUTIONS LLC.-BALLGROUND (PENDING NAME CHANGE)