



*Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission
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***Georgia Structural Pest Control
Commission Fiscal Year 2016
Report to the Governor***



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As required by O.C.G.A. 43-45-8 (3), the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission submits the following annual report.

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission met monthly during Fiscal Year 2016 on the following dates:

July 14	January 12
August 11	February 9
September 8	March 7
October 13	April 12
November 10	May 10
December 16	June 14

All meetings began at 9:30am in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building with the exception of the July 14th meeting held at 10am in the barn of Jaemor Farms in Lula, the October 13th meeting held at 8:33am in the Port Auditorium of the Georgia Ports Authority in Garden City, the January 12th meeting held at 10am at the Lucy Cobb Chapel in Athens, the February 9th meeting held at the Post 50 Auditorium in Atlanta, and the June 14th meeting held in the H.M. Stewart Center for Continuing Education of the University of North Georgia.

Expenditures for the Commission and records of attendance for each member are included.

Minutes for the Commission meetings are included. If additional information is needed regarding the report, contact Derrick Lastinger, Director of Structural Pest Section, at 404-656-2111 or derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov.



Gary W. Black
Commissioner

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION
FISCAL YEAR 2016

BUDGET NO. 1-11-3

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>PUBH.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
CHRIS GORECKI	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)
DERRICK LASTINGER	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(T)	(P)	(P)	(P)
DR. BRIAN FORSCHLER	(P)	(P)	(P)	(T)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)
Kim Bragg												(ABS)	
Per Diem	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	(ABS)	\$75.00		\$105.00
Transp.	\$150.42	\$81.65	\$81.65	\$184.05	\$81.65	\$81.65	\$114.43		\$81.65		\$76.68		\$167.40
Lodge				\$145.53									
Parking													
GREG HOLLEY													
Per Diem	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
Transp.	\$42.00	\$63.28	\$63.28	\$316.25	\$64.98	\$64.98	\$29.90		\$64.98	\$64.98	\$61.02	\$61.02	\$44.82
Lodge				\$152.01									
JEFF B. SINYARD													
Per Diem	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	(ABS)	(ABS)	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$105.00	(ABS)
Transp.	\$272.72	\$201.60	\$201.60	\$291.53	\$207.00	\$207.00	\$229.43			\$207.00	\$194.40	\$194.40	
Lodge				\$101.00									
KRISTY KURIATNYK	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(ABS)
Per Diem													
Transp.													
Lodge													

(P) = Present
 (ABS) = Absent
 (T) = Teleconference
 (CAN) = Canceled

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

July 14th, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. in the barn of Jaemor Farms in Lula, Georgia on July 14th, 2015. The following commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Kim Bragg, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission welcomed Mrs. Kim Bragg to the meeting. Mrs. Bragg was recently appointed by Commissioner Black to serve as the Consumer Affairs and Protection member. Mr. Lastinger administered the oath of public office to Mrs. Bragg.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Sinyard nominated Mr. Chris Gorecki as Commission chairman and motion made by Mr. Holley nominated Mr. Lastinger as vice-chairmen for the new state fiscal year. Dr. Forschler seconded motion and motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed Department of Entomology's Department Head, Dr. Ray Noblet's recent retirement announcement. Dean Scott Angle is assembling a search committee to find a replacement and hopes to find a replacement by the end of the year. Mr. Sinyard suggested that we recognize Dr. Noblet's tenure at the Athens Commission meeting in January 2016.
- H. Mr. Lastinger discussed the final draft of the state pollinator protection plan. He shared a copy of the final draft and a request from the authors of the committee to submit a letter of support. Mr. Sinyard motioned that the Commission submit the letter stating the Commission's involvement and support of the June 4th published *Protecting Georgia's Pollinators: A state plan for promoting a large, healthy and diverse pollinator workforce*. Mr. Holley seconded motion and motion passed. The supporting letter and the pollinator protection plan will be posted on the Commission website. Mr. Lastinger briefly discussed the Federal and U.S. EPA pollinator protection strategy; the EPA strategy is currently proposed and open for public comment. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned that ASPCRO is drafting comments on the U.S. EPA strategy. He will share the comments once they are finalized and submitted to the agency.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He mentioned the Georgia Clean Day which will be held on July 22nd at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. There continues to be registration space available for those who would like to participate.
- J. Ms. Jenny Wren discussed the Department's preparation and response for the expected outbreak of the highly pathogenic influenza in Georgia poultry. She highlighted concerns

that an outbreak could possibly wipe out a large portion of Georgia poultry. A group of department employees had the opportunity to travel to Minnesota to assist with the turkey depopulation efforts in response to a recent outbreak. For potential outbreaks, Georgia has put into place a response plan to detect, control, quarantine, and properly dispose the affected poultry. The Department has started training employees representing all Divisions and the first training was recently held in North Georgia and another one scheduled for South Georgia.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He noted that the Commission has finalized plans to hold the October Commission meeting at the Port of Savannah. He also discussed program staff involvement in several new workshops at the University of Georgia Training Center in Griffin. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger discussed a U.S. EPA funded bed bug outreach project for Georgia consumers. The department is working with the Georgia Department of Public Health on the project.
- L. Ms. Christy Kuriatnyk discussed a new grant application through HUD that she is currently working with that will research how educating residences in multi-family housing would affect their understanding of controlling bed bugs.
- M. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing update. He noted that by the deadline of June 30th, 1,023 companies and 4,244 registered employees were renewed. Licensees can be renewed until September 30th by paying a late fee. Late fees include an additional \$10.00 for registered employees, \$100.00 for certified operators, and \$100.00 for companies. Lastly, the Licensing Division will be distributing late notices.
- N. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review three GDA cases involving a termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Wesley Burton provided details regarding the case. After discussion, the Commission made a motion to recommend that GDA require a comprehensive soil applied termite treatment and for GDA to complete re-inspections to verify compliance.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

July 14, 2015

Open - Vice Chairman Lastinger

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Commission Member Oath of Public Office
- b. FY 15 Election of officers
- c. New Company Applications
- d. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
- e. *Protecting Georgia's Pollinators: A state plan for promoting a large, healthy and diverse pollinator workforce* support letter
- f. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - D Lastinger
 - License Renewal Update - Tim Taylor
- g. Termite retreatment case review - Wesley Burton
- h. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- i. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
July 14th, 2015

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Prime Pest Solutions – Griffin
- Halliday Pest Control LLC – Cumming
- Massy Services Inc. – Canton
- Massy Services Inc. – Cumming
- Adams Exterminators – Tifton (Sub Office)
- Bug House Pest Control of Lake Oconee – Monroe (Sub Office)

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- The Pest Bureau – Columbia SC (Name Change)
- Aztec Exterminating – Brooklet (Insurance/DCO Signature)
- Mo-Tech Pest Control – Valdosta (Insurance/DCO Renewal)
- Anderson's Pest Control – Glennville (Insurance)
- Hankey Pest Control – Atlanta (Insurance)
- Covenant Pest Management – Stone Mountain (Insurance)
- Old School Service – Cave Springs (Insurance)
- Glory Pest Control – Fayetteville (Insurance)

Name Change

- Martini & Brown Lawncare/Pest Solutions (100226) to Brown's Pest Control
- National Institute of Sanitation Technology Inc. dba Gene's Pest Control (98248) to Georgia Technologies of Marietta LLC dba Gene's Pest Control

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 11, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 11, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Kim Bragg, Dr. Brian Forschler, 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He mentioned that classes will begin on August 17th. Professor and Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dean Angle announced his retirement starting September 2015. Commissioner Black has been appointed to serve on the search committee to find a replacement. Dr. Forschler also mentioned that Dr. Ray Noblet, the current Department Head of Entomology for the University of Georgia, announced his retirement a few months ago.
- F. Mr. Taylor provided the program update. He discussed the US EPA proposed changes to the commercial pesticide applicator rule. The rule change has the possibility of affecting the structural pest control industry. He discussed some of the proposed rules.
- G. Mr. Taylor announced the October Commission meeting location and details which will be held at the Port of Savannah and provided a copy of *Public Notice 15-04*. Lastly, he provided a renewal update. As of August 7, 2015, 1,067 company, 1,936 certified operator and 4,776 registered employee licenses have been renewed.
- H. Mr. Gorecki discussed a recent letter sent to the Commission regarding Charles Guy with Good Guys Pest Control. The letter addressed continued concerns and rule proposal regarding advertising on the internet. Mr. Gorecki stated that this was discussed at an earlier meeting including the Structural Pest Control Commission's limited authority in such matters. Mr. Gorecki stated that he plans to discuss the letter with Mr. Lastinger.
- I. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. On August 18th the house will be meeting to discuss Representative John Carson's proposed tax reform. Also, this fall there will be a number of committees that will be studying the use of drones. She stated that pest control operators could be looking to use them in the future. Lastly, Senator Henson proposed a bill regarding how and when pesticides are applied within certain structures. The bill was later dropped.
- J. Mr. Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed a meeting that he had with NPMA leadership. At the meeting, a recently released HUD map was discussed. The revised map consists of a listing of termite pressures in the United States. FHA and HUD are also making

revisions to their documentation in reference. NPMA seeks to get an interpretation concerning the changes with the hope of HUD referencing the importance of the Wood Infestation Report on letterhead. Lastly, he mentioned the 59th annual ASPCRO meeting that will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida from August 23rd-August 25th.

K. Meeting adjourned at 10: 17 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

August 11, 2015

Open -Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - License Renewal Update - Tim Taylor
- d. Public Notice 15-04
- e. Letter from Charles Guy
- f. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
August 11th, 2015

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Perfectly Green Lawn Care – Hoschton
- Active Pest Control – Conyers
- Bug House Pest Control – St. Simons Island (Sub Office)
- Isabelle Services – Douglasville
- Rhett Pest Service – Jefferson

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- ABBP – Alpharetta (Name Change)
- Coastal Pest Pros – St Simons Island (Name Change)

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 8, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on September 8, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Kim Bragg, Bodine Sinyard 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He noted the Department's current priority in preparing for potential highly pathogenic avian influenza. The Animal Protection Division has been closely monitoring for detections in Georgia. Accordingly, many of the department employees have been trained to respond if needed. The comment period for EPA's strategy on pollinator protection closed last week, the Department submitted comments to the docket. Lastly, the Agriculture Inputs section recently received a new grant from FDA to assist with the feed inspection program. Particularly to help with BSC and mad cow disease. Coming up this fall, the Department will be hosting several events including the Georgia Grown Showcase on September 12th in Moultrie, the Georgia National Fair and the Sunbelt Expo in October.
- F. Mr. Taylor provided the renewal update. He noted that the license renewal period will end September 30th. As of today 1,103 companies, 1, 952 certified operators, 5,043 registered employee licenses have been renewed. Currently there are about 140 companies, 200 certified operators, and 2,000 registered employees have expired licenses.
- G. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a few UGA related activities. He mentioned that UGA's Structural training center in Griffin held the first school IPM workshop. There will also be the termite workshop later this week and again in two weeks. The search committee for the Chair position of the UGA Entomology Department had their first meeting last Friday. Mr. Lastinger announced that the field staff will be working with the industry on a field strategy to work with expired licensees to get renewed and assist with applications as needed. He also provided highlights from the ASPCRO conference, which occurred last month. The highlights include the US EPA proposed certification and training regulations, a study predicting a 20% increase in PMP jobs over the next 10 years, special sessions on Sulfuryl Fluoride and recent incidents.
- H. Mr. Lastinger mentioned details for next Commission meeting to be held at the Port of Savannah on October 13th at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Conference Room Port Auditorium of the Georgia Port Authority Annex #2 Building located at 100 Main Street

in Garden City. Pre-registration is required to attend the meeting. To pre-register for the meeting, please contact Miss Rachel Ward.

- I. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick discussed the legislative update. She noted that the study committees are currently meeting this month including a study committee for the Hope Scholarship. John Carson presented his tax reform package to the House Ways and Means Committee last month. Lastly, there are two more open seats that will be up for special election in November.
- J. Mr. Bell with NPMA provided an update. He noted that HUD and EPA are eight days away from their revision to the termite map. He also noted a concern within the industry regarding environmental groups and neonicotinoids. It seems that focus has been moved from neonicotinoids and pollinators to a broadened category of herbicides.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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Agenda

September 8, 2015

Open -Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - Derrick Lastinger
- d. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- e. ASPCRO Update - Derrick Lastinger
- f. October Meeting Information
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

**THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
September 8th, 2015**

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- On Guard Pest Solutions, Inc. – Byron

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Security Pest Control, Inc. – Tallapoosa County (insurance)
- Buggin Solutions – Cobb County (insurance, DCO signature)
- Pest Force LLC – Walton County (new name submitted)

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

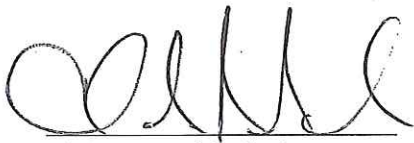
October 13, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 8:33 a.m. in the Port Auditorium of the Georgia Ports Authority in Garden City on October 13th, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Ports Authority, Pest Risk Committee, GPCA, and CPCO, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion, and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed the search for a new Department Head of the Department of Entomology. The position has been advertised, with a closing date of December 2015. Comments to the search committee are welcomed. The search for a new Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is ongoing.
- F. Dr. Forschler explained that many states, including Georgia, do not mandate school integrated pest management (SIPM), but university extension services frequently offer assistance for schools interested in IPM. He discussed a recent call received by the National Pesticide Information Center from an anonymous school employee in Georgia who was concerned about pesticide safety. Mr. Sinyard suggested drafting a letter to the Georgia Superintendent of Schools in regards to this issue. Dr. Forschler will review and present options for contacting the Georgia Department of Education at the Commission meeting in November 2015.
- G. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He discussed the Department's multi-level preparation for incidence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Georgia. The likelihood of HPAI cases in Georgia will decrease after November, but will rise again in early spring. Mr. Gray also discussed the Georgia National Fair being held in Perry from October 8-18th, 2015, and the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie from October 20-22nd, 2015.
- H. Mr. Gray mentioned that the proposed revisions to the U.S. EPA Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rule (40 CFR 171) are currently in the comment period, which ends November 28th, 2015. Commissioner Gary Black has expressed his concerns over the proposed changes to the Georgia Congressional Delegation. The Commission will prepare and submit comments to the agency.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed a statewide field operation targeting expired licenses. Department inspectors completed 87 license renewal inspections in two weeks. He also mentioned the U.S. EPA's focus on regulatory oversight of structural fumigation, due in part to the recent incidents in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Florida. Mr. Lastinger will report the number of structural fumigations in Georgia at the November Commission meeting. He also shared that the Department met with representatives of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding licensing regulations for wildlife control in and around structures. He provided the language to be placed on DNR's licensing website to inform permit holders that they will need to obtain a license with the Department if they provide structural pest control inspection and/or control of pests such as mice, rats or insects. DNR plans to host booths at the upcoming GPCA and CPCO conferences.

- J. Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He stated that the Vice President of Operations of NPMA plans to communicate with ASPCRO to discuss the impact of the proposed revisions to the U.S. EPA Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rule if finalized. He also mentioned that OSHA is reconsidering the definition of "confined space," and may classify crawlspaces as confined spaces. This would necessitate the presence of two people when entering a crawlspace.
- K. Mr. Gorecki proposed sending the Commission's comments to U.S. EPA on the proposed revisions to the Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rule. Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Gorecki will work on compiling comments and contacting UGA Extension for their input.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed potential locations for Commission meetings in the upcoming calendar year. The January 2016 Commission meeting will take place in Athens, Georgia.
- M. Mr. Lastinger suggested revising the Commission's Underfloor Ventilation Fact Sheet to reference the Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code (402.2.9) regarding insulation of perimeter walls. He also proposed the inclusion of diagrams that illustrate the requirements. The Commission will compose and review the fact sheet before the next Commission meeting.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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Agenda

October 13, 2015

Open -Chairman Gorecki

Welcome - Georgia Ports of Authority

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - Derrick Lastinger
- d. DNR Wildlife and GDA Licensing outreach effort
- e. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- f. Planning for 2016 Commission activities
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

**THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
October 13th, 2015**

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Critter Shield LLC – Sandy Springs
- Cybex Pest Solutions – Canton
- Sea Coast Exterminating – Port Wentworth (Sub Office)
- Knox Pest Control – Bainbridge

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- After Hours Pest Control – Evans County (insurance).
- Allen's Pest Solutions – Tift County (insurance).
- Northwest Exterminating – Dekalb County (insurance).
- Bug House Pest Control of Lake Oconee – Oconee County (insurance).
- Bug House Pest Control of Lake Oconee – Morgan County (insurance).

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 10, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on November 10, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki Chair; Derrick Lastinger Vice-chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; 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. Motion was made by Bodine Sinyard to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Doug Barnes introduced the GPCA 2015 Leadership Class. GPCA conducts the leadership program every other year. Currently, the class has nineteen members who have completed the final session.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed a start-up company that plans to provide testing and management for dust mite allergens. The company described a dust mite allergen reduction service that includes vacuuming and heat treatment services. The information provided did not make any mite management claims. An inquiry was made regarding licensing requirements and the Department requested input from the Commission.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that the search for the Department head is still moving forward. He reminded the Commission of Dr. Ray Noblet's upcoming retirement.
- H. Dr. Forschler announced the January Commission meeting location that will be hosted by the Department of Entomology. The meeting will be held at the Lucy Cobb Chapel located at the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government in Athens, Georgia.
- I. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He discussed the Department's efforts to prepare for potential Avian Influenza detections. He mentioned that US EPA has proposed to revoke the remaining chloropyrifos product uses.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed a recent announcement regarding the US EPA Office of Inspector General to conduct an evaluation of US EPA's regulatory oversight of structural fumigants. The evaluation will include state oversight of structural fumigations. Mr. Lastinger noted that over the past five years, the Department has received an average of 50 fumigation notifications per year. Lastly, he mentioned that Mr. Mike Evans, Program Director for the Plant Protection Section, will be serving as the Department representative on the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Southern Region Work Group.
- K. Mr. Taylor discussed recertification course renewal for 2016. He mentioned that a notification will be sent by email to instructors and sponsors as a reminder to renew courses for 2016.

- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed proposed changes to the under-floor space fact sheet. The changes included updating the energy code reference, clarification for conditioned air supply in unvented spaces and diagrams for unvented space options. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve changes to the fact sheet. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. The Session for the upcoming year will begin on January 11th.
- N. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He noted that OSHA may change the construction specific standard, which could possibly affect the pest control industry. He also noted that US EPA granted a 30 day extension for the comment period on the proposed certification and training regulations.
- O. Mr. Lastinger mentioned the posting of two public notices on the website including Public Notice 15-05 which references a change in the December Commission meeting date and Public notice 15-06 which references the 2016 meeting schedule.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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Agenda

November 10, 2015

Open -Chairman Gorecki

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Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - Derrick Lastinger
- d. Termite retreatment case review - Wesley Burton
- e. Ventilation Fact Sheet 14-08 revisions
- f. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- g. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- h. Public notices
- i. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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**THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
November 10th, 2015**

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- P.A.I.N. Exterminating – Gilmer County (insurance & address completion).
- Round House Professionals – Monroe County (insurance)
- Metrotech Pest Control – Gwinnett County (name change)

Name Change

- Hankey Pest Control (100259) to The Green Queen (not approved)

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 16, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He reminded everyone that the location for next month's Commission meeting will be held at the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government. He discussed a student research project that compares pest management in school cafeterias and county health scores. Dr. Forschler has been working with GDA to make some minor edits to the Employee Registration Manual. The revised manual should be complete and submitted to the Commission prior to the January meeting.
- F. Dr. Dan Suiter discussed the selection process of the candidates for the Entomology Department Head position. He noted that next year will be a full year of training workshops including several new workshops, the 10-week certificate program and webinars. Mr. Lastinger noted that several officials from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget are planning to attend a workshop to learn about the Department's role in regulatory education and outreach.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed the regulatory fumigation evaluation that is being conducted by the US EPA Inspector General's office. US EPA Region 4, Georgia and Florida were selected for evaluation. Once the evaluation is complete, a report will be issued that will likely include recommendations for the US EPA Pesticide Programs.
- H. Mr. Taylor announced the 2016 recertification course renewal information. He reminded all sponsors that current courses must be submitted for renewal for approval in 2016. 700 course renewal applications have been received. Course approval notifications will be processed and notifications will be sent out by the end of the year.
- I. Mrs. Ashley Sellers provided an overview of the Georgia rule change process. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Act explicitly gives the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission and the Commissioner the authority to adopt and amend the rules and regulations. Specific procedures for adoption, amendment, and repeal of a rule and regulation are in the Administrative Procedures Act. She discussed the rule making process and responded to questions.

- J. Mr. Gorecki discussed the proposed US EPA certification and training rules. He suggested that the Commission consider supporting the comments that will be submitted by the Department and the national pesticide regulatory and industry associations. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that at a recent full SFIREG meeting, US EPA seemed to be listening to state concerns regarding the proposed rules and may consider allowing a state equivalency provision to allow variations in state certification and recertification standards.
- K. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted that the session starts on January 11th.
- L. Jessica Badour with the Department's Food Safety Division announced an opportunity to submit pest management information for an article scheduled to be published in the Georgia Environmental Health Association Annual Publication.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

December 16, 2015

Open -Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. UGA Structural Pest Management Workshops - Dr. Dan Suiter
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - Derrick Lastinger
- e. Rule change process - Ashley Sellars
- f. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- g. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- h. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
December 16th, 2015

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Allgood Pest Solutions – Doraville
- Premier Pest Management – Monroe
- Welltech Pest Solutions – Woodstock
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The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Vivid Service Group – Henry County (insurance).
- Phenix Pest Control – Lee County (name change).
- Absolute Green Pest Control – Carroll County (name change).

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

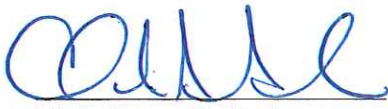
January 12, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM at the Lucy Cobb Chapel in Athens, Georgia on January 12, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Christy Kuriatnyk; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; Kim Bragg; 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Kim Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Ray Noblet was recognized for his service to the Department and Commission. Mr. Gorecki presented the Distinguished Agriculture Steward on behalf of Commissioner Black. He also read a letter from Commissioner Black inviting Dr. Noblet to attend a future Commission meeting.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He announced that Samuel Pardue was named as the new dean and director of the UGA's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and his appointment will be effective on March 14th. The search for the head of the Entomology Department continues and he introduced and thanked Dr. Nancy Hinkle for serving on the search committee. She discussed the search committee activities and noted that interviews will begin next week. Dr. Forschler discussed Dr. Dan Suiter's upcoming workshops and webinar series. He also noted that the Entomological Society of America recently published an ACE IPM certification program training manual and recognized similarities with the IPM chapter in the Georgia Employee Registration Manual.
- G. As requested by the Commission, Mr. Tim Taylor provided an update on the pass and fail rates of the employee registration exams for 2014 and 2015. Overall the percentage of passing exam scores increased in 2015 from 2014. This was unexpected since the updated manual and exam questions were implemented in 2015. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that 2015 was a renewal year so the percentage of first time examinees may have decreased. Since the revised manual was published in January 2015, several suggestions and edits were received and considered. Mr. Taylor and Dr. Forschler reviewed the suggestions and incorporated many of them in the revised manual which was previously distributed to the Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the revised employee registration manual. Mr. Holley seconded the motion, and motion passed.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology Research Report. He provided an overview of ongoing and new research projects. After introducing his students, each student provided a brief summary of their research project (see attachment 3).

- I. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He noted that the General Assembly started this week and that the budget continues to look good for this year. Lastly, he thanked the Commission for their hard work and successful meetings.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He mentioned that *Protecting Georgia's Pollinators Publication* had been published to the UGA and GDA websites. He also mentioned that the US EPA released preliminary risk assessments for insecticides that are found to be potentially harmful to bees. The first assessment is open for a 60 day comment period. Mr. Lastinger also announced that Mrs. Ashley Sellers with the GDA Legal Services office was promoted to the Director of Legal Services. Lastly, he recognized Ms. Lillian Santiago for her service to the Department and wished her well on her recent retirement.
- K. Mr. Burton discussed 2015 compliance activities with the new rules that were published in 2014. He noted that most compliance issues were with the new pesticide use record keeping requirements for technician license numbers and US EPA Pesticide Registration Numbers. He also reminded attendees to confirm the use of the current Official Wood Infestation Inspection Reports.
- L. Dr. Jim Fredericks with NPMA discussed his role at NPMA including his recent activities that involved working closely with state regulatory officials. He also provided an overview of NPMA and highlighted current regulatory related activities.
- M. Mr. Lastinger discussed a proposal that was received from Dr. Suiter regarding distance learning recertification credits. He will follow-up with Dr. Suiter for additional information.
- N. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a meeting space change for the February Commission Meeting and the date change for the March meeting which is now scheduled for March 7th. A public notice will be issued with the new meeting information.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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Attachment 3	UGA Urban Entomology Research Report



Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

January 12, 2016

Welcome – Dr. Brian Forschler

Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. Order of the Commissioner of Agriculture
- b. New Company Applications
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Research Report –Dr. Forschler
- d. *Protecting Georgia's Pollinators* publication
- e. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- f. *Employee Registration Manual* revision
- g. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
January 12th, 2015

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Northwest Exterminating- Peachtree Corners
- The American Exterminating Company-Covington
- Lock Exterminating Service- Gainesville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Wise Pest Solutions-Hall County (Name Change)
- Owens Lawn & Turf-Polk County (Name Change)
- Xcel Pest Management-Gwinnett County (Name Change)

Name Change

- Tim Pest Control (98460) to Butler Exterminating

The Commission did not approved the following applications

- Turf Masters Pest Prevention (96114) to Pest Masters by Turf Masters(Name Change)

Attachment 3

**URBAN PEST CONTROL PROGRAM
HOUSEHOLD AND STRUCTURAL ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA**

DATE OF REPORT TO COMMISSION: January 12, 2016

PROGRESS REPORT:

The research program continues to investigate insect pests found in the urban habitat with the goal of developing pest management recommendations. Two graduate students published research results, the first, on termite wood preference testing and the second on the role that wood-feeding beetles and termites have on recycling the nutrients from dead trees in temperate forests. A third graduate student concluded testing several products used in residential treatments against the Asian Tiger mosquito and demonstrated that technician attention to treating larval breeding sites was critical for consistent control. The carpenter bee field trial has not shown any activity in the control boards after two field seasons and we plan to continue this trial to determine the rate of new nest establishment. Fieldwork on drywood and subterranean termites continues with demonstration projects on University property. The drywood termite project has demonstrated that local treatment for drywood termite management can involve years (this project is in its 3rd year) of effort to eliminate an infestation. The subterranean termite demonstration project continues to show that over 90% of infestations originate from crevices associated with building foundation elements (expansion and cold joints). The information generated by laboratory research on termite response to treatment tactics indicates that local treatment with liquid termiticides - applied to the soil or elements of construction - can only be expected to alter colony foraging which is consistent with previous field work showing a lack of territoriality. This information illustrates the utility of a subterranean termite prevention program aimed at treating critical elements of construction (using liquid, dust, foam and/or physical barriers) combined with use of termite baits to keep structures free of infestation. These recommendations are in concert with the suggestion that subterranean termite colonies - the organism the control efforts are aimed to affect - are different than the groups of individuals tested in the laboratory.

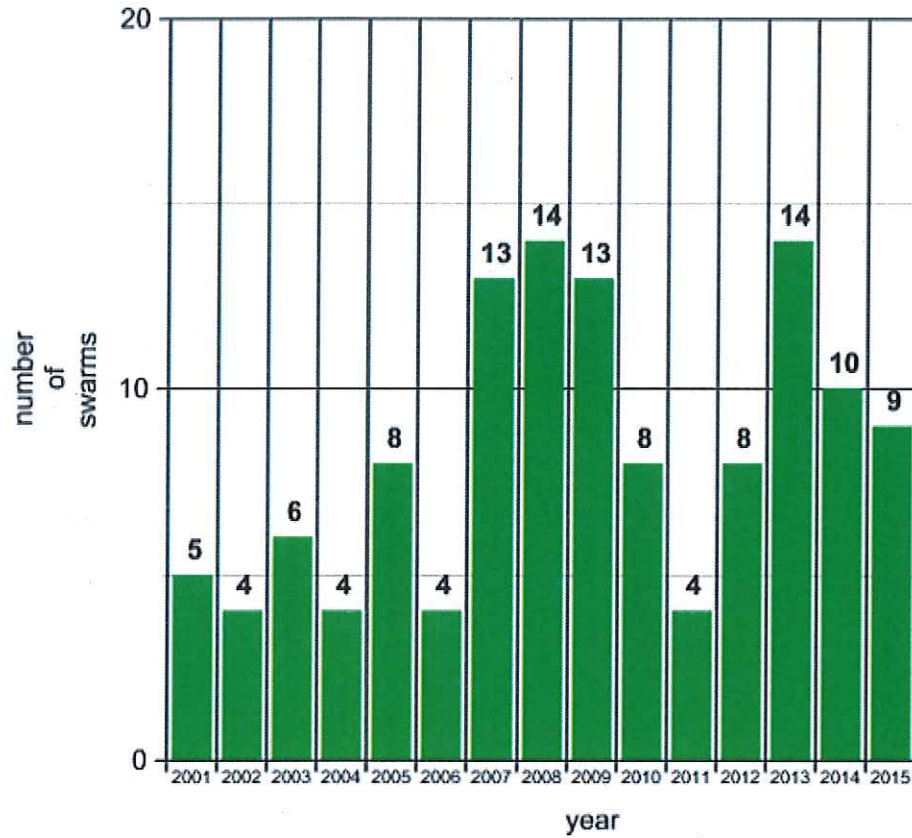
EXPENDITURES:

Graduate student stipend expenditures were approximately \$84,000 in addition to \$12,000 for undergraduate student workers and \$24,000 for supplies and equipment. The State Structural Pest Control Commission research fees were used for a portion of the graduate student stipends, all of the undergraduate student salary and a part of the equipment and supplies. The remaining costs were paid through extramural grants.

PLANNED RESEARCH:

We plan to address the following research areas over the next year: (1) efficacy of residential mosquito treatments in GA (2) termite colony decision-making and (3) subterranean termite involvement in soil nutrient cycles.

number of swarms on UGA Athens campus 2001-2015



We have recorded an average of 8 swarms per year over the past 15 years in a demonstration project that involves ~390 buildings on ~780 acres in Athens, Georgia. The project also shows an average of about 3 infestations identified each year without evidence of swarming (through physical plant employees conducting repairs or remodeling). The infestation data from this 15-year demonstration project affords an annual infestation rate of the buildings on the main campus of less than 3%.

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 9, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at the Post 50 Auditorium in Atlanta, Georgia on February 9, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Kim Bragg; Greg Holley; and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- 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. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger discussed a few activities from UGA. He noted that the University of Georgia has printed the Georgia Pollinator Protection booklets. The search committee for the Department of Entomology head will complete their work next week after the last scheduled interview.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He mentioned a detection of HPAI in Indiana poultry that has led to a state response. The Department is following this incident closely. He is now serving as the deputy planning section chief for the Incident Command System.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He mentioned that the company license application for new online applications is under development. Following up with last month's request by Dr. Suiter to archive distance learning webinars, a meeting has been scheduled to meet with Dr. Suiter at the training center to review and discuss.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed US EPA Certification and Training regulations. The Department, ASPCRO, AAPCO, and NPMA submitted comments to the federal docket.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed termite retreatment case reviews. He proposed that the Commission consider implementing a policy that would provide guidance on the termite retreatment rule. The Commission discussed that the policy would require a retreatment plan be submitted to GDA when a retreatment is required by corrective action.
- J. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted the recent GPCA Legislative Luncheon held at the state capitol.
- K. Mr. Gorecki provided the NPMA update. He mentioned that NPMA released talking points to provide the industry with information regarding the Zika virus. Legislative day is scheduled for the 12th of March in Washington, DC.
- L. Mr. Lastinger announced the departure of Wesley Burton. He recognized and thanked him for his service to the Department.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Attachment 2 New Company Licenses


Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

February 9, 2016

Open -Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - Derrick Lastinger
- d. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- e. Termite retreatment case reviews - Derrick Lastinger
- f. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
February 9th, 2016

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Wesco Exterminating-Alto
- Skyline Pest Solutions LLC-Marietta
- Trademark Pest Solutions-South Georgia LLC-Metter (Sub Office)

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Black Widow Pest Control LLC-Appling County (Insurance)
- Pest Patrol-Madison, FL (Name Change)

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 7, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki Chair; Derrick Lastinger Vice-chair; Dr. Brian Forschler; 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Suiter met with the Commission to discuss his proposal on recertification credit for archived webinars. He noted that the archived webinars would have a facilitator at a specific training site to ensure that attendees are attentive and complete the training verification records. At the end of the presentation, the instructor from the archived session would be available for any questions by teleconference at the end session for 15 minutes. Mr. Lastinger proposed that Dr. Suiter provide the details in a written document for the Commission to review and consider at the next Commission meeting.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed the UGA research project looking at the health score for school cafeterias and correlating this information with the school's pest management program. He also mentioned that Samuel Pardue will be the new Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences starting on March 14th.
- G. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He provided copies of the new employee newsletter which highlights work in each division. He stated that the Licensing Division has moved under Operations at the Department and that the Chief Operation Officer, Dan Brown, has transferred to the Department of Corrections. Lastly, the highly pathogenic avian influenza training continues to be a top priority among the Department.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He mentioned that the revised *Employee Registration Manual* has been published on the website. Following up with issues of federal trademark names, the pending request has now been sent to the Attorney General's office to review the current rule regarding the approval of company names. Lastly, he mentioned a recent incident involving the impersonation of state inspectors by licensed pest control technicians. The GDA Inspector General investigated the incident and found that the incident did occur as reported and it addressed accordingly.
- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a letter from Marcy Raich regarding her business, K9 Bed Bug Detection and her concern with Georgia's licensing requirements. In her letter, she requested an exemption from the current requirement and the creation of a new license category for inspections only. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned that he spoke to Ms. Raich to

discuss the current requirements and the options for getting certified and licensed. The Commission discussed her requests and agreed that the current requirements are appropriate and asked Mr. Lastinger to respond to Ms. Raich.

- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the termite retreatment rule and the draft policy. He mentioned that the Commission requested that the Department draft policy to address the current rule. The Commission discussed the current process and the need for some basic interpretation of the rule to address the variety of situations. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to remove the last sentence and accept the policy. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Lastinger announced that the June Commission meeting will be held at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided the legislation and NPMA updates. He discussed NPMA's Legislation Days coming up on March 13-15th. Efforts will focus on Department of Labor overtime proposed changes, NPDES permitting issues, mosquitos, pollinators and US EPA proposed certification rules.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

March 7, 2016

Open -Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update -Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update - Derrick Lastinger
- d. Letter from Mary Raich, Elite K9 Services
- e. Recertification request from Dr. Dan Suiter
- f. Termite retreatment rule - draft policy - Derrick Lastinger
- g. June Commission Meeting Location
- h. Legislative update - Lauren Fraulick
- i. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
March 7th, 2016

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- American Pest Control – St. Simons Island
- Drake Pest Control LLC – Danielsville
- Arrow Exterminating – Atlanta

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Vortex Pest Control-Paulding County (Insurance).
- 1 Stop Home Services – Cobb County (Insurance).
- Down Home Pest Solution - Troup County (Insurance).
- All Seasons Pest Solutions Inc. – Oconee County (Name Change).
- Keene and Sons Inc. – Lowndes County (Name Change & Insurance).

Name Change

- Chux Pest Control LLC (96068) to Blitz Exterminators LLC

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on April 12, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki Chair; Derrick Lastinger Vice-chair (by telephone); Laurie Padgett; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that Dr. Kris Braman has been appointed as Department Head of Entomology beginning in June. She has worked at the Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin for the past 27 years.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and program updates. He mentioned that the Department has a new Chief Information Officer, William Rutherford. Mr. Lastinger also noted his attendance at the current SFIREG committee meeting in Denver. During the meeting, EPA has announced that they plan to finalize the proposed certification and training rules and pollinator protection strategy by the end of the year. For program activity, he noted that the field staff will be participating in a statewide meeting in Macon next month. Field staff have been involved in several pest management workshops at the UGA Structural Pest Training Center.
- G. Mr. Lastinger stated that the Department was contacted by Stego Industries regarding their new product called PANGO Termite Defense System. The product is a pre-construction termite control device that is installed prior to the pour of a slab foundation. EPA doesn't consider it a pesticide or a pesticide device. However, the Georgia rule definition for device does include the product since the product claims to provide termite protection. Considering this information, the product would have to be installed by a Georgia licensed pest control operator in the category of wood-destroying organisms.
- H. Mr. Gorecki discussed a demand letter received from Barton Black Law, LLC on behalf of Hankey Pest Control to approve their name change request. The company originally requested a company name change to The Green Queen and the Commission did not approve the request on November 10, 2015 due to a similar licensed company name. In January, the company requested the Commission to reconsider and approve the requested name. In January the Commission decided to hold the request since there is a current request at the Attorney General's office to review the rule. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to maintain the November 10th decision. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.

- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed an issue with the Profume label placarding requirement and conflict with the Georgia sign posting fumigation rule. He provided an issue paper and the following position:

The Georgia Rule 620-8-.04 for posting a sign is to provide a warning to all persons to keep away. The warning sign specifications were designed to best communicate this information by requiring the sign be in insoluble ink and contrasting colors. When a rule or label requirement is found to be more restrictive, the more restrictive requirement applies to the applicator. Since the Georgia rule requires the print to be red with the exception of the words "DANGER" and "DEADLY POISON" to be in black letters, the Enforcement Agency considers the Georgia rule to be more restrictive compared to the Profume label placarding requirement.

Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to accept the issue paper for guidance policy and for the Department to do outreach to licensed fumigators. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed. The guidance document will be posted on the website.

- J. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. She noted that the legislative session finished up two weeks ago. The Governor is in the bill signing and review period. The Governor has until May 3rd to sign or veto a bill. Lastly, nothing passed in the session regarding tax reform.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Legislative Day was a success in Washington D.C. with efforts focusing on two main issues. Legislative meetings focused on concerns with the Department of Labor's increase in overtime pay. The other issue that has increasingly been in the news is the ZIKA virus. Funds from the government have been requested for the CDC to increase research related to the virus. He also noted that ASPCRO's mid-year meeting will be held next week in Burlington, Vermont.
- L. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that Laura Edison from the Georgia Department of Public Health contacted the Department regarding a project on pesticide exposure surveillance. She would like to attend a future Commission meeting to discuss her project.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

April 12, 2016

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Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. Pango Wrap and device definition
- e. Demand for Name Change letter from Barton Black Law, LLC representing Hankey Pest Control
- f. Profume and Georgia fumigation rule conflict
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
April 12th, 2016

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Maple Leaf Landscape Management Inc.-Marietta
- Nexus Pest Control-Lookout Mountain, TN

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Shanes Environmental Solutions-Coweta County (Insurance).
- Frazier Pest Management-Gwinnett County (Insurance).
- Wright Choice Pest Control-Haralson County (Insurance).

Name Change

- Nice Guys By Turf Masters (96114) to Turf Master Pest Prevention

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 10, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 10, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see attachment 2).
- E. Ms. Jenny Wren provided a report of administrative actions. Ms. Wren discussed an overview of violations for administrative orders issued since January 2016 (see attachment 3).
- F. Mr. Eric Olsen, program manager in Ag Inputs, provided the background which prompted the development of the new category 41 (Mosquito Control) commercial pesticide applicator license under the Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act. To obtain a category 41 license, an applicant must pass the general standards and category 41 examinations. All contractors must have one full time pesticide applicator category 41 license, in addition to a business contractor license for each operating location. Mr. Olsen also noted an increase in applicator and contractor licenses. Lastly, he clarified that lawn care operators that hold a Turf and Ornamental licenses must also hold a Mosquito category to provide these types of services. It was suggested that the Department focus outreach on the Mosquito licensing requirement to lawn care operators.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and Program updates. He mentioned an upcoming Georgia Clean Day scheduled for this summer in Laurens County. He noted that due to a policy change in the finance division, there will be some changes to Commission daily travel expense allowances. The Profume guidance notice that was approved last month has been posted on the Commission website. The Department published a Protecting Georgia pollinator's webpage. The webpage is found under the Plant Protection Section. Lastly, he noted that next week, the Plant Industry Division field operations staff will be meeting at Macon Farmers Market. The two day meeting will include a session on urban mosquito pressures and management by Elmer Gray with UGA and a session on Zika virus outreach and surveillance efforts by the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. The new Department Head, Dr. Kris Braman, begins on June 1st. He discussed the results of a mosquito control research project by one of his students. Lastly, he mentioned the collaborative project between the Department and the

University to control a drywood termite infestation at the Thomasville Farmers Market. The project included efforts by a local pest management company and Nisus Corporation.

- I. Dr. Suiter discussed his proposal regarding recertification credit for archived presentations. He noted that after the Department has reviewed the proposal, he would be more than agreeable to come back and answer any questions regarding his proposal.
- J. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. Two weeks from today will be the primary election in Georgia.
- K. Mr. Lastinger highlighted a few discussions from the ASPCRO midyear meeting that was held last month in Burlington, Vermont. US EPA reached out to ASPCRO to finalize model contract elements for school IPM contracts. Additionally, the number of employee retirements at the agency has created a knowledge gap. This issue is a concern which is leading to further discussions of how best to address the issue.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed the rule making document that was distributed to Commission members. The document will be used to review draft rules and track discussions. Dr. Forschler recognized the Department effort to develop a tool for rulemaking. Mr. Gorecki suggested that after rulemaking that the Commission develops outreach materials for new rule compliance assistance.
- M. Mr. Alex Conti, discussed details of the June meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:30 in University of North Georgia's H.M. Stewart Center for Continuing Education. The center is located at 25 Schultz Avenue Dahlonega, Georgia 30533.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed possible dates for the July meeting.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman


Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

May 10, 2016

Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
 - Enforcement Summary – Jenny Wren
 - Mosquito Control Licensing – Eric Olsen
- d. Rulemaking
- e. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. June Meeting Location Information – Alex Conti
- h. July meeting date and fall meeting location
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
May 10th, 2016

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Astro Exterminating Services, INC – Douglas

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Northwest Exterminating (insurance).
- Bug House Pest Control (Payment)

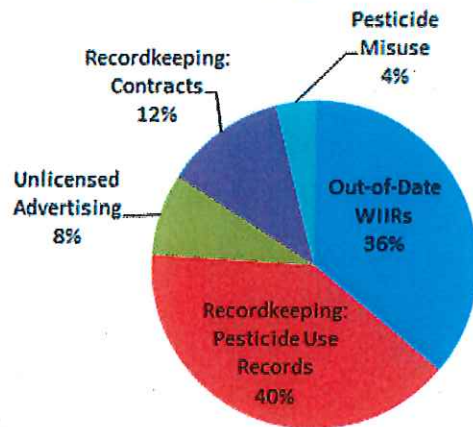
Name Change

- Southern Wildlife Management DBA Southern Pest Management (Name Change).

Administrative Action Violation Report

The graph shows the frequency of violations cited in administrative cases during a four-month timeframe. Administrative cases are enforcement actions that may include a monetary penalty, training requirement and/or license suspension/revocation.

Administrative Action Violation Summary January-April 2016



MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2016


- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in the H.M. Stewart Center for Continuing Education of the University of North Georgia on June 14, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; 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. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Ms. Deborah Adams, the director of continuing education at the University of North Georgia, welcomed the Commission to the University and Dahlonega. She also provided some interesting history and facts about Dahlonega and the University of North Georgia.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed the changes with daily allowance reimbursements for Commission members.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He stated that Dr. Braman has started with the Entomology Department and he hopes to have her attend a commission meeting in the future.
- H. Mr. Allen Beiriger with Active Pest Control met with the Commission regarding a letter that he had submitted regarding some concerns with the marketing and advertising by Aptive Environmental. He specifically expressed concerns with their forceful marketing efforts and advertising materials only using the name "Aptive" and sometimes "Aptive Pest Control" and not the licensed name. He further stated that Active Pest Control customers are confused as the name is similar when approached by Aptive representatives. Mr. Gorecki suggested that a letter be sent to Aptive addressing the issue. Mr. Lastinger offered for GDA to do a review of the sales and marketing efforts including the information received from Active Pest Control for compliance and respond according to enforcement response policy.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He mentioned an article in the April issue of the Market Bulletin that discussed the Zika virus and the Department of Public Health's "Tip 'n Toss" campaign. A Georgia Clean Day is scheduled for June 29th at Southern Pines Ag Expo in Dublin, Georgia. Registration is required to participate. He announced the Southern meeting of the Association of America Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) is being held in Savannah, Georgia this week. An intern for the Plant Industry Division, Rachel Welch, has been assisting with current research on rule changes for several non-structural pesticide regulations.

- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. Mr. Lastinger noted that when the Department issues WDO corrective action reports to companies, a change has been recently made to issue warning letters in addition to the WDO corrective action reports if other violations are discovered that don't require a corrective action such as a record keeping violation. The warning letters are issued to notify the company about non-compliance. He also mentioned that the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) published new guidelines and helpful tips for cleaning up pesticides misapplied indoors. Travis Whitley of the field inspection staff has now taken on the role of field supervisor. A compliance specialist has been hired and will start on July 1st. July 15th has been selected as the date for the next Commission meeting. A public notice will be posted with the new meeting date. Lastly, Jenny Wren will provide a compliance summary of violations at the next meeting in July.
- K. Dr. Forschler requested that the Commission work with the GDA to do some outreach to Georgia Consumers regarding Mosquito Control Operators and urging consumers to verify that their contractor is licensed to do mosquito control by GDA. Mr. Lastinger will work on coordinating an effort at GDA with the Communications Office.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed the rulemaking document. The Commission discussed 10 housekeeping related proposed rule changes. Most of these changes were to correct errors or add clarification to a current rule. Four additional issues were briefly mentioned and will be discussed at the August meeting. Dr. Forschler requested that the first ten draft rules be accepted as currently written in the current rulemaking document. All membered agreed to the request.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA report. There has been an outreach effort by NPMA to the CDC regarding mosquito control needs and how the pest control industry can assist with mosquito management needs. Arnold Layne has been named the new Deputy Director of the US EPA Pesticide Division and is expected to be a great resource in bridging the gap between the industry and EPA.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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Agenda

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Attachment 2

**THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
June 14th, 2016**

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Singley Exterminating Company LLC-Americus
- Whitaker Pest Solutions-North Augusta, SC
- Napalm Pest Control-Doerun
- MyBugman Pest Solutions-Marietta

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- X-Pire Pest Control-DeKalb County (Insurance Verification)
- Parker Pest Control-Glynn County (Insurance Verification)