

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 8, 2021

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 11:00 AM on June 8, 2021, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, Bodine Sinyard and Kim Bragg.
- 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 Mrs. Bragg to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mrs. Kuriatnyk seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. Dr. Forschler and Dr. Suiter are working on Formosan Termite research activities and ask the industry to notify them of any Formosan termite infestations. They are collecting geographical information and request addresses or general locations of these infestations.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He introduced SPD's Summer Intern, Ryann Smith. Ryann is attending Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville majoring in Biology, a minor in Environmental Science and plays on the Women's college soccer team. Ali Ikner accepted a full-time position as an inspector in the Macon area. Ali has served two internships with GDA. Commissioner Black updated GDA's COVID-19 policy by not requiring those fully vaccinated to wear a face mask. SPD volunteers provided outreach at the Butterfly Festival at the Chattahoochee Nature Center June 5-6. Angie Simmons is acting as the interim compliance officer until the position gets filled. SPD held a statewide inspector workshop last month at a historic plantation home focusing on pest biology and identification of powder post beetles. Dr. Suiter partnered with SPD on the workshop and coordinated borate treatment applications.
- G. The Commission discussed future SPCC meetings. The new fiscal year starts July 1st. There is no meeting in July. Commission members will plan to meet in person in August. Location and maximum capacity are to be determined.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. A special issue of *The Inside Buzz* was sent out last month focusing on licensing renewal information. All licenses will expire June 30, 2021. The current number of licenses that have renewed: 700+ companies, 4100+ registered employees, 850+ certified operators.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's subcommittee will make recommendations to the full committee. The next meeting of the full committee and expected vote will be June 29.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The rule will be effective July 1, 2021. A workgroup is being put together to focus on implementation of

the rule. Focus areas will include training, outreach, certification, and compliance assistance. The workgroup will include UGA experts, Honeybee Removal Operators and PMPs.

- K. The Commission discussed the 3-day right to cancel for WDO and HPC contracts and how to bring awareness of the verbiage requirement to the industry. GDA will draft the guidance and share with the Commission at the next meeting.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA’s response to OIG’s 2016 report regarding the testing of portable clearance devices with sulfuryl fluoride. EPA is taking the next step in the registration review process for this pesticide and has proposed new mitigation measures in the following areas: clearance devices, posting signs, criteria for stewardship training, aeration time, and a fumigation management plan. After a brief discussion by Commission members, Mr. Holley made a motion asking the SPCC to reach out to the fumigation industry and ask for volunteers to help SPCC and GDA collect information on the proposal. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Rodenticide prohibition is being discussed in California and South Carolina. He spoke about the ransom hacks on the Colonial Pipeline and JBS Beef computer systems.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



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Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance
 - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. Proposed Rule 620-9
- f. Rule 620-6-.02 (2) Contracts & 16 C.F.R. 429
- g. U.S. EPA Sulfuryl Fluoride Draft Interim Re-Entry Mitigation Measures
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Ministry Pest and Lawn LLC – Marietta
- Arrow Exterminators – Newnan
- Arrow Exterminators – Blue Ridge
- Insight Pest Solutions GA LLC – Augusta
- Stinger Pest Control – Buford
- Coppermines Pest Control – Gainesville
- Ross Pest Control – Lenox

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Thomas Horton International – Coweta County (insurance)
- Team Pest USA – Richmond County (insurance)