



*Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission  
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# ***Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission Fiscal Year 2022 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 of the activities, expenditures and other matters pertinent to the operation of the commission.

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission met monthly during Fiscal Year 2022 on the following dates:

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

All meetings were held at 10:00 AM online via Zoom with the exception of the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the UGA Chapel in Athens and the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Welcome Center of the Georgia Veterans State Park in Cordele.

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 Division, at 404-656-3641 or [derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov)

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Gary W. Black  
Commissioner

**STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION  
DAILY EXPENSE AND MILEAGE  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEPT</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Chris Gorecki	(N)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(ABS)	(ABS)	
Derrick Lastinger	(N)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(ABS)	(P)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	
Daily		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,050.00
Mileage													
Christy Kuriatnyk	(N)	(V)	(V)	(ABS)	(V)	(V)	(ABS)	(ABS)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	
Daily		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00			\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 840.00
Mileage													
Dr. Brian Forschler	(N)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	
J Bodine Sinyard	(N)	(V)	(V)	(ABS)	(V)	(T)	(ABS)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(ABS)	(V)	
Daily		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 840.00
Mileage										\$ 41.76			\$ 41.76
Greg Holley	(N)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	
Daily		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,155.00
Mileage							\$ 52.78			\$ 208.80			\$ 261.58
Kim Bragg	(N)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(V)	(ABS)	(V)	(V)	(P)	(V)	(V)	
Daily		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,050.00
Mileage										\$ 225.04			\$ 225.04
<b>TOTAL</b>													\$ 5,463.38

- (P) = Present in Person
- (ABS) = Absent
- (CAN) = Cancelled
- (T) = Teleconference
- (N) = No meeting scheduled
- (V) = Virtual Online

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 10, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:04 AM on August 10, 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 Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mrs. Bragg 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. He spoke about a recent WDO workshop for new state inspectors where he partnered with SPD on the training of termite identification and biology. Dr. Suiter's Home IPM Workshop was held last week. The School IPM Workshop will be August 19. Termite Workshops will be held September 2-3 and 16-17. All workshops are held at UGA Griffin Campus. Dr. Forshler expressed interest in a survey regarding economic impact on pest control companies, Florida is reviewing a similar survey. He plans to publish the spray foam insulation research project report soon.
- F. Ms. Angie Simmons provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD recently had three for-cause joint inspections. These included a moth ball complaint with the GA Dept of Public Health, a bee kill investigation with GDA's Ag-Inputs and Plant Protection Divisions, and an alleged pesticide improper disposal investigation with Ag-Inputs. SPD is back to normal with inspection priorities, inspecting companies with the longest interval since their last inspection. SPD has a new 12 district map that is based on population, number of companies and square mileage. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Angie for stepping in as interim compliance specialist.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. He reviewed the cheating policy and gave a reminder that if caught cheating on an exam, there will be a one year wait and requirement to go before the SPCC before testing again. If caught cheating a second time, there is a five year wait and SPCC approval. Mr. Taylor provided an update on license renewals. Companies that have not renewed yet have until September 30 to pay their renewal fee including late fees. The current number of licenses that have renewed to date: 1,196 companies, 6,144 registered employees, 2,182 certified operators. GDA will reach out to the 106 companies that have not renewed yet. Registered Employee trainings earned on or after March 1, 2021, will post online after September 30, 2021.
- H. Ms. Nan Collier reviewed GDA's outreach events. Mr. Lastinger recently provided outreach at GPCA's Summer Conference. SPD inspectors, John Huff and Kevin Hancock provided outreach at the Home IPM Workshop. Other SPD inspectors will provide outreach at the

upcoming School IPM Workshop and the Termite Workshops. GDA will provide consumer outreach at the Gwinnett Fair in September and the Georgia National Fair in October.

- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Forschler for his assistance with the recent state inspector WDO workshop. SPD inspector, Carl Schnabel, is the lead inspector for training new staff on fumigation audits. There was an article in the June 30 edition of the Market Bulletin on the role GDA plays in these audits. LeAnna Merritt is taking on a new role as routine case processor. GDA's Summer internship has ended. SPD's intern, Ryann Smith, wrote a paper on Formosan Termites and will share it with the Commission when it's finalized. The July 1 bulletin of *The Inside Buzz* focused on internships and includes a couple of articles written by interns.
- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's subcommittee voted in favor of the Commission's proposal. The final vote will come from DCA's full committee. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation for all the support and letters the Commission received during this process. He encourages industry associations to become familiar with building codes.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. A workgroup has been put together to focus on implementation of the rule. Their first meeting was July 21<sup>st</sup>. The focus was on training, certification, and a timeline for implementation. A draft document including recommendations will be reviewed by the Commission. Mr. Lastinger spoke about a news story that aired with misinformation about the new rule and the inquiries it generated to the department. He said that GDA will make an announcement after the recommendations on implementation are approved by the Commission. Mr. Sinyard and Dr. Forschler thanked Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Gorecki on the time and hard work they put in to move the rule forward.
- L. 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. This is a rule of the Federal Trade Commission. GDA will draft the guidance and share with the Commission at the next meeting.
- M. 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 response to the OIG report 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 requirement. The SPCC put a workgroup together to help the Commission and GDA collect information on the proposal. The first meeting was August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussions included aeration devices and how drastically the fumigation industry could change in Georgia.
- N. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Georgia Link will continue to provide legislative updates to the SPCC, a new representative will attend the next Commission meeting. EPA is working with state engineers on pre-proposal recommendations on WOTUS (Waters of the United States). Public hearings will start August 18.
- O. Mr. Lastinger provided an ASPCRO update. The virtual conference starts today with inspector trainings. General session starts tomorrow. Agenda topics include pesticide pre-emption issues, sulfuryl fluoride, impact of the pandemic, EPA updates, and updates from committee chairs. The mid-year meeting planned for April 2022 will be held in person.

P. Meeting adjourned at 11:27pm.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions  
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### Agenda

August 10, 2021

**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/Enforcement – Angie Simmons
  - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. Rule 620-9 work group
- 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 – GeorgiaLink
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Armor Pest Defense, LLC – Blackfoot, ID
- GA Lawn Care and Pest Solutions – Gainesville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Nature's Turf Inc. – Fayette County (insurance)
- Clutch Johnson LLC, DBA: 1 Chance – Lowndes County (research fee)



# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 14, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on September 14, 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 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. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. Dr. Suiter's second Fall Termite Workshop will be held September 16-17 at UGA Griffin Campus. Dr. Forshler expressed his continuing interest in a survey regarding economic impact on pest control companies. He discussed a graduate student's research project for identifying termites by their teeth.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. Dr. Carrie Crabtree is the new Director of GDA Labs. Mr. Paul Thompson is the new Marketing Director. SPCC's Annual Report to the Governor has been compiled and awaiting Commissioner Black's signature. Mr. Lastinger announced Mr. Tim Taylor as Program Manager for Compliance and Ms. Ali Ikner as a new a Program Manager for Certification, Training and Licensing.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. He expressed gratitude to Ms. Angie Simmons and her work as Interim Compliance Specialist. Current statewide field operations include contacting companies that have not renewed. Contact has been made to 91% of the companies that have not renewed. 39 of the 92 companies have renewed so far. Mr. Taylor thanked the SPD field staff for their hard work on achieving these goals.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. As a reminder, the deadline to renew licenses is September 30.
- I. Ms. Nan Collier reviewed GDA's outreach events. She expressed appreciation to CPCO and GPCA for the opportunity to allow SPD's Outreach at their Fall Conferences. GDA will provide consumer outreach at the Gwinnett Fair September 16-26 and the Georgia National Fair October 7-17. SPD volunteers will be at all these events.
- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's full committee voted in favor of the Commission's proposal. The proposal is now under a public comment period. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off date for new proposals for year 2022.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The workgroup had several meetings that focused on implementation of the rule. The workgroup submitted a draft document of recommendations and timeline to the Commission. Mr. Lastinger reviewed the recommendations. GDA's online licensing vendor is in the process of creating the new HBR category for SPD's licensing database. Mr. Holley made a motion to accept the

recommendations and timeline. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed pending GDA Legal and Communications review. GDA will make an announcement after the recommendations on implementation are reviewed by GDAs Legal and Communication teams.

- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on 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, have it reviewed by GDA Legal and Communication teams, then share with the Commission at a future meeting.
- M. 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 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 requirement. The workgroup that SPCC put together has composed comments from an industry perspective and submitted them to the Commission. After a brief discussion, Mr. Holley made a motion to accept the comments. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed pending GDA Legal and Communications review. These comments will be submitted to EPA. ASPCRO and SFIREG have joined together and created a workgroup to collect information from the state regulatory perspective. They have also drafted comments in response to the report.
- N. Mr. Tim Martin provided the legislative update. GeorgiaLink is re-organizing their team. A Legislative session will be held in later in the year for re-districting. Mr. Martin complimented the Commission members for having and maintaining good relationships.
- O. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He expressed his concerns with the proposed infrastructure package. NPMA assembled a spray foam insulation workgroup that met for the first time yesterday with the next call scheduled for mid-October. They are gathering information to share with other states. The State of Maine has banned the use of neonicotinoids for use in residential landscapes, it does not include Structural Pest. EPA releases assessments on neonicotinoids. The use of rodenticides have been banned in Malibu, CA and could extend to other areas. There is a proposal to ban all pesticides. EPA is working with state engineers on pre-proposal recommendations on Waters of the United States (WOTUS).
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:18pm.

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**Adjournment**

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Bobby's Bug Patrol LLC – Tallahassee FL

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Toney Residential Services LLC – Carroll County (insurance).
- Matrix Pest Management – Crisp County (insurance).
- ASAP Wildlife Removal – Fulton County (name change).
- Wright's Exterminators – Columbia County (insurance).

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 12, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:06 AM on October 12, 2021, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, 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 September 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 Urban Entomology update. He gave an update on the progress of the honeybee control and removal training manual. Dr. Forschler's article *Detection of Termites and Spray Polyurethane Foam* will be published in the January 2022 edition of the *Journal of Entomological Science*. He expressed appreciation to CPCO and GPCA for their participation in his graduate student's research project for identifying termites by their teeth.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. The Georgia National Fair in Perry is underway. SPD field staff are volunteering in the Baby Barn. The Fall issue of the *Inside Buzz* will be sent out soon. The SPD inspectors completed the license renewal outreach project.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Licenses can no longer renew as of October 1. Expired licensees will have to reapply. Registered Employee training hours earned March 1, 2021, or later are now showing up online. The next Training Record Submitter training is scheduled for November 4. If interested, send applications to Ali Ikner by October 29.
- H. Mrs. Nan Collier reviewed GDA's outreach events. She discussed SPD staff involvement and participation at the Georgia National Fair Georgia Grown Baby Barn.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed EPA's notice of proposed interim decision for pyrethrin pesticides. This proposal is under an extended comment period through November 3. The Commission, GDA, and other organizations are considering making comments. Proposed prohibitions include indoor use, broadcast treatments, turf and lawn, dusting, misting systems, liquid spray bottles for use on animals including livestock, and other outdoor areas.
- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's full committee voted in favor of the Commission's proposal. The proposal is now under a public comment period. Written comments are due by October 22. Oral comments and the public hearing are scheduled for October 26. Commission members will attend the hearing. DCA's proposal and information to submit written comments are on the SPCC's website. December 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for next year's DCA agenda. Mr. Gorecki encourages

the pest control industry to be engaged and familiar with what's going on with state building codes and IBC.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The implementation timeline of the rule is now posted on the Honeybee Removal and Control webpage.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the testing of portable clearance devices with sulfuric fluoride. SPCC and other organizations have submitted comments to EPA. Information has been posted on GDA's website.
- M. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA's public policy committee will meet today to discuss EPA's proposal on pyrethrin pesticides. Misting blowers for mosquito control falls under this proposal. PestWorld's annual conference will be held in November in Las Vegas. Mr. Bell is reaching out to sulfuric fluoride manufactures for information.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

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**Adjournment**

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Chib Pest Control – McDonough

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Sentinel Pest Control – Hixon, TN (name change)
- GoldenEye Exterminators – Henry County (insurance)
- Jon’s Country Pest Control – Muscogee County (name change)
- Sherrill’s Pest Control – Columbia County (insurance)
- WELLTECH (re-apply) – Cobb County (late fee)



# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 9, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on November 9, 2021, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Kim Bragg, 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 October meeting. Mrs. Bragg 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. He is working with UGA administrators to get approval to host the January SPCC meeting. Dr. Forschler encourages attendance to the Structural Pest Management webinars provided by UGA Extension. Dr. Suiter will host tomorrow's webinar, *Cockroaches and Ants*. Ms. Lisa Ames will host *Occasional Invaders and Indicator Species* on December 9. The link to these webinars can be found on UGA Extension, Eventbrite, and Getting the Best of Pest websites.
- F. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD held a SWIM (Statewide Inspector Meeting) October 27. Focus areas included division priorities, outreach activities, most frequent violations, and unlicensed operators.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. An Authorized Submitter Training was held earlier this month. The next one will be next year. The proposed new C&T plan is being edited per EPA's suggestions.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. SPD field staff volunteered in the Georgia National Fair Baby Barn. 2022 Outreach activities are in planning. GDA will accept Summer 2022 internship applications starting December 1. GDA's website will be revamped in 2022. A state mandate increasing security to enterprise systems will start in 2022. GDA's SART (State Agriculture Response Team) will hold a FAD Safe exercise next week as a preparation in the case of a large animal disease breakout. All GDA Divisions participate in the exercise. The next Pesticide Clean Day events will be held in southwest Georgia and the metro Atlanta area. Dates and locations are to be announced. Mr. Lastinger introduced SPD's new part-time admin, Kellee Kess.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's public hearing was October 26. Several Commission members attended the hearing. DCA board meeting will be held at 1:00 today in Perry. A vote on this proposal is expected.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The implementation timeline of the rule is posted on the Honeybee Removal and Control webpage. Testing materials are being developed.

- K. The Commission discussed the 2022 meeting schedule. Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month except October will be the third Tuesday. No meeting in July. Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom except for 2 or 3 meetings to be held in person. In person meeting locations are to be announced.
- L. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the Legislative update. Georgia legislatures are currently in a special session with a focus on re-districting. The special session will end Friday, November 19. 2022 regular session will start January 10.
- M. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. PestWorld’s annual conference attendance exceeded 3,500 and was considered very successful. Conference highlights included discussions of portable clearance devices with sulfuryl fluoride and EPA’s proposed decision for pyrethrin pesticides.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

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**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Landlock Pest Control – Lawrenceville, GA
- All For One Pest Solutions – Forsyth, GA

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Overall Pest Solutions – Cherokee County (insurance)
- Pest Patrol – Coweta County (name change)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 14, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:04 AM on December 14, 2021, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Kim Bragg, 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. Mr. Gorecki introduced GPCA's new Executive Director, Kelly McLendon.
- 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 a company license application (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The Department of Entomology will host the January 11<sup>th</sup> SPCC meeting at UGA's Chapel in Athens and will start at 10:00 a.m.
- F. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the department and program updates. The department will be closed December 23-24 to observe Christmas holidays. GDA's website will be redesigned and launched in 2022. A new Structural Pest inspector will start in January. SPD's inspectors are currently focusing on compliance assistance inspections and outreach to new companies.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Course renewal submissions for 2022 are now available online. Course renewal emails will go out soon. The proposed new C&T plan is being reviewed by EPA.
- H. Mrs. Nan Collier spoke about outreach activities. SPD will have an outreach booth at GPCA's Winter Conference Jan 11-13. SPD inspectors will attend a training event in February at the Tifton Lab.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA board voted to approve the proposal and it will be effect January 1, 2022. Tomorrow is the last day to submit amendment proposals for the 2022 agenda.
- J. The Commission reviewed the 2022 meeting schedule. The meeting schedule is posted on SPCC's website. The January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by the Department of Entomology at UGA's Chapel in Athens.
- K. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the Legislative update. Georgia legislators have voted on re-districting. Several will not seek re-election. Pest Control Day will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- L. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA met with industry allies a couple of weeks ago to discuss climate change, environmental justice, and policies. EPA has agreed to accept additional data on pyrethrin pesticides. Expect pre-emption proposals in the federal legislation.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:26am.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1      Agenda  
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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions  
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### Agenda

December 14, 2021

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training -Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and new building code amendment
- e. Public Notice – 2022 Meetings
- f. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following application:

- Arrow Exterminators – Aiken, SC



# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

January 11, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM in the UGA Chapel in Athens on January 11, 2022. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, 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. Mr. Gorecki opened the meeting with an appreciation to Dr. Forschler and the UGA Department of Entomology for hosting the meeting. He congratulated the Georgia Bulldogs on their National Championship win.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2). The Commission discussed an appeal regarding a company name that was previously denied.
- F. Dr. Forschler introduced the entomology students, and each student provided a summary and report of their research projects. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update and presented the annual Urban Pest Control Program & Research Report (Attachment 3). Dr. Forschler's article *Detection of Termites and Spray Polyurethane Foam* will be published in the *Journal of Entomological Science* this month. He encouraged attendance to Dr. Suiter's workshops and webinar sessions for 2022. They can be found on the Department of Entomology's website.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. He expressed appreciation to the Department of Entomology for hosting the meeting. He introduced the SPD staff in attendance and the staff that will attend the conference. GDA's website will be redesigned and launched in 2022. GDA will host a Pesticide Clean Day in 2022, date and location are to be announced. SPD has applied for a federal IPM School grant with US EPA and waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Lastinger also spoke about GDA's current COVID policy and staff impacts.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD has a vacancy in the northeast area of the state. Top inspection priorities include for-cause inspections, unlicensed operators, and companies with the longest interval since their last inspection. He provided the annual inspection report for 2021: 1,672 inspections; 1,107 inspections with violations; 6 settlement conferences; 2 consent orders; 4 administrative orders; 9 monetary penalties with \$15,000 in suspensions and 3 self-reports. The most frequent violation reported on for-cause inspections is wood-to-ground contact. The most frequent violation reported on routine cases is the concentration of pesticide. The 2022 Winter Issue of the *Inside Buzz* will go out later this week.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The proposed new C&T plan is being reviewed by EPA. She spoke about what some of the impacts of the plan may look like.

She provided the annual license report for 2021: 27 Authorized Submitters; 2,232 Certified Operators; 1,247 Structural Pest Companies and 6,631 Registered Employees. QR codes have been added to license cards allowing the licensee easy access to their online license profile.

- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on outreach activities. He highlighted the 2021 events and trainings which included outreach booths, field trips, workshops, and industry association meetings. GDA speakers at this week's conference will include Tim Taylor and Commissioner Gary Black.
- K. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the spray foam insulation code amendment. It went into effect on January 1, 2022. He spoke about the new change and how the insulation at the box seal area of a foundation must be insulated with a removable product to provide access for inspection.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on Rule 620-9 Honeybee Control and Removal. Work continues with drafting the manual and on the rule implementation process. The timeline, rule, and FAQs are on the Honeybee Control and Removal website. Mr. Gorecki recognized Mr. Lastinger for taking the lead on the project.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the 3-day right to cancel disclosure for pest control contracts and how to raise awareness of the requirements to improve compliance. GDA provided a draft guidance document for the Commission to review. The Commission will review and discuss at the next meeting.
- N. The Commission discussed the Business Naming Policy and a possible revision to address some concerns with the currently policy. The conversation was tabled for a future meeting.
- O. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA Public Policy is tracking 453 bills. Pre-emption is being introduced in federal legislation. EPA has extended the deadline for the C&T Plan.
- P. Mr. Gorecki wrapped up by expressing appreciation to the UGA students, GDA staff, and all attendees. Meeting adjourned at 11:28am.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Urban Pest Control Program & Research Report

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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### Agenda

January 11, 2022

**Open - Chairman Gorecki**

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Department & Research Updates - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and new building code amendment
- e. Rule 620-9 Update
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- g. Notice 17-01 Business Naming Policy
- h. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following application:

- Guardian Pest Services, Inc. dba Knox Pest Control – Brunswick

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Southern Pest and Wildlife Solutions LLC – Jackson County (insurance, name change)
- King Green IPM – Gwinnett County (DCO change)
- Sloan Pest Control & Wildlife Services – Wayne County (DCO change)

**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 11, 2022

**PROGRESS REPORT:**

The research program published results from projects in seven peer-reviewed manuscripts in the past year. Those publications discuss work mentioned in previous reports because we share many of our results with the Commission prior to submitting the work for dissemination in the scientific literature. This year's publications include work showing the impact of native and invasive ants on sea turtle nest hatching success along the Georgia coast, two papers modeling wood degradation in eastern forests, one outlining an IPM program for protecting artwork from drywood termite infestation, performance standards for acceptable efficacy tests for registration of products aimed at termite management including termiticides, baits and physical barriers, the impact of polyurethane spray foam on termite inspections and the fate of carbon from wood eaten by subterranean termites. Graduate students continue working on projects relevant to urban pest management through laboratory work, data analysis, and writing publications. Examination of subterranean termites from all 159 counties in Georgia continues and has demonstrated that the eastern and dark southeastern subterranean termites are distributed throughout the state. The light southeastern and *R. mallei* occur above the Fall Line while *R. nelsonae* dominates in the southern part of the state. An online survey of PMP's aimed at identifying subterranean termites using physical characters associated with soldier mandibles highlighted two groups, one good at and another that struggled with recognition of three character states; large, small, and curved right mandible. The survey work highlighted the importance of using an 'expert' to verify insect species but also illuminated how training can increase successful insect identification to >95% with implications for designing citizen science projects that use insect identification. Fieldwork on ants, drywood and subterranean termites continues with collaborations from industry partners.

**EXPENDITURES:**

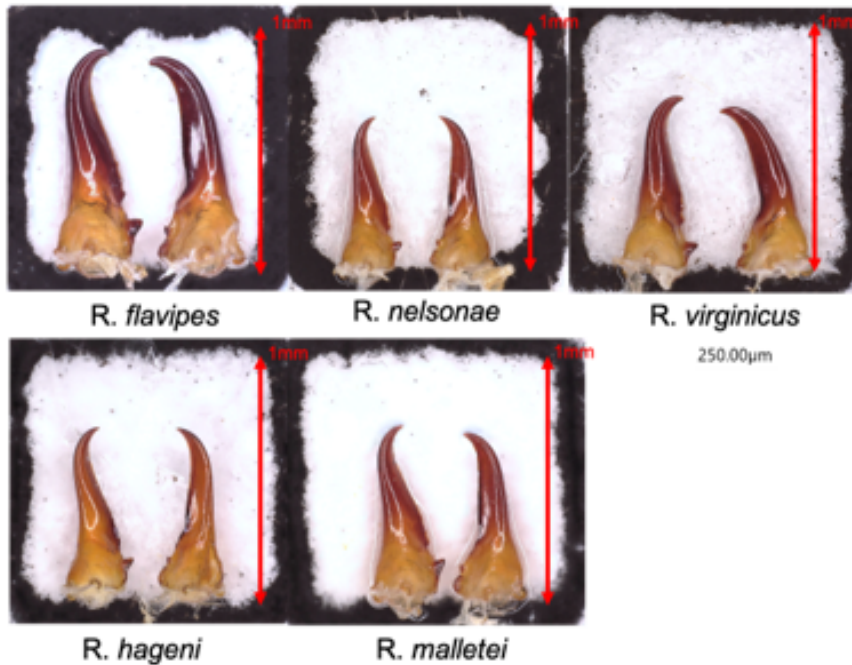
Graduate student stipend expenditures were approximately \$65,000 in addition to \$3,000 for undergraduate student workers and \$18,000 for supplies and equipment. The State Structural Pest Control Commission research fee was used for all of the undergraduate student salaries, a portion of the graduate student stipends, as well as, equipment and supplies.

**PLANNED RESEARCH:**

We plan to address the following research areas over the next year: **(1)** the identification and distribution of termites in the state of Georgia **(2)** subterranean termite evolution and role of species in structural infestations **(3)** continuation of industry-sponsored examination of product efficacy and new application technologies.

Summary of combined results from PMP's that took the online (ET) survey of subterranean termite soldier mandibles placing participants in two groups based on individual success rate (SR).

SMP Category / ITA Species Designation	>89% SR (n=15) # of samples and # in the same category	SR (%)
CRM/Ry	31/13	100.0%
L/Rf	48/31	100.0%
S/Rn	21/10	100.0%
TOTAL	100/54	100.0%
Category / ITA Species Designation	<80% SR (n=10) # of samples and # in the same category	SR (%)
CRM/Ry	31/2	100.0%
L/Rf	48/7	100.0%
S/Rn	21/3	100.0%
TOTAL	100/12	100.0%



# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 8, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on February 8, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the January 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 Urban Entomology update. He encouraged attendance to Dr. Suiter's workshops and webinars. The schedule is posted on the Department of Entomology's website. He spoke about an inquiry that he had received regarding in-house pest control for schools and day cares.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. February is Pesticide Safety Awareness Month. He announced that Ms. LeAnna Merritt will act as interim field supervisor until the position gets filled. Upcoming national regulatory meetings include AAPCO to meet virtually in March and ASPCRO's in-person meeting will be held in April.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. New inspector, Sadiyyah Hollins, was introduced. SPD currently has 3 vacancies to fill, interviews are underway. Mr. Taylor discussed the program's corrective action process. When a company receives a corrective action notification from the department, the company has 30 days to make the corrections and sign and return the form. If the corrections are not made and the form is not returned, then a late notice will be issued. These cases without a response will be considered for administrative action which will include a monetary penalty.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Authorized Submitter training will be provided on February 16 at 10am. If interested in attending, email Ali by Friday at latest. Online license profiles are now reflecting expired licenses in red.
- I. Mrs. Nan Collier provided the outreach report. SPD staff will be presenting at the UGA workshops in Griffin. Ms. Jessica Gay and Ms. LeAnna Merritt presented at the bed bug workshop last week. The Commercial IPM Workshop will be February 17. The Termite Workshops will be March 10-11 and 24-25.
- J. Ms. Ali Ikner shared the License Report (see Attachment 3). She discussed data collected since 2003 that includes licenses by type, categories, exams, growth, and continuing education.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on Rule 620-9 Honeybee Control and Removal. Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Ali Ikner, and Tim Taylor are just a few that are in the workgroup. Work continues with drafting the manual and on the rule implementation process. The draft

manual will be shared with the Commission when ready to review. The first workshop is planned for May.

- L. The Commission discussed the 3-day right to cancel disclosure for pest control contracts and reviewed the draft guidance document. Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to approve Notice 22-01 FBPA Compliance. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. The Commission discussed the Business Naming Policy and a possible revision to address some concerns with the current policy. Mr. Gorecki asked the commission members to submit recommendations, if any, to discuss at the next meeting.
- N. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the spray foam insulation code amendment. Articles are being published in national pest management and entomology publications.
- O. The Commission discussed having a Spring meeting in person at the GDA Tifton Lab. A date will be announced.
- P. Ms. Shalamar Parham provided the legislative update. She introduced herself as the senior policy analyst with GeorgiaLink. They are monitoring bills as they are introduced. Tomorrow is Pest Control Day at the Georgia Capitol.
- Q. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. The legislative pest control day at the US Capitol will be mid-March. He spoke about proposed legislation regarding pre-emption and rodenticides. He will follow up with other states to see what they have in place for pest control in schools and day cares.
- R. Meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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### Agenda

February 8, 2022

**Open - Chairman Gorecki**

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

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- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
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- d. Licensing Report 2003-Present
- e. Rule 620-9 Update
- f. Contract Rules & FBPA – draft guidance
- g. Notice 17-01 Business Naming Policy
- h. Spray Foam Insulation
- i. Spring Meeting in Tifton
- j. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- k. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- l. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- D A Pest Solutions – Brunswick
- Battle Ready Exterminators – McDonough
- Charlie O's Services LLC – Thomson
- King Green IPM – Canton
- Peak Pest Control – Hixon, TN
- All-Out Pest Control LLC (re-apply) – Carrollton

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Terminix International LP – Rockdale County (insurance)
- ProSouth Pest & Wildlife LLC – Jackson County (insurance)

The Commission approved the following name change:

- Armor Pest Defense, LLC (100664) to AimVo, LLC

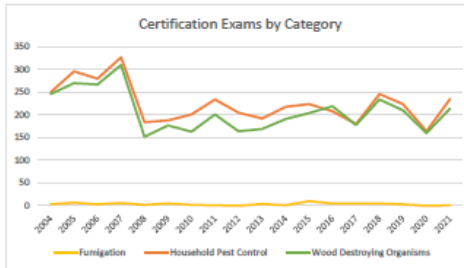
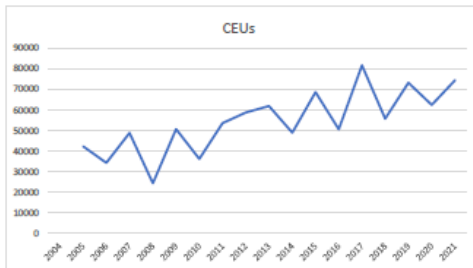
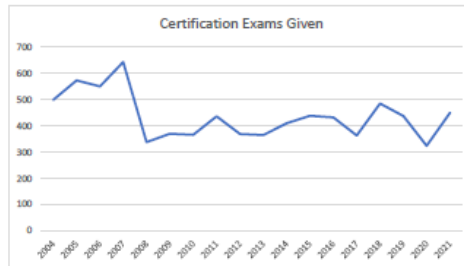
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**Structural Pest Division Exams and Continuing Education**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Employee Registration</b>	2678	3162	3348	2867	2428	1718	2005	1992	2065	2358	2786	2754	2883	3088	3132	3664	2035	4484
<b>Certified Operator</b>					222	248	242	280	232	243	265	288	289	238	307	308	213	313
<b>Fumigation</b>	3	7	3	6	2	5	2	1	0	4	1	10	5	5	5	3	0	1
<b>Household Pest Control</b>	250	296	280	327	184	188	201	234	205	192	218	224	208	180	246	224	164	235
<b>Wood Destroying Organisms</b>	246	270	267	310	152	177	165	201	164	169	191	204	219	178	234	210	160	214
<b>Total</b>	499	573	550	643	338	370	366	436	369	365	410	438	432	363	485	437	324	450
<b>Continuing Education Units</b>		42323	34276	48861	24891	50752	36232	53671	58837	62019	48977	68725	50687	81834	55805	73297	62506	74518

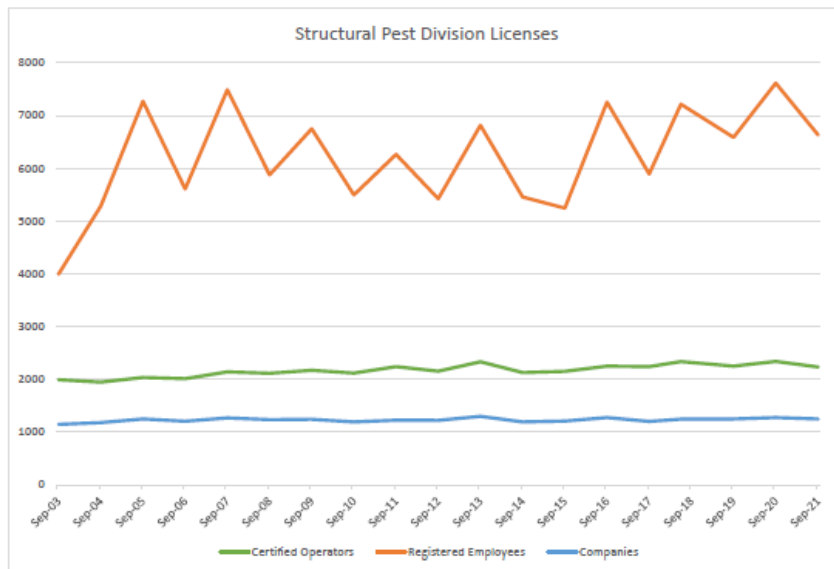


Note: The COVID-19 Pandemic impacted testing center availability in 2020. Temporary Technician Registrations were available without taking the exam March 2020 through September 2020 to accommodate the reduction in testing locations.



**Structural Pest Division Licenses**

	Sep-03	Sep-04	Sep-05	Sep-06	Sep-07	Sep-08	Sep-09	Sep-10	Sep-11	Sep-12	Sep-13	Sep-14	Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Jun-18	Sep-19	Sep-20	Sep-21
<b>Certified Operators</b>	1990	1945	2034	2011	2141	2114	2170	2117	2239	2152	2332	2126	2151	2250	2240	2336	2247	2339	2232
<b>Registered Employees</b>	3996	5284	7270	5608	7489	5876	6748	5494	6261	5422	6815	5454	5244	7252	5892	7214	6587	7614	6631
<b>Companies</b>	1145	1179	1247	1203	1266	1234	1239	1190	1224	1221	1298	1191	1207	1274	1201	1245	1247	1275	1247



**Growth from 2003 to 2021**  
 Certified Operators: 12%  
 Registered Employees: 66%  
 Companies: 9%

Note: Data is reported annually in September of each year, except in 2018, when data was reported in June instead

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 8, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on March 8, 2022, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Kim Bragg, 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 Mrs. Bragg 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. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He encouraged attendance to Dr. Suiter's webinars. Registration for the upcoming termite workshops is full. Dr. Forschler announced a vacant position for pesticide safety education coordinator and that applications are now being accepted. A member of the GDA staff will serve on the selection committee. Progress on the Honeybee Control and Removal Manual is on track. He spoke about an Economic Impact Survey conducted in Florida with an interest of conducting a similar survey in Georgia.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. He spoke about GDA's budget challenges and the national HPAI outbreak. GDA's SART team is preparing in case of an outbreak in Georgia. Several SPD staff are volunteers on the SART team.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. Ms. LeAnna Merritt has been promoted to field supervisor. Two new inspectors will start with GDA on March 16. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Carl Schnabel, and Ms. LeAnna Merritt will present at Dr. Suiter's Termite Workshop March 10-11. Mr. Taylor reported that Pesticide Use Record (PUR) violations have increased. He recommends that the industry take advantage of Compliance Assistance Modules (CAM) offered through the Structural Pest Division. Top three violations include specific area treated, concentration of pesticide applied, and post application precautionary statements.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The Authorized Submitter training was held last month. She recognized SPD admin staff for completing the data entry of training earned at the GPCA Winter Conference. She encouraged contact with the SPD office regarding any missing CEUs.
- I. Ms. LeAnna Merritt provided the outreach report. Both Termite Workshop registrations are full. SPD staff will be there to assist with the training. Mr. Lastinger and Ms. Ali Ikner will give presentations at the GPCA Wildlife Workshop on Friday, March 11.
- J. Mr. Lastinger gave an update on the guidance document approved last month, Notice 22-01 FBPA Compliance. The document is posted online and was sent to industry associations. SPD field staff will provide outreach on the new guidance.

- K. Mr. Gorecki discussed the Business Naming Policy. No comments or recommendations were submitted for discussion. The Commission will continue to use discretion when reviewing company names.
- L. Mr. Gorecki had no updates regarding spray foam insulation activities. He will sit in on the State Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Lastinger said this topic will be discussed at the next ASPCRO meeting.
- M. The Commission discussed having a Spring meeting in person. It will be held at the Visitors Center of the Georgia Veterans State Park on Thursday, April 14.
- N. Ms. Shalamar Parham and Mr. Nigel Walton provided the legislative update. They gave the status of several proposed bills including call center protocols, safe workplace, aircraft ad-valorem tax, and out of state licensing.
- O. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. The legislative pest control day at the U.S. Capitol is this week. He spoke about a proposed pre-emption bill in Colorado. U.S. EPA proposed decision on rodenticides is expected to be released in June.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

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#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Jamison Services Pest Control – Jefferson
- Insight Pest Solutions SAV, LLC – Savannah
- Willpower Services – Marietta
- Eco-Services Group – Peachtree City
- Southland Exterminating – Abbeville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Southern Living Pest Control – Barrow County (insurance)
- Oasis Pest Control – Oglethorpe County (insurance)
- Windward Pest Services – Forsyth County (insurance, \$70 research fee)
- CRC Services – Glynn County (insurance)
- All Seasons Pest LLC – Gwinnett County (insurance)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 14, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on April 14, 2022, at the Welcome Center of the Georgia Veterans State Park in Cordele, Georgia. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Kim Bragg, 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. Mr. Sinyard welcomed the Commission and attendees to Cordele and the State Park.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He discussed the Florida Economic Impact Study of the pest management industry that was sponsored by the Florida Pest Management Association. Dr. Forschler discussed the possibility of conducting a survey and report for the Georgia Pest Management Industry. The Commission discussed some of the expected benefits of a study and report for Georgia. He will share the Florida study with the Commission members.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. SPD held a pesticide sampling workshop and statewide inspector meeting at the Tifton Lab held earlier this week. He expressed appreciation to Adams Exterminating for assisting with one of the sessions that involved the use of a service vehicle. A Pesticide Clean Day is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Perry. The registration deadline is April 28. More details are included in the recent issue of *The Inside Buzz*. US EPA Region 4 states will meet with EPA officials later this month in Asheville, NC. Mr. Rick Keigwin from EPA Headquarters plans to visit Georgia during an upcoming field tour starting in Florida and finishing up in Atlanta. ASPCRO board members and committee chairs will meet in Nevada next week.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD's quarterly newsletter, *The Inside Buzz*, went out on April 13. Each newsletter provides a new article and quarterly report. This issue focuses on recertification and reregistration training requirements. The most frequent violation in routine inspections is the method of application. The most frequent violation in for-cause inspections is wood-to-ground contacts. Mr. Taylor noted that complaints and tips increase this time of year.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. A meeting with EPA is scheduled for next week to discuss their comments on the proposed state new C&T plan. The SPCC will review the plan after it gets approved by EPA for amendments to the regulations.
- J. Ms. LeAnna Merritt provided the outreach report. She spoke about the sampling workshop mentioned earlier. Dr. Suiter's termite workshops had a record of more than 50 participants in attendance. SPD staff will provide pollinator protection outreach at the CNC Butterfly



Festival in June. Mr. Tim Taylor, Mr. Teunde Alexander, and Ms. Ali Ikner are working on a School IPM project. SPD's new inspector located in middle Georgia, Ms. Sadiyyah Hollins, was in attendance and introduced. SPD has recently hired two inspectors for the metro Atlanta area positions.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. A notification was emailed to interested persons regarding information on the first pre-exam training scheduled for May 18 at the Young Harris College. Ms. Ali Ikner and Mr. Tim Taylor will teach the regulatory portions of the workshop. A blueprint of the state exam is being drafted. Mr. Lastinger encourages a visit to the HBR website for the implementation timeline, updates and FAQs.
- L. Mr. Gorecki made a recommendation to remove spray foam insulation updates from the meeting agenda going forward and to start conversations on other topics. The commission discussed new topics to consider adding to the agenda for future meetings. Topics to revisit include the definition of household pest control and Commissioner Black's request to the Commission to make recommendations regarding mosquito control operators.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell delivered Mr. Trip Martin's legislative update. The 2022 session ended early morning of April 15. There are concerns of bills that passed after midnight on the 14<sup>th</sup> and if they are valid. The Primary Election will be May 24 and early voting will start May 2. He spoke about several seats that will campaign for re-election.
- N. Ms. Faye Golden and Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA updates. NPMA is fighting proposed pre-emption bills. Ms. Golden spoke about proposed bans on neonicotinoids in several states. A pesticide licensing bill was passed in West Virginia that eliminates many of the commercial pesticide applicator certification requirements. Rodenticide bans are proposed in California and South Carolina. EPA's proposed decision on rodenticides is expected to be released in July. California emissions regulations are proposing a ban on small engines.
- O. The May and June SPCC meetings will be held online via Zoom. There is no meeting in July.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:32am.

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### Agenda

April 14, 2022

**Open - Chairman Gorecki**

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications - Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
  - Compliance/Enforcement - Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training - Ali Ikner
  - Outreach - Nan Collier
- d. Rule 620-9 Update
- e. Spray Foam Insulation
- f. Legislative update - Trip Martin
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Great American Pest Solutions – Athens
- Key Pest Control – Tifton
- Arrow Exterminators – Dawsonville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Predator Pest Solutions – Clarke County (insurance)
- SPLAT! – Spalding County (insurance, email)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Peachtree Services, LLC DBA Peachtree Pest Control (99407) to Peachtree Services, LLC DBA PURCOR Pest Solutions
- Peachtree Services, LLC DBA Peachtree Pest Control (97873) to Peachtree Services, LLC DBA PURCOR Pest Solutions
- A Step Beyond Services, LLC (100659) to Direct Pest Solutions, LLC.

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 10, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on May 10, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, 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 April meeting. Mrs. Bragg 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. Suiter's Spring Workshops were successful. Dr. Forschler discussed conducting an Economic Impact Study for the Georgia Pest Management Industry. He made a motion to support the UGA project. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed. All Commission members are in favor of the project.
- F. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. He answered some frequently asked questions regarding Notice 22-01 FBPA and the 3-day right to cancel. He discussed how the requirement has long existed and that the guidance document is designed to help assist the industry comply. The guidance document and FAQs are posted on the SPCC website.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the department and certification and training update. GDA hosted a Pesticide Clean Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Perry. Almost 30,000 pounds of pesticide waste was collected. Stay tuned for future Clean Days. The proposed state new C&T plan was edited and submitted back to EPA for final review. Mr. Lastinger expressed his appreciation to Ms. Ikner and Mr. Taylor for their work on the C&T plan project. GDA has seen an increase in reports of DCO's being assigned to companies without consent. This causes delays in processing licenses, presents examination issues, and may lead to license revocation.
- H. Mrs. Nan Collier provided the outreach report. SPD staff will provide pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 4-5.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The first pre-examination training is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at Young Harris College. Work continues on the HBR Manual. A draft of the current manual was sent to the SPCC for review and will be provided at the May 18<sup>th</sup> training. Ms. Bragg made a motion to have the draft posted to the Honeybee Control and Removal website. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed. Comments regarding the draft manual can be sent to the SPCC via email. Dr. Forschler encourages everyone to look at the draft manual. The state exam is expected to be available in July. Exam questions will be based on the manual. After passing the exam, the applicant must submit a certification application.

- J. Mr. Trip Martin provided the legislative update. The Primary Election will be May 24, early voting started May 2. Governor Kemp signed the state budget.
- K. Mr. Lastinger gave an update on ASCPRO. Last month’s board meeting was held in Reno, NV. Meeting topics included the Georgia Building Code amendment on spray foam insulation, School IPM, rodenticide and EPA’s expected new mitigation measures on rodenticides and the potential effects it could have on the industry. The summer conference is planned for August in Minneapolis and will include inspector training.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA updates. NPMA continues to fight proposed pre-emption bills. Mr. Bell and Ms. Bonnie Rabe will attend the August ASCPRO Conference. The Southern Region AAPSE Meeting will be in Charleston next week.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

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May 10, 2022

**Open** - Vice-chairman Lastinger

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Georgia Clean Day Event – Ali Ikner
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Rule 620-9 Update
- e. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- f. ASPCRO Updates
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Famous Property Maintenance LLC – Loganville
- Above and Beyond Pest and Wildlife – Senoia

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Advanced Services for Pest Control, a division of Turner Pest Control, LLC (97862) to Advanced Services for Pest Control, a division of Pestban, LLC
- Bug-Off Exterminators, A division of Turner Pest Control, LLC (99386) to Bug-Off Exterminators, a division of Pestban, LLC
- Atlanta Wildlife Control (100642) to Atlanta Wildlife Control, a division of Pestban, LLC
- Peachtree Pest Control (97802) to Peachtree Pest Control, a division of Pestban, LLC
- Peachtree Pest Control (97415) to Peachtree Pest Control, a division of Pestban, LLC
- Allgood Pest Solutions (98839) to Active Pest Control

The Commission denied the following name change:

- Kirkland's Pest Control, LLC (100177) to Wayne's Pest Control (new name)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on June 14, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk and Bodine Sinyard.
- 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 May meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. There has been an increase in reports of unlicensed operators. These are considered high priority cases. The most frequent violations reported on for-cause inspections is wood-to-ground contacts and method of application. The most frequent violation reported on routine cases is method of application. Mr. Taylor encourages the industry to refer to the guidance documents located on the SPCC website. SPD inspectors are taking part in training activities for the Honeybee Control and Removal inspection program.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. A candidate has been selected for the vacant pesticide coordinator position and expects to start in August. More information is to come.
- G. Dr. Forschler and Mr. Lastinger provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The HBR Manual has been sent to a printing company. The pdf version is expected to be available in August. The first training session was held at Young Harris College and was successful with 53 participants. GDA received positive feedback from participants and received a lot of interest in additional training opportunities. The compliance date is set for January 1, 2023. The next step is to develop the state examination. The implementation plan was set to have the examination available in July. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to extend the date to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Bragg made a motion to extend the State Certification Examination date to August 1, 2022. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. GDA has 8 participants in the Summer Internship Program, Yancey Barton is the SPD intern. End of fiscal year for GDA and SPCC is June 30, 2022. Commissioner Black re-appointed Greg Holley to another 3-year term on the Commission. Mr. Holley has served on the Commission since 2013. The next Commission meeting will be held August 9. End of federal fiscal year will be September 30, 2022. GDA's cooperative grant with EPA is on a 3-year cycle and was set to end September 30, 2022 but anticipates a 1-year extension. GDA has received a lot of inquiries recently regarding a granular insecticide called *Taurus Trio G*. It is a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) most commonly used to control fire ants. An applicator must be certified to use to apply a RUP.



- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. She discussed the inconsistency of testing centers providing calculators to test takers and asked the Commission for guidance. Commission members agree that all testing centers can provide calculators. Ms. Ikner reminded everyone that license renewals will be next year.
- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 4-5. Teunde Alexander, Sadiyyah Hollins, and Yancey Barton worked the booth on Saturday, June 4. Jennifer Pate and Eric Robinson worked the booth on Sunday, June 5. Almost 1200 attendees were recorded each day. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Nan Collier for organizing the outreach event.
- K. Mr. Lastinger introduced GDA's Director of Policy, Mr. Bo Warren. Mr. Warren recognized UGA and the Cooperative Extension for their work on pest identification. He thanked the Commission members for the invitation to join meetings.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided Mr. Rick Bell's NPMA update. EPA is reviewing state and federal C&T plans. The current deadline is November 4, 2022 but could be extended. ASPCRO's annual meeting will held in August in Minneapolis. They are working with NPMA to provide training on the use of sulfurly fluoride and general pest control.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

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- e. Legislative update - Trip Martin
- f. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Maryloue Pest Services – Gwinnett County (insurance)
- Bonaire Pest Services – Houston County (insurance)
- ANSV Home & Pest Services – Newton County (insurance)
- Trojan Exterminators – Carroll County (insurance)
- Ogeechee Pest Solutions – Bulloch County (insurance)
- Briggs Pest & Termite Solutions – Dawson County (insurance)
- Grace Valley Pest Control – Lumpkin County (insurance)
- Go Pest Solutions, LLC – Valparaiso, FL (name change)
- Bug Scout – Gwinnett County (name change, insurance, research fee)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Green Frog Pest Solutions a division of Turner Pest Control (99653) to Green Frog Pest Solutions a division of Pestban LLC

The Commission denied the following name changes:

- Kirkland's Pest Control, LLC (100177) to Wayne's Pest Control
- Nature's Turf (100666) to Nature's Pest Control