

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 14, 2023

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:07 a.m., February, 2023, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present; Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, 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 January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Mr. Lastinger provided department updates. The 2023 legislative season is underway. He named GDA's new administration; Jenna Saxon as Chief of Staff, Kathryn Russell as Director of Policy, and Harlan Proveaux as Inspector General. GDA will be creating a Law Enforcement Division.
- E. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement updates. Mr. Taylor reported the most frequent violations seen at routine inspections was concentration and amount of pesticide applied. The most frequent violations seen at for-cause inspections was wood-to-ground contact and amount of pesticide applied.
- F. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Registered Employees have until February 28, 2023, to earn their CEUs for this renewal period. Due to the volume of CEUs coming in at this time, it is taking longer for CEUs to be processed and posted online. The next HBR Training is scheduled for June 8 through the UGA Extension. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an inquiry regarding HBR sales and if it requires the HBR certification. The inquiry is currently under review by the GDA legal team.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the outreach update. The Winter edition of the Inside Buzz went out and included information on license renewals. The UGA Bed Bug Workshop was held February 2. The Commercial IPM Workshop will be February 16, Termite Workshop 1 will be March 9-10, Termite Workshop 2 will be March 23-24. All workshops are held at UGA Griffin Campus. GA Clean Day will be March 29 in Coffee County and pre-registration is required.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Entomology Update. Data collection from the Economic Impact Survey remains ongoing. He appreciated the associations for their work on getting the survey out. Dr. Forschler encourages attendance to Dr. Suiter's pest management upcoming webinars and to visit the UGA Extension website for additional information.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's proposed new mitigation measures for 11 rodenticides. The deadline for comments was midnight on February 13. Commissioner Harper submitted comments on behalf of GDA highlighting the impacts the proposal could have on the state of Georgia. Comments were also made by ASPCRO, SFIREG, GPCA and NPMA. NPMA submitted comments on behalf of industry partners.

- J. Ms. Faye Golden provided NPMA updates. NPMA wrote a Letter of Support on the Farm Bill and preemption. NPMA’s Legislative Day in D.C. will be March 22-24. Mr. Gorecki expressed his appreciation to NPMA for their work and use of resources regarding preemption.
- K. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2)
- L. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	February 14 GSPCC Agenda
Attachment 2	Approved Company License Applications

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Tyler Harper, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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

Welcome Remarks

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
 - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
 - Outreach – Derrick Lastinger
- d. EPA Proposed New Mitigation Measures for Rodenticides
- e. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- f. NPMA update – Faye Golden
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Arrow Exterminators – Fayetteville
- Atlanta Metro Pest & Mosquito Control – Lawrenceville
- Easier Remodeling – Atlanta
- JCB Honeybee Removal – LaGrange
- Beans Bees and Honey – Marietta
- Stokes Pest Control, LLC – North Augusta, SC
- Ocmulgee Pest Control – Eastman
- Trust Exterminating – Ocoee, TN
- Prevent A Bug – Yulee, FL
- Peach Town Pest Control – Hampton
- Urbanex Atlanta, LLC dba Urbanex Pest Control – Nashville, TN
- Safe Spray Pest Control – Opelika, AL

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Antman's Lawn, Pest, & Mosquito Solutions – DeKalb County (email, insurance)
- Rogue Pest & Wildlife Management – Roswell (email)
- The Bug Company Termite and Pest Control LLC – Murphy, NC (name change)
- Rusty Pest Solutions – Meigs (email)
- Shield Pest Control – Fannin County (insurance)
- Jones Exterminating – Gwinnett County (name change, insurance)
- Kingshield – Rex (insurance)
- Southeast Bee Removal LLC – Fayette County (email)

The Commission approved the following name change applications:

- Preferred Pest Control (97868) to Palmetto Exterminators, LLC dba Preferred Pest Control
- RK Environmental Services, LLC (100626) to Rentokil North America, Inc dba RK Environmental Services
- Lookout Pest Control, Inc (97333) to Lookout Pest Control, LLC
- Jamey Clark's Termite & Pest Control (100158) to Anticimex Carolinas, LLC dba Jamey Clark's Termite & Pest Control