

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 6, 2020

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on October 6, 2020, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk 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 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 Urban Entomology update. He spoke about an inquiry he received from Dr. Brad Kard regarding the application of termiticides applied sub-slab with a reticulation system. After a brief discussion, the Commission will draft a letter to Dr. Kard on how to move forward with his inquiry.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. The Georgia National Fair has been cancelled, but the livestock show will still be held. GDA is monitoring its first hemp program harvest season and GDA's lab is preparing for peanut seed testing. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the ASPCRO/NPMA Rodenticide Workshop for EPA.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the compliance update. The compliance program is focusing on inspecting companies that have not had a routine compliance inspection during the past two years. The program is currently recruiting for 3 vacancies. The federal fiscal year started October 1, 2020 and SPD met all EPA FY20 program commitments. SPD's newsletter will go out via email in the coming weeks to all companies and certified operators. Issues will be archived on the SPD website.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. The COVID-19 Exam Waiver temporary registrations expired September 30. Licensees should have taken and passed the exam by September 30 and sent in the \$10 registration fee for a new license card. Any training earned during the temporary license period will count towards the renewal requirements. If registration exam requirement was not met by September 30<sup>th</sup>, the temporary registration expired. QR codes are now being printed on all licenses beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Scanning the code with a smart phone camera or QR reader will allow the licensee to gain easy access to their license profile including the training summary. All structural licenses will receive a card with the QR code during license renewal in 2021. February 28, 2021 is the deadline for Registered Employees to earn the required training needed for renewal. As a reminder, the CBT (computer-based training) limits have been dropped for the current licensing renewal period for registered employees. 2021 course renewals will go out via email the end of November to the providers of training. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that Mr. Taylor is working on a new tool in the recertification training tracking

program. The new tool would provide the ability for approved sponsors and instructors of recertification training to have the option to enter training attendance records directly into GDA's training tracking program. After a brief discussion, the topic was tabled for a future meeting. Attendees were encouraged to share their thoughts about the proposed tool and send them directly to Tim Taylor.

- I. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed Honeybee Control and Removal rulemaking process. The proposed rule was sent to the pest control and beekeeping industries. The notice for rulemaking is posted on GDA and SPCC websites. It is currently open for public comment. The public hearing will be held October 9 online via Zoom. The link to the public hearing is included in the public notice. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to GDA's apiary program, UGA, Georgia's Beekeeper Association, and others that have been involved in the discussions that led to the proposed rule.
- J. Mr. Gorecki discussed spray foam insulation activities. The Commission discussed re-wording parts of the proposed rule amendment. Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to approve the revised Amendment Form. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed. The Commission will resubmit the proposal to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).
- K. Ms. Lauran Fralick provided the Legislative Update. Ms. Fralick asked the Commission if the spray foam insulation proposed rule amendment could potentially go to proposed legislation. They responded by saying it is unknown at this time. She closed by noting the legislators are focusing on campaigns and the general election.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. California's proposed bill on banning uses of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation rodenticides was signed into law last week with some exemptions. The Pestworld Conference will be virtual this year. Mr. Gorecki commented that the Pestworld Conference provides good opportunities for pest control operators to earn training in multiple states.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### 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

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- b. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance – Alex Conti
  - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- c. Honeybee Removal Rulemaking Update
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- 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:

- GR's Infantry Pest Control – Atlanta, GA
- Viking Pest Control – Jasper, GA
- Pest Guard, Termite & Pest Control – Lithonia, GA

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Will Kill Pest Management– Dekalb County (license fee)
- Veterans Pest Control, LLC – Fulton County (name change)
- Justin's Quality Pest Services – Warren County (insurance)