

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 16, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:34 AM in The Cotton Room of the Enterprise Mill located at the Augusta Canal Heritage Area in Augusta on April 16, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk and Dr. Brian Forschler.
- 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. Richard Isdell, Chairman of the Augusta Canal Authority, and Kim Bragg welcomed the Commission to Augusta. Mr. Isdell talked about the canal and invited everyone to visit the Discover Center after the meeting. Ms. Bragg touched on the history of the Enterprise Mill building and encouraged involvement in urban revitalization.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Brian Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The UGA Athens campus is in the middle of swarm season. Dr. Suiter completed the spring termite workshops and encouraged attendance in the future.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He appreciated Mr. Isdell for hosting the meeting and for the field trip to a historic church that is being restored by the Augusta Canal Authority. The local pest control association will provide termite protection. Mr. Tommy Gray retired on April 1st and the Plant Industry Division is being re-organized into three divisions including the Structural Pest, Agricultural Inputs, and Plant Protection Divisions. GDA is increasing communications through social media and will provide outreach on pest awareness and the structural pest regulatory program in recognition of April and Pest Awareness Month. GDA will be involved in pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell on June 1-2. Mr. Lastinger introduced GDA staff in attendance including the local inspector, Miss. LeAnna Miller.
- H. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. He shared and discussed the FY18 Administrative Cases Report (see Attachment 3). He noted that 50% of these cases were unlicensed companies. Dr. Forschler expressed appreciation on the advancing technology that makes these reports possible. Mrs. Nan Collier reminded and encouraged the industry to use and share the unlicensed operator reporting form that is located on the Structural Pest website. The webpage includes information about how to report and the form is helpful.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. Renewal notices for certified operators will be sent out the week of April 22nd via mail and email. Company and registered employee renewals are scheduled to be sent the first week of May. If a company's liability insurance is not up to date, the company will not be able to renew. Training records are currently up to date with processing and if you discover any missing courses, contact the

Structural Pest office. Training completed on March 1st or later will show up online after June 30. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that Mr. Taylor will be going to the U.S. EPA PREP (Pesticide Regulatory Education Program) workshop for training on the new EPA Pesticide applicator certification rule that goes into effect March 2020.

- J. The Commission discussed the draft revision the Alternate Application Technique Policy (Notice 17-04). FAQs were added to address the record keeping requirements for Termidor HP11, the treatment of garage slabs for defined treatments, retreatment warranty contracts, and post-construction AAT defined soil termiticide treatments. Mr. Gorecki made a motion to approve the revision. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed. The revised policy will be posted on the SPCC website. Mr. Jim Wright with BASF thanked the Commission for their work on the revised policy.
- K. The Commission discussed spray foam insulation activities. Mr. Gorecki stated that work is now being done on a national level with the International Building Code and the Georgia Building Code. Manufacturers have been very responsive and wants their products installed correctly. Mr. Rick Bell is working with the Georgia Realtors Association on consumer awareness. NPMA has a termite and spray foam insulation article in the upcoming May issue of Home Builders Association of Georgia.
- L. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed workgroup being put together to review and compile information regarding residential mosquito control and licensing. If you have any information that would be helpful for the workgroup, please contact Mr. Gorecki or Mr. Lastinger.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO). The board meeting was recently held in Minneapolis. Discussions focused on spray foam insulation in the building codes committee and the structural fumigation committee meetings.
- N. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed multiple proposed bills in several states that would ban certain pesticides. NPMA will have a conference call next Wednesday with the spray foam committee.
- O. Mr. Lastinger discussed the 10-hour pre-examination training requirement and the questions that GDA has been receiving. GDA will look at revising the Employee Registration Policy.
- P. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation to Mr. Isdell and Ms. Bragg for hosting the meeting.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	FY18 Administrative Cases Report

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

Welcome – Mr. Richard Isdell & Ms. Kim Bragg

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 – Alex Conti
 - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Revisions to Notice 17-04 (AAT Policy)
- e. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- f. New workgroup
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Safe House Pest Control – Pooler
- Honest Pest Solutions – Bethlehem

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Ace Pest Control LLC – Gwinnett County (Name Change)
- Trademark South Georgia – Candler County (Name Change)

Name Change

- Castle Pest Solutions (100508) to Beacon Pest Solutions
- Beyond the call Wildlife Solutions (100455) to Amapro Wildlife and Pest Solutions

The Commission did not approve the following applications:

- Ever-Redi Exterminating Company name change to ATL-Atlanta Termite Company

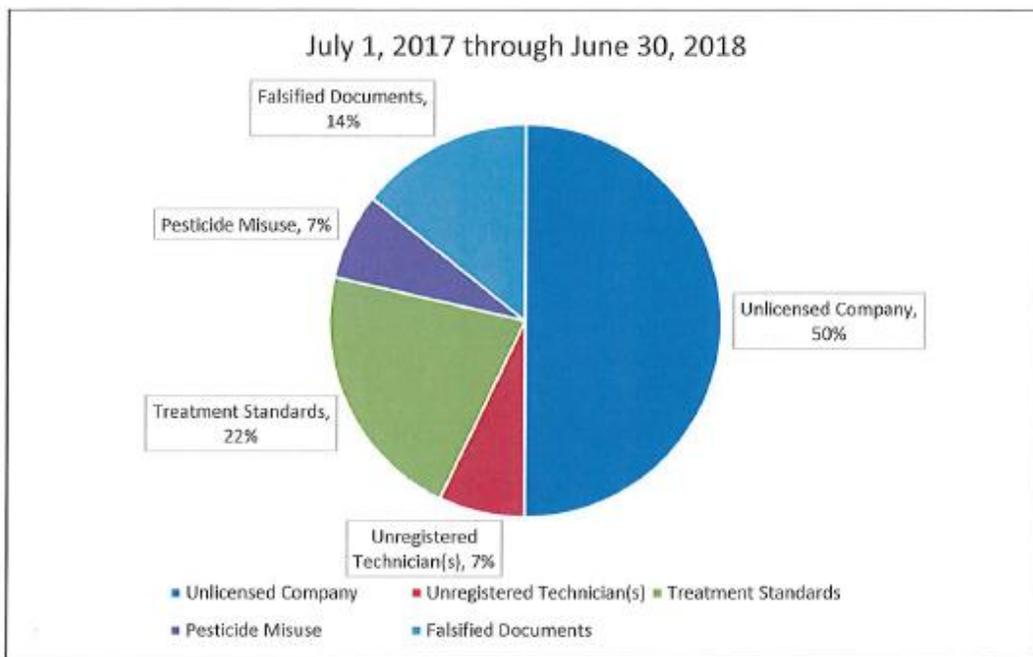
ATTACHMENT 3



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FY 18 Administrative Cases Report



This chart shows the frequency of violations cited in administrative cases resulting from inspections conducted during the specified timeframe. Many cases involved multiple violations, but this chart only includes those violations that lead to an administrative action.

Administrative actions are enforcement actions that may include a monetary penalty, additional training requirement(s), and/or license/certification/registration suspension/revocation.