

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 13, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 13, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Bodine Sinyard, Dr. Brian Forschler, and Greg Holley. Christy Kuriatnyk was available via teleconference.
- 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 June 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. UGA classes will be back in session August 14th. He reminded the Commission that the fall workshops are coming up in Griffin and encouraged attendance to the workshops.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. Public Notice 19-03 has been posted regarding the September Commission meeting. The meeting will be held on September 17th at 10am at the Lake Blackshear Center of the Georgia Veterans State Park in Cordele. The July 31st issue of the Market Bulletin has an article regarding the recent research project on spray foam insulation and termite inspections. Governor Kemp recently announced budget cuts to all state agencies. There will be a 4% cut this year (FY20) and 6% next year (FY21). The Structural Pest field staff are meeting today at the Macon Farmers Market and being fit tested for respirators. Mr. Lastinger noted that the division had an increase in complaints over the Summer.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training updates. Chattahoochee Technical College locations will start charging a \$5 processing fee to first time exam takers for all pesticide and pest control exams. The current renewal numbers include 1,161 companies, 2,191 certified operators, and 5,932 registered employees. This shows a 4.8% increase compared to 2017. License renewal inspections are underway to assist companies with staying in compliance. GDA is currently beta testing the employee registration applications online. This will provide a more efficient process by allowing online application and payment. An announcement will be made when the new feature is ready. Mr. Taylor answered a few related questions from attendees. Mr. Taylor requested to update the Pre-Examination Training Form and will have a draft ready for the Commission to review by the next meeting.
- H. Mr. Terry Bowen requested the Commission to review the registration exam rule. He was advised to submit a request for the new agenda item prior to the next meeting.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the mosquito workgroup. Commissioner Black kicked off a recent meeting which included 10 industry professionals. Discussions included certifications and regulations. Part of the group's research will include collecting data on surrounding state's mosquito regulations. Mr. Lastinger and Ms. Wren attended the meeting

and provided an overview of the current regulations. Mr. Gorecki expressed his appreciation on the group's extreme professionalism. Another update will be shared at the next Commission meeting.

- J. Dr. Forschler provided an update on spray foam insulation activities. He discussed a recent demonstration project that involved the identification of subterranean termites in a structure covered with spray foam insulation. The inspections included a visual search, moisture meters and infrared cameras. Another inspection will be conducted Thursday, August 15 after removing the foam insulation. Dr. Forschler recognized the positive interactions and contributions of the participants and all interested stakeholders involved in the project.
- K. The Commission discussed the Application for Structural Pest Control Commission Approved Instructor application (see Attachment 3). It was determined that an applicant with an Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE) or a Board Certified Entomologist (BCE) meets the five years experience but would be required to successfully complete an approved advanced train-the-trainer program to become an approved instructor under Category VI. It was also mentioned that the Commission wants to revisit the PhD category (Category I). Mr. Lastinger invited all Commission members to join GDA and sit in on a presentation for an approved trainer under Category IV. Mr. Lastinger added that the department is required to conduct recertification class audits periodically under the GDA-EPA cooperative agreement.
- L. Mr. Gorecki provided Rick Bell's NPMA update. Mr. Bell recognized Dr. Forschler for his role in the spray foam insulation research project. The Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) will have their annual conference in Franklin, TN the week of August 26. NPMA's annual conference will take place in San Diego, CA in October. Mr. Bell also mentioned the budget cuts that Mr. Lastinger spoke of earlier in the meeting.
- M. Mr. Gorecki finished the meeting by recognizing the cooperation and hard work by the spray foam insulation industry, NPMA and the pest control industry to revise the *Spray Foam Insulation & Termites* publication by the American Chemistry Council and Spray Foam Alliance. He also expressed appreciation to Mrs. Kuriatnyk for conferencing into the meeting today.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Application for SPCC Approved Instructor

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, 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

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
- d. Mosquito Workgroup Update
- e. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- f. Approved Instructor category and qualifications - CPCO
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- South Georgia Pest Control, LLC – Cobbtown
- Hank's Termite & Pest Control – Lithia Springs
- Fumigation Service & Supply, Inc. – Westfield IN
- Forever Gone Services, Inc. – Loganville
- Dominant Pest Solutions, LLC – Kathleen
- Pura Pest Control – Milledgeville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Jake's P.C. Services – McDuffie County (Signed Application)
- Double Z Services – Effingham County (Insurance)
- Titan Pest Solutions Incorporated – Cobb County (Insurance)
- Lowe Price Pest Control – Dekalb County (Insurance)
- Hughes Pest Control – Floyd County (Insurance)
- Lancelot Pest Services – Bartow County (Insurance, Signed Application)
- Rampart Pest Solutions – Fulton County (Insurance, Physical Address Verification)

Name Change

- Metro Pest Man (96130) to Weed Man

ATTACHMENT 3



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Application for Structural Pest Control Commission Approved Instructor

To be considered, the applicant must provide the Commission with evidence of his or her qualifications to meet one of the following categories:

- I. **PhD.** in Education or Entomology or related Science from a recognized college or university.
- II. **Education & Experience** A degree from a recognized college or university with advanced training in Entomology, Sanitary, Education, Law or Public Health and **two** of the following:
 - a. Experience conducting ongoing training within the last two years or successful completion of an approved train-the-trainer program.
 - b. Five years of experience as a pest control operator certified in a category related to the subject being presented.
 - c. One year of experience in one or more of the following:
 - i. Research in the field of pest control under the supervision of a university or government agency.
 - ii. Legal experience in matters related to structural pest control
 - iii. Regulatory affairs in the field of structural pest control
- III. **Extensive Experience** (a, b & c)
 - a. Experience conducting ongoing training within the last two years or successful completion of an approved train-the-trainer program.
 - b. Five years of experience as a pest control operator certified in a category related to the subject being presented.
 - c. One year of experience in one or more of the following:
 - i. Research in the field of pest control under the supervision of a university or government agency.
 - ii. Legal experience in matters related to structural pest control
 - iii. Regulatory affairs in the field of structural pest control
- IV. **Training & Pesticide Industry Experience** (a & b)
 - a. Experience conducting ongoing training within the last two years or successful completion of an approved train-the-trainer program
 - b. Current employment with a registrant or distributor of pesticides used in the pest control industry for the last two years
- V. **Training & Practical** (a & b)
 - a. Two years of work experience with primary responsibility conducting training in the pest control industry or successful completion of an approved train-the-trainer program.
 - b. Practical training program to be evaluated by a designated Commission committee. This topic will be assigned and the program will be evaluated on meeting training objectives.
- VI. **Advanced Train-the-trainer Program** (a & b)
 - a. Five years of experience as a pest control operator certified in a category related to the subject being presented.
 - b. Successful completion of an approved advanced train-the-trainer program.

Based on your qualifications for application, circle applicable category I, II, III, IV, V or VI. Complete the application and attach your resume.