

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

July 15, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on July 15, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley via teleconference.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, NPMA, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Lastinger to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Ms. Kuriatnyk seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Holley nominated Mr. Chris Gorecki as Commission chairman and Mr. Lastinger as vice-chairmen for the new state fiscal year. Ms. Kuriatnyk seconded motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and Program updates. He mentioned that UGA's training workshops will begin at the end of summer and continue into the fall. GDA is currently re-evaluating the regulatory sessions in the Termite and IPM workshops to update and make improvements. Ms. Nan Collier is coordinating the updates and implementation. Introductions were made for Ms. Shannon Fitzgerald, Compliance Specialist and Ms. Kiyomi Jefferson, who is filling in for Ms. Rachel Ward. Mr. Lastinger announced that the recent Georgia Clean Day event was successful. Over 76,000 pounds of unwanted and unused pesticides were collected and disposed of properly. Mr. Lastinger explained that this was the first time dealers were able to participate; however, they were responsible for paying the disposal fee. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent field day where officials from the Governor's office of Planning and Budget went on structural pest control regulatory inspections in Northwest Metro Atlanta. Through the experience, participants have a better understanding of staffing and equipment needs along with first-hand experience with the technical and physical requirements of the positions. Ms. Collier and Mr. Alex Conti were recognized for their work in making the field experience beneficial and productive. Mr. Lastinger discussed Commissioner Black's press release on Mosquito Management Awareness that was issued on June 27, 2016 (see Attachment 3). In addition to the press release, an article was also published in the *Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin*. The article was written by Ms. Rachel Welch who is a summer intern with the Plant Industry Division.

- G. Ms. Faye Golden with Cook's Pest Control asked if there will be any discussions to allow electronic Pesticide Use Records for Mosquito control applications made under the Georgia *Pesticide Use and Application Act*. Mr. Lastinger responded that he was not aware of any rule or policy changes for these records. He also responded to questions regarding how the Department announces rule changes related to the rules under this Act.
- H. Ms. Jenny Wren provided and discussed the administrative enforcement summary for 2015. She presented a graph showing the frequency of violations cited in administrative cases resulting from inspections during calendar year 2015. It was suggested that it may be beneficial to also include the total number of licenses involved and cases. (see Attachment 4).
- I. The Legislative update was provided by Mr. Skin Edge. He stated that this is a quiet period as they are between primary elections. Legislative activity will pick up around the 1st of August with study committees and hearings.
- J. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed some of the concerns that were addressed at a recent meeting that he attended in South Carolina. At this meeting, foam insulation industries, energy companies, and builders met with the South Carolina Pest Management Association (SCPMA) to address the cancellation of termite warranties that were occurring as a result of adding foam as a secondary insulation. The termite protection warranties are being cancelled because adding the foam insulation makes it difficult to inspect. The SCPMA plans to meet again to discuss remedies that the liquid foam industries can put into place that would allow the pest management industry to warranty these homes or allow homeowners to continue with their current warranty.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the ASPCRO update. He mentioned the upcoming conference in August will be hosted by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and he encouraged attendance. A structural fumigation survey was sent out to the states on July 14, 2016 and the results will be presented at the upcoming meeting.
- L. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Press Release
Attachment 4	Market Bulletin
Attachment 5	Administrative Action Violation Report

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. FY17 Election of Officers
- b. New Company Applications
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- e. Administrative Enforcement Summary - Jennifer Wren
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

**THE GEORGIA
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
May 10th, 2016**

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Cooks - Warner Robins
- W.L. Pest Control, LLC - Grayson
- Invizibug Pest Solutions - Yulee
- M3 PEst Control LLC - Mansfield
- Sentenial - Newnan
- Critter Control Inc. - Marietta

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Accurate Pest Solutions - Barrow County (name change).
- Armored Pest Control - Fayette County (insurance, DCO signature).

Attachment 3

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Reminds Residents about Prevention and Control of Mosquito Problems

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Press Release
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Office of Communications
404-656-3689

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Reminds Residents about Prevention and Control of Mosquito Problems

Summertime is in full swing and with it comes the dreaded mosquito. Enjoy the outdoors this summer and help stop the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses by following these tips from the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Gary W. Black to ensure the safety of family, friends and pets.

- Take steps to protect skin from mosquito bites at all times of the day by applying an insect repellent containing at least 20% DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon-eucalyptus. Also, consider wearing long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes whenever possible.
- Mosquito-borne diseases that may be rare in the U.S. are common in many foreign countries, so anyone traveling outside of the country should be aware of travel advisories currently in effect. If a person falls ill upon returning home, seek prompt medical attention.
- Homeowners should eliminate areas of standing water around the property such as flowerpots, birdbaths, baby pools and grill covers. Mosquitoes need only about a half an inch of water to breed. It's also recommended to screen all windows and doors, and patch up even the smallest tear. If there are concerns about mosquito activity, contact a licensed pest control company or your local mosquito abatement district.

With increasing concern about Zika Virus and other mosquito-borne pathogens, some consumers are looking to hire a professional to provide mosquito control on their property. Consumers are urged to only seek advice and use licensed pest control companies that have a category 41 mosquito control license. The Georgia Department of Agriculture is responsible for licensing mosquito control companies and operators who perform mosquito control services. If a contractor is not licensed in mosquito control by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, it is illegal for them to practice mosquito control as a business. There are approximately 450 licensed companies operating in Georgia.

Consumers can search and verify a licensed mosquito control operator by visiting the Department online at www.agr.georgia.gov/pesticide-contractors. Consumers are urged to report unlicensed operators to the Georgia Department of Agriculture at 404-656-4958.

Administrative Action Violation Report

The graph shows the frequency of violations cited in administrative cases resulting from inspections during calendar year 2015. Administrative cases are enforcement actions that may include a monetary penalty, training requirement and/or license suspension/revocation.

