

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 14, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:02 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 14, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Christy Kuriatnyk, Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard. Mr. Greg Holley 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 April meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Brian Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The University just finished up with graduations. Dr. Forschler expressed condolences to the family of UGA Professor, Marianne Shockley, who recently passed away unexpectedly.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He introduced Ag-Inputs Division Director, Jenny Wren. She is currently heading up a task force for new regulations on soil amendments. Governor Kemp signed the industrial hemp bill which most of the regulatory work will be assigned to GDA's Plant Protection Division. Under an executive order, Governor Kemp implemented a new Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy. Under the new policy, there is a mandatory requirement for all state employees to complete the training. Supervisors and managers are required to complete additional trainings. GDA continues to increase communications through social media. They provided outreach on pest awareness and the structural pest regulatory program in recognition of April being pest awareness month.
- G. Mr. Alex Conti presented a case review that involved an incident with three active termite infestations that were discovered within 90 days of the issuance of an Official Wood Infestation Inspection Report. In response the company installed a termite monitoring system and later provided several partial treatments. GDA found non-compliance with the treatments. The Commission discussed the details of the case and multiple scenarios before making a recommendation to GDA to require a comprehensive soil applied termite treatment.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the license renewal update. Company and registered employee renewal notices will be sent out by mid-May. He reminded operators that the liability insurance policy must be current including GDA notification to allow for the company license renewal. All certified operator renewal notices have been sent. If a certified operator has not received the renewal notice, contact GDA. Mr. Taylor reported that 694 out of 2300 certifications have already renewed. He also reminded operators that late fees will start after June 30, 2019. GPCA will include a renewal reminder and information in the Bug Bytes

publication. Mr. Lastinger added that the Licensing Division is still looking for a new director and that the GATE regulatory program is being added to the License Division.

- I. The Commission discussed the potential revision to 18-05 Employee Registration Policy to address the 10-hour classroom training requirement. This training must be reviewed by GDA unless the training is provided in-house by an employee that is a certified operator or an approved SPCC instructor. The policy will be updated.
- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed workgroup being put together to review and compile information regarding residential mosquito control and licensing. Workgroup participants have been identified and have until May 17th to accept the invitation. Additional information will be sent to the group after May 17th.
- K. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on spray foam insulation activities. NPMA is organizing the rewriting of a national spray foam insulation publication regarding termites to better address termite inspections and treatment standards. Activities continue to move forward with active participation from the manufacturers.
- L. Mrs. Laura Fralick provided the legislative update. Governor Kemp signed numerous bills last week including the state budget, industrial hemp, and medical marijuana. Mr. David Curry was sworn in as the new State Revenue Commissioner. The Rural Development Council has appointed two new chairs. Study committees will start meeting this Summer.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA has new workgroup to focus on EPA's new certification and training rules. Manufacturers and registrants are working together to address new proposals to make spray foam insulation a conducive condition in several states. South Carolina has a proposed bill to tax services including pest control services. Mr. Chris Gorecki will soon be sworn in as the new president of NPMA.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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 – Tim Taylor
- d. Revision to 18-05 Employee Registration Policy
- e. Workgroup Update
- f. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Pest Nation – Snellville
- Georgia ACE Pest Control – Duluth
- Bug House Pest Control – Dublin
- Arrow Exterminators – Decatur
- Arrow Exterminators – Marietta
- Blalock Bros. Expert Termite Control, LLC – Thomson

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Allied Exterminators – Hall County (insurance)
- Pest Away Pest Control – Brantley County (insurance)

The Commission did not approve the following applications:

- J. Henry Pest Solutions – Phoenix, Alabama