

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 11, 2013

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on June 11, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Jimmy Allgood, Bodine Sinyard and Laurie Padgett.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Bodine Sinyard to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Jimmy Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update for the Commission. The revision of the technician training manual is now complete and should soon be available to the Commission for review. There are a few new additions within the manual including a new section for IPM and mode of action for insecticides. Under the description of insecticides the manual discusses a number classification system for insecticides created by the Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC). There is a new UGA publication available named the "Management of Pest Insects in and Around the Home". The Bulletin is available at UGA's website as well as a limited supply of hard copies.
- F. Mr. Tommy Gray provided a Department update. He announced the recent decision to separate the laboratories from the Plant Industry Division. Dr. Reuben Beverly will head the laboratories as Division Director. All regulatory programs will continue to remain under Mr. Gray. He also mentioned that the Department hopes to obtain funds from EPA to add future Georgia Clean Days. There are plans to have two more clean days, with the next event scheduled to be in Gainesville at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. The second one is planned to be in the Macon area. In order to participate in the event pre-registration is required with the county extension office.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided a program update. He discussed the licensing division and the renewal process. He noted that in a few weeks that the renewal notices will be mailed out. On the Department website, there will be instructional information on how to renew licenses including the new secure and verifiable requirement. Late fees will not be in effect until sometime later on in the renewal process. Mr. Gorecki also explained details concerning the Licensing Division. He noted that prior to July 15th companies will need to verify their registered employee list. If no changes or payments are made by July 15th, an additional invoice will be mailed to companies to renew the registrations. Lastly, Mr. Gorecki mentioned that under the Licensing Division, there is a new requirement for the company owner and/or designee to sign an affidavit for verification of lawful presence. For example, if there are multiple offices within the state, a

designated employee of the company can sign the affidavit. Certified operators will need to sign an affidavit as well. A username and password will be provided to each operator and designated company signee to upload all required documents. Technicians (registered employees) will not have to sign the documentation. Mr. Lastinger mentioned four items for the industry to remember during the renewal process: review the website for any tutorials or information pertaining to license renewals, companies should go ahead and submit insurance verification forms to GDA, make sure all contact information and email addresses are current, and lastly, if applicable, make sure all outstanding enforcement penalties have been paid.

- H. Mr. Lastinger mentioned the live broadcast of the Commission meetings will soon be available at the Macon Farmer's Market and the GDA Tifton Laboratory campus; industry members can register to view the broadcasts at these sites.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed the recent SFIREG meeting that was held in Arlington, Virginia. Highlights from the meeting include: US EPA is planning a re-registration process for all structural fumigants. In response ASPCRO is organizing a workgroup to follow the changes. The workgroup will follow information posted in the docket on fumigant use patterns. EPA is also planning on using similar restrictions to the new soil fumigant restrictions.
- J. Mr. Rick Bell reported on the Farm Bill and the Senate. No amendments were considered including the one pertaining to sulfuryl fluoride. However, the farm bill still remains in the House.
- K. Mr. Lastinger reported on the Good Guys of Pest Control complaint involving advertisements. The GDA Legal Services office noted that the advertisements do not violate regulations. A letter indicating this information was sent to Mr. Guy.
- L. The Commission discussed proposed draft rule changes. Details of their discussion included:
 - a. Item 2I - the proposed rule will require a copy of the Form II to be left at the time of sale or service.
 - b. Item 2J - change the title from the current "Form II" to "Georgia Waiver Form".
 - c. Item 4A - remove as a proposed rule and plan a future discussion on the inclusion of IPM practices, principles, and training and defining IPM in a guidance document.
 - d. Item 4B - to increase required recertification training hours did not move forward.
 - e. Item 7C - to address termite treatment failures for bait and borates treatments. The Commission plans to review each of these issues in the future without a rule change.
 - f. Item 9B - change the reference on the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report to reference the residential building code, remains undecided.
 - g. Item 10E - add a requirement for damage repair warranty for no termite treatment contracts.
 - h. Item 10F - did not have enough support to discuss further.
 - i. Item 12C - Commission decided a rule change is not needed.

- M. Mr. Gorecki suggested that the Commission discuss the final details of the proposed draft rules during next month's meeting. Mr. Gorecki also thanked Mr. Allgood for all of his hard work and contributions to the Commission and the State of Georgia during his tenure.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM and Certification Examination Applications were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. 2013 Rule Changes – C Gorecki

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Bug House Pest Control, Sandersville
- Post Solutions, Dallas
- Cotney Pest Control, Valley, AL
- DPS, Atlanta
- Real Pest Solutions, Snellville