

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 9, 2012

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on October 9th, 2012. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, and Jimmy Allgood.
- 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge reported that Governor Deal continues to receive budget requests from State agencies. He stated that Medicaid's deficit will have a huge impact on this fiscal year's budget.
- F. In response to CPCO's request to revise the language on recertification training summaries posted on the website, Mr. Gorecki asked CPCO to suggest new language for consideration. Accordingly CPCO presented a revised statement to the Commission. The statement was accepted and will be added to the website.
- G. Mr. Lastinger mentioned location and details for the November Commission meeting on the 13th. The meeting will be held at the Tellus Science Museum, 100 Tellus Drive, Cartersville, GA 30120 at 9:30 AM.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on one of the program's priorities of addressing unlicensed operators. During the last Commission meeting, Mr. Lastinger suggested that he would reach out to the Department's legal office and request their presence for the next Commission meeting. Accordingly, Mrs. Cora Potter Keenan provided a presentation on enforcement and legal protocols when taking action against unlicensed operators. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that GDA is developing a brochure to provide further outreach regarding licensing requirements for Georgia consumers.
- I. Mr. Tommy Gray, Associate Division Director of Plant Industry, discussed a notice to repeal regulation for treated timber. He mentioned that earlier this year, the General Assembly repealed the Georgia Timber Act. As a result of the law no longer existing, the Department's rules concerning treated timber needed to be revised, the legal office has released a rule adoption notice to the stakeholders. It was noted that these changes will not affect the pest management industry.
- J. Mr. Lastinger announced that EPA released a draft of the 2014-16 cooperative agreement guidance for state pesticide programs. States agree to these goals and activities to receive federal funding. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that bed bug education outreach as being one of the priorities in the draft.

- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed a draft document for recertification course requirements. The document includes current recertification course requirements such as course applications, course content criteria, training verification, limitations, and computer based training (CBT). Mr. Gorecki asked the Commission to further review the document and plan to discuss further at the November Commission meeting. GPCA and CPCO were asked to submit comments to GDA on the draft by November 1st.
- L. Dr. Forschler announced that the IPM coordinator for UGA has been advertised. The closing date for applications is set for later this month and hopefully filled by the end of the year. Dr. Forschler also mentioned that there has been a document drafted by a pest prevention technical advisory committee created by the San Francisco Department of Environment.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell with Arrow Exterminators reported a successful workshop held in Fairfax, Virginia with ASPCRO, NPMA and EPA. The workshop covered management issues with overwintering pests including Kudzu bugs. Part of the meeting addressed a request to EPA to allow a general surface application to the side of a structure with a pyrethroid.
- N. Mr. Redmond provided a Department of Public Health update. He stated that the Department is currently updating regulations that will address bed bug management issues in hotels. The proposed regulations will be posted soon for comments.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM and applications for certification examinations were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Meeting Minutes Approval

Old Business

- a. CPCO recommended Web Site language changes (Maria Collins)

New Business

- a. New Companies Review

- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge

- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
 - UGA IPM Coordinator position
 - IPM / Green / GBC Updates

- d. Department of Agriculture – Mr. Lastinger
 - Department Update – Mr. Lastinger
 - UGA Webinar Update – Mr. Lastinger/Gorecki
 - Unlicensed Operators – Mrs. Cora Potter Keenan

- e. National Issues Updates – Mr. Richard Bell – (Chairman NPMA Government Affairs Committee)
 - Pyrethrin / Pyrethroid

- f. Department of Public Health – Mr. Redmond

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following application:

- HITMAN EXTERMINATING, Athens, GA

The Commission denied the following request for name change.

- TURFMASTERS PEST PREVENTION [96114] to PEST MASTERS by TURFMASTERS