

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 14, 2014

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on October 14, 2014. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard (via teleconference), Greg Holley and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- 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 Dr. Forschler to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided the legislative update. He mentioned a committee that is studying tax reform in order to reduce income tax by adding sales tax on services such as pest control.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He reported that all comments received on the employee registration manual were considered and incorporated as appropriate. Motion was made by Mr. Lastinger to accept the revised employee registration manual. Mr. Gorecki seconded the motion and motion passed. Dr. Forschler thanked the industry and GDA for submitting detailed comments on the draft. Mr. Gorecki and Lastinger recognized Dr. Forschler for his work on coordinating the revisions to the manual. Dr. Forschler updated the Commission on the SPCC article that will highlight Georgia's common sense approach to regulating SIPM to the *American Entomologist* on the recent school IPM article. Suggestions from the Commission will be incorporated into the final draft that will be submitted to the *American Entomologist*. Lastly, he mentioned that he will report on the pollinator protection mission statement that UGA's Entomology Department is drafting at the next Commission meeting.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He announced an upcoming Georgia Clean Day scheduled for October 30th for Cook, Thomas, Brooks and Lowndes counties. Pre-registration is required for anyone that plans to participate. The Clean Day will be hosted by the Brook's County Ag Extension office in Quitman. Lastly, he discussed a recent visit by the Department to the Port of Savannah by Commissioner Black and other GDA directors. During the visit, the Plant Industry Division conducted a workshop at the port in partnership with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection, Georgia Port Authority, U.S. Department of Agriculture, University of Georgia and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- H. Mr. Evans, Director of Plant Protection discussed the drafting of a pollinator protection management plan for Georgia. He discussed a recent meeting in Tifton of beekeepers and commercial pesticide applicators in Tifton that discussed a voluntary plan. He discussed

future activity with initial focus on pollinator protection in agriculture and then urban. The plan will include fact sheets for the various focus groups that will provide recommendations. Mr. Holley mentioned that some pest control companies have beekeepers that they use as consultants to determine whether a bee hive can be captured and relocated or need to be exterminated.

- I. Mr. Burton discussed several cases requiring a complete termite retreatment. One case involved a retreatment warranty contract issued on a structure that did not receive an initial treatment. Mr. Gorecki clarified the difference between a no treatment warranty contract for termite control and a warranty contract takeover. Mr. Lastinger further indicated that a warranty contract takeover is not permitted under the WDO contract rule.
- J. Mr. Lastinger reported on the progress of the New Rule timeline. He noted that implementation activities continue to be on schedule. The revised Employee Registration Manual should be published within the next two weeks and exams are currently being revised for implementation after January 1st.
- K. Mr. Gorecki discussed modifying the ventilation fact sheet to reflect a new interpretation from the Department of Community Affairs. The change will be incorporated into the fact sheet along with improved formatting to provide clarity on the four options for ventilation standards. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to accept the revised fact sheet 14-08. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion was passed.
- L. Mr. Gorecki mentioned that new fact sheets are being drafted to be presented and discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Lastinger added that further clarification on the meaning of “conditioned air” language that is included in the ventilation option 4 of the ventilation fact sheet 14-08 is also being researched and he plans to report on this at the next meeting.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed an upcoming USDA stakeholder’s meeting regarding pollinator protection on Monday in Washington, DC. The national meeting will include manufacturers, growers, commercial applicators and beekeepers. He also noted that the comment period on “Waters of the US” has been extended until November 14th.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed a letter that ASPCRO sent to EPA on September 24th. The letter requests an amendment to rodenticide labeling of second generation products to include and allow use for specific non-commensal rodents.
- O. Mr. Lastinger provided details for November Commission meeting. The meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12th at 9:30 AM in room 146 at the Tifton Lab Complex. The address is 3150 US Highway 41 South in Tifton. After the meeting, there will be an optional tour of the lab facility.
- P. Mr. Taylor reported on a recent issue of Designated Certified Operators (DCO) refusing to sign applications for individuals wanting to take the certification exam. According to rule 620-3-.02(1)(i), DCO’s are required to sign the application verifying experience for the applicants.

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

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture – Georgia Clean Day
- e. GDA Pollinator Protection Plan – Mike Evans
- f. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- g. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- h. Revisions to Ventilation Fact Sheet 14-08
- i. Draft Employee Registration Manual Comments
- j. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k. November meeting location and agenda
- l. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

**THE GEORGIA
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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- BILLY JACKSON & SONS PEST CONTROL-CATOOSA COUNTY
- JACKSON PEST CONTROL-BUTTS COUNTY
- LIBERTY PEST MANAGEMENT-LAMAR COUNTY
- ROCK SOLID TERMITE & PEST CONTROL-CHATHAM COUNTY
- COASTAL BUG SOLUTIONS-BRYAN COUNTY (PENDING NAME CHANGE)