

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 9, 2014

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on September 9, 2014. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley.
- 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 August 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 introduced the newest representative of Georgia Link, Ms. Lauren Fraulick.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He thanked those that contributed to the comments received on the draft Employee Registration Manual. He explained that most of the comments will be included into the manual. The projected goal is to have a final revised draft to the Commission by the October meeting. The rebuttal draft letter to the *American Entomologist* article on regulating pesticides in schools is also in the process of being reviewed by the Commission members. Lastly, he discussed a group of UGA faculty that convened to write a position statement on protecting pollinators. Dr. Forschler distributed the statement draft among the Commission members. He suggested the Commission get involved to work together on a mission statement that will represent the pest control industry's perspective. Mr. Lastinger added that there was also a GDA Georgia Pollinator Protection planning meeting that recently took place at the GDA Tifton Lab which was hosted by GDA Plant Protection Director Mike Evans. The meeting's initiative was to develop a plan for agriculture groups and in the near future incorporating urban pest control and the general public. Commercial beekeepers were included in the first meeting. Mr. Lastinger will get more information regarding the recent Tifton meeting and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
- G. Mr. Lastinger reported on the success of the Annual ASPCRO Conference. He mentioned the discussion of pollinator protection and EPA's plan include additional pollinator protection language on pesticide labels. The label language is expected to be similar to that of neonicotinoid label language.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided a Department update. He introduced members of the Structural Pest Team that attended the meeting. He also updated the Commission on the Biotech case which was referred to US EPA Region 4 for pesticides misuse in nursing homes in several southern states. The operator was sentenced two weeks ago in Federal court in Macon with a \$7,500 fine. The corporation was sentenced to three years probation and a \$50,000

fine. Mr. Lastinger discussed a request from the August Commission meeting where the Commission requested representatives from Athens Technical College (ATC) to attend the Commission meeting to provide a program update. ATC administers the GA Pest Exam program. Dr. Tidings, president of ATC is planning to attend the Commission meeting for January. Recently ATC requested funding to update the firewall software and hardware that supports the program. GDA was able to secure funding and purchase the equipment for ATC.

- I. The location of the November Commission meeting is scheduled to take place at the Tifton Lab on November 12th.
- J. The Official Waiver Compliance Fact Sheet that the Commission issued in June 2014 has been revised to correct a typo in section number 4. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to accept the revised fact sheet. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Gorecki welcomed and thanked Commissioner Black for his attendance to the meeting.
- L. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on the New Rule Timeline. He noted that implementation is on schedule including exam revisions.
- M. Lastly, Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He announced plans for the House to pass a bill by the first of next week to disapprove EPA's request for waters of the US, which would have allowed them to govern drainage ditches, moist spots in yards, and areas that are wet for thirty days during the year.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. Georgia Pest Exam Program – Athens Technical College Request
- f. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- g. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- h. Draft Employee Registration Manual Comments
- i. NPMA update
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- PROGENIA PEST CONTROL-DEKALB COUNTY
- ALLCRITTER-NEWTON COUNTY
- T.B.B. EXTERMINATORS-CLAYTON COUNTY
- PESTOPS, CLARKE COUNTY
- INNOVATION PEST SOLUTIONS-NAME CHANGE
- K.W. INVESTMENTS LLC DBA AQUATIC-TERMITE-LAWN CARE (ATL)-NAME CHANGE