

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 10, 2013

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 10, 2013. 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 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 November meeting. Greg Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the University of Georgia update. He announced the arrangements for the January 14th Commission meeting which will be hosted by the Department of Entomology in the Rooker Fireside Room located in the East Campus Village. He is also coordinating a demonstration of Termidor HP application equipment by BASF at the January meeting.
- F. In regards to the Department update, Mr. Lastinger announced the Georgia Grown Christmas Showcase that will take place on December 14th at the Atlanta State Farmer's Market and encouraged everyone to attend.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He announced that the public notice for the 2014 Commission meetings has been posted and is now on the Commission website. He noted that meetings outside of Atlanta are being planned at the Savannah Farmer's Market in May and the GDA Tifton Lab campus in October. Once the locations have been finalized, public notices will be posted. Mr. Lastinger discussed a registered product called Bistar WT Insecticide by FMC Corporation. The product's use pattern is similar to that of borate treatments for preconstruction termite treatments. The product claims to provide two years of protection and efficacy. Mr. Lastinger is concerned that this product may not have met the five year efficacy standard. He stated that he would continue to do research on the registration and plans to contact US EPA. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger discussed a current enforcement case regarding an operator who canceled a routine company inspection while Department representatives were onsite. Following the canceled appointment, the operator has not been responsive to several requests to reschedule the inspection. A recent notice requested records and a scheduled compliance meeting. The operator has not responded to any of the notices or the records request. Since the operator has refused an inspection and did not provide records that were essential for compliance monitoring, GDA plans to issue an administrative order for license revocation. The operator will have 10 days to request a hearing. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission for guidance on this matter and the Commission supported the Department's enforcement response for the case.

- H. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing update. He announced January 1st as the beginning date for late fees to be paid for any licenses that have not been renewed. January 31st will be the final deadline for companies to renew all licenses. Also, any operator or technicians that have not been renewed after the January 31st date will have to retest. Mr. Taylor also announced that the Department is applying recertification credits earned during the “90 day period” to the operator’s next five year recertification period.
- I. Mr. Gorecki congratulated Mr. Mark Mulling for his service to the Department for the past 30 years. The Commission wished him well in his retirement.
- J. Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He discussed a letter recently sent to EPA from ASPCRO regarding the new pollinator protection label language. ASPCRO still plans to schedule a workshop with EPA to reach a higher degree of clarity on the label language and pollinator protection.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent conversation with the president of ASPCRO regarding pesticide misuse in structures and clean-up. ASPCRO plans to create a new working committee to develop guidelines for structural pesticide remediation for certain misuse incidents.
- L. Dr. Forschler discussed the revisions to the Employee Registration Manual. He has been working on the revisions for the past year and recently submitted it to the Commission for comment. Mr. Lastinger suggested that the Commission wait until the proposed rules have been implemented and then post for a public comment period of 30 days.
- M. The Commission discussed the 2013 proposed rule changes. Mr. Lastinger noted that all Commission members received copies of the written comments and a copy of the transcript from the November public hearing which included oral comments received on the proposed rules. Commission members noted that these records had been received and reviewed. Mr. Gorecki provided and discussed a focus list of the comments. The Commission began the review and discussion of the written comments and plans to continue these discussions at a future meeting.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 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 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: public hearing comments & written comments – C Gorecki/D Lastinger
- f. Employee Registration Manual – D Lastinger/ Dr. Forschler
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Termidor HP study
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- PRECISE PEST MANAGEMENT, LLC-McCALLA, AL
- BACKYARD PEST CONTROL- MACON, GA
- WEBBCON, LLC-SENOIA, GA
- I.K. PEST MANAGEMENT INC.-MARIETTA, GA
- DEEP WELLS PEST CONTROL- HINESVILLE, GA (PENDING INSURANCE)
- HOPE PEST SOLUTIONS-ACWORTH, GA (NAME CHANGE)