

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2013

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on the University of Georgia campus in the Catherine Rooker Fireside Lounge on January 8th, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Maurice Redmond, Jimmy Allgood, Dr. Brian Forschler, 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission discussed the draft document concerning recertification course requirements. Comments were received from GPCA, Commission members, and University of Georgia and were considered in the final draft. Dr. Forschler suggested to revise the course content criteria; specifically under criteria, he asked that "pesticide use or application methods" be revised to say "Pesticides, use, or applications" and to add a new subject "Building construction and maintenance". All suggestions were added to the new draft. Motion was made by Mr. Allgood to accept the draft document as discussed. Mr. Lastinger seconded the motion and motion passed.
- F. Dr. Forschler proposed that the Commission consider increasing the required recertification hours. He suggested increasing the 25 hours of credit to 35. He also suggested that the credit hours for registered technicians be increased from 8 hours to 12 hours. The increase would offer an opportunity to improve competency and continue to raise the level of professionalism in the Georgia pest management industry.
- G. Mr. Gorecki introduced UGA's Associate Dean for Extension, Dr. Beverly Sparks who discussed the county extension office affairs of the State.
- H. Dr. Ray Noblet welcomed everyone to the University of Georgia and provided an update concerning UGA's Entomology Department. He mentioned that the Department is in the process of selecting applicants to interview for the Pesticide Education and IPM Coordinator position.
- I. Dr. Forschler provided the Commission the annual report of the UGA Household and Structural Entomology Research Program. See attachment 3 for the full report.
- J. Mr. Lastinger announced the return of Georgia Clean Day. The program provides an opportunity for the industry to discard old, unusable or cancelled pesticides. No fees are charged for participation in this program and all accepted materials will be turned over to a hazardous waste contractor for disposal. The first event will be in Wilkes County, Georgia

on January 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be open to pest control companies in Wilkes and neighboring counties including Elbert, Oglethorpe, Warren, Lincoln, McDuffie, Glascock and Taliaferro.

- K. Mr. Taylor provided an update on the licensing procedures. He reminded everyone of the upcoming 2013 license renewals and suggested that companies and applicators go online to ensure all contact information is correct. He also stated that all company insurance should be up to date and on file with the department. Companies should also ensure that DCO's are renewed online with the company renewal application to avoid company renewal delays.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed training transcripts; he stated that all training records have been processed up to December 1<sup>st</sup>. If there are any discrepancies on credit hours, applicators should contact the Department.
- M. Mr. Lastinger and the Commission recognized the Department's field staff for their outstanding work and increased involvement in training and outreach. He highlighted the success of the compliance assistance booths that have been part of all pest control conferences during the past year. He reminded PMP's that the compliance assistance booth is an opportunity to obtain current resources and ask regulatory questions.
- N. Mr. Mulling discussed pesticide use record keeping requirements for outdoor applications of pyrethroids and the *specific areas treated guidance document*. He discussed the main issue involves a perimeter application which will likely include horizontal hardscapes. To comply with pesticide use recordkeeping requirements and the new pyrethroid label restrictions, service records and exterior site keys may need to be adjusted to properly document outdoor applications of pyrethroids. The Commission agreed that the *specific areas treated guidance document* may need to be amended to include sidewalks and parking areas under exterior sites and that the method of application broadcast be limited to granular pesticides.
- O. Mr. Mario Ramirez submitted a petition to the Commission to request an extension on his recertification training period so that he will not have to retest. The Commission considered his request and unfortunately was not able to allow an extension.
- P. Mr. Gorecki discussed upcoming initiatives for the strategic plan and announced that the Commission will start the process of rule changes in 2013 that will focus on the recommendations from the strategic plan. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on GDA implementation of the plan and Commissioner Black's plan to schedule a meeting for the strategic planning group in early 2013.
- Q. Mr. Bell discussed the expected EPA label changes for synthetic pyrethroids and stated that applicators will be able to treat horizontal surfaces above three feet over pervious surfaces for overwintering pests once labels are amended. He noted however that there are still efforts with EPA to allow variances on the new labels.
- R. Mr. Lastinger announced that EPA will be putting together a scientific advisory panel to review scientific issues concerning the draft product performance data assessments for products claiming efficacy against invertebrate pests. EPA is currently accepting nominations for the panel.
- S. Mr. Redmond announced that the Georgia Department of Public Health has revised and released the Bed Bug Handbook. He also discussed a new contractor with the HUD that is assisting residents with bed bug infestations in section 8 housing programs.

T. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	UGA Progress Report

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

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**Open** – Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

Recertification Requirements Draft Document – Mr. Derrick Lastinger / Mr. Chris Gorecki

**New Business**

New Companies Review

Legislative Update – Skin Edge

UGA Urban Entomology Program Update – Dr. Forschler

UGA Annual Report

Department Update - Dean Scott Angle (invited), Dr. Ray Noblet and Dr. Beverly Sparks

Department of Agriculture – Mr. Derrick Lastinger

License Renewal 2013 – Mr. Tim Taylor

Pyrethroid Exterior Treatments & PURs – Mr. Mark Mulling

Georgia Clean Day – Mr. Derrick Lastinger

Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Derrick Lastinger / Mr. Chris Gorecki

2013 Regulation Changes - Mr. Derrick Lastinger / Mr. Chris Gorecki

Special Issues

National Issues Updates – Mr. Richard Bell – (Chairman NPMA Government Affairs Committee)

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2013**

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

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The Commission approved the following application:

- BUG HOUSE PEST CONTROL, Carrollton
- DOWLING PEST SERVICES, Hoboken
- JC EHRLICH dba EHRLICH dba RENTOKIL, Norcross

### Attachment 3

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**URBAN PEST CONTROL PROGRAM  
HOUSEHOLD AND STRUCTURAL ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA**

DATE OF REPORT TO COMMISSION: January 8, 2013

**PROGRESS REPORT:**

The CAES HSERP graduated two masters of Science candidates in 2012 and published four papers in the peer reviewed literature while attending meetings to present research results or conducting trainings on 16 different occasions. The research program continues to investigate the biology of various insect pests in the quest to integrate that knowledge into realistic pest management interventions. In the past year the program published a description of a new species of subterranean termite common in Georgia and the southeastern U.S. Other recent work has demonstrated that conventional estimates of house dust mites in homes are seriously underestimating the actual number of these potent triggers of asthma in Georgia homes. In addition, work with termite food preference is being reexamined because of the recent taxonomic revision of the subterranean termites in the SE US that demonstrated there are 5 native and 1 introduced species in Georgia.

A field trial using a pesticide, formulated as a dust, in a local (or spot) treatment regime for control of drywood termites was recently completed in an infested attic on University property. That study demonstrated the difficulty of using local treatments because of the biology and behavior of these structural pests. Drywood termites construct galleries that prevent complete coverage using any type of pesticide in a wood injection scheme. Successful control therefore requires a slow-acting residual insecticide. In addition seasonal flights (within a building) result in establishment of new infestations in galleries previously occupied by termites killed with a local treatment – highlighting the role of residual insecticide activity. Fieldwork continues on drywood and subterranean termite, carpenter bee and mosquito biology and control. Ongoing laboratory research on termite behavior is aimed at assessment of the movement of termites between food resources.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Over \$100,000 was spent in salaries and staff benefits for permanent and temporary personnel in Athens attached to this program in 2012. Graduate student stipends/scholarships cost approximately \$44,000 in addition to \$12,000, for supplies and equipment entirely from extramural sources. Funds from the State Structural Pest Control Commission research fees provided for salary and benefits for a post-doctoral position at \$35,000.

**PLANNED RESEARCH:**

We plan to address the following research areas over the next year: (1) drywood termite identification and management (2) biology and management of carpenter bees and (3) utility of using sugar baits for control of mosquitoes in GA.