

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

January 14, 2014

- 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 14th 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Maurice Redmond, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were Dr. James Sutton and Tommy Gray with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, UGA Staff, 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. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Dr. Ray Noblet, UGA's head of Entomology welcomed the Commission and attendees to the University of Georgia. He appreciated the pest management industry for their support of the urban entomology program.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed the Urban Pest Control - Household and Structural Entomology Research Program progress report. He mentioned two publications that were distributed last year on the topics of invasive termites and the importance of grooming behavior in insect immunity to disease. He also noted the ongoing field work on subterranean and drywood termites. Lastly, Dr. Forschler discussed graduate student research on mosquito attraction to plant compounds and sampling methods for enumerating mosquito populations around structures that will be expanded to include measuring the efficacy of a number of residential mosquito treatment programs. Mr. Gorecki thanked Dr. Forschler for hosting the January Commission meeting.
- G. Dr. Dan Suiter with UGA Extension provided an overview of the renovation and expansion of the Structural Pest Control Training Center in Griffin. He also mentioned the recertification training webinars that he started hosting last year for the pest control industry. Detailed information about the webinars can be found on their website www.gabugs.uga.edu. Lastly, he plans to have 10 week certificate program available online in several years.
- H. Mr. Lastinger recognized Structural Pest Section staff that was present at the meeting. He and introduced Dr. James Sutton, Director of Operations and Mr. Tommy Gray, Director of Plant Industry. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. Mr. Gray recognized the Commission on all their hard work during 2013, particularly on the proposed rule changes. He noted that the Department is working closely with EPA to monitor the level of federal funding for the pesticide programs.
- I. Mr. Lastinger reported on 2013 activities in the Structural Pest Control Program. The following activities were highlighted:
 - o \$25,000 was awarded to the UGA Structural Pest Control Training Center to support the renovation and expansion.
 - o Georgia hosted ASPCRO's annual conference in Atlanta.
 - o The Department worked closely with the Structural Pest Control Commission to draft the 2013 proposed rule changes.

- The program has maintained active participation and attendance at national and regional regulatory meetings and workshops.
 - Strategic planning progress included a new inspection consistency initiative that involved surveying licensees after compliance inspections. The survey results indicated inspection consistency with current priorities and compliance assistance. As part of the Department's "Educate Before You Regulate" initiative, field operations developed and implemented a new outreach activity for the pyrethroid label changes and new restrictions. GDA increased staff participation as instructors of recertification workshops and seminars.
 - Georgia Clean Day events.
- J. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He announced that he has been designated to chair a national taskforce to look at pre-construction termite treatment standards. The taskforce is planning their first meeting in Atlanta. He also mentioned that ASPCRO sent a letter to EPA concerning the pollinator protection label language. ASPCRO is continuing to seek clarity on label language for applicators as well as the regulatory agencies. Additionally EPA's Office of Pesticide Program is looking to expand the list of pesticide products that will require the pollinator protection language. Lastly, EPA has awarded grants to state universities in Vermont, Louisiana and Pennsylvania to study how mosquito control may affect pollinators. Dr. Forschler recognized ASPCRO for consistently engaging the regulated community in national regulatory discussions.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the details of the next steps for the rule changes. The Commission completed discussions of the official written and oral commits submitted at the November public hearing on the proposed rules. The proposed rules will be revised based on the discussions at the December and January Commission meetings. The revised proposed rules will be submitted to the Commission prior to the February meeting for final approval.
- L. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 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

Welcome – Dr. Raymond Noblet

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Mr. Tommy Gray & Dr. James Sutton
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. 2013 Proposed Rule Changes: public hearing comments
- e. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- f. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- BETTER PEST SOLUTIONS-MILLEDGEVILLE
- AMERICAN PEST CONTROL INC.-HARTWELL
- VICTORY-POWDER SPRINGS
- CENTURION PEST MANAGEMENT COMPANY-LILBURN
- TRAINS PEST CONTROL-WAYNESVILLE
- CLARK'S TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL- NORTH CHARLESTON, SC (PENDING NAME CHANGE)