

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 8th, 2012

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 8th, 2012. The following commission members were present: Jimmy Allgood, Chair, Chris Gorecki, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Derrick Lastinger.
- 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 April meeting. Mr. Redmond seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on a pending company license application involving Mr. Sheppard representing Commercial Pest Control. After last month's meeting, Mr. Sheppard and GDA met to discuss his company's non-compliance. At the meeting, Mr. Sheppard withdrew his application for a company license. Since a compliance agreement was not executed, the Commission did not approve Mr. Sheppard's company license application or his certification exam application under the Commission *Notice 10-2 Applicant Involved in a Pending Regulatory Action*.
- F. Mr. Charles Morris met with the Commission regarding his request to take the Employee Registration Examination. Mr. Morris was found cheating on his examination and was required to wait one year. The Commission approved his request.
- G. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recommendation from the Georgia Department of Agriculture's strategic planning group, to prioritize inspections based on risk factors. In response to the recommendation, the Structural Pest Section has revised enforcement policy to implement the recommendation. GDA will enhance compliance monitoring based on non-compliance risk factors such as repeat violators. Program management will determine if enhanced compliance monitoring is needed after case review. Enforcement response may include consumer notification letters. A copy of the letter was provided for Commission comment and review.
- H. On behalf of GPCA's education committee, Jim Harron discussed a proposal of a program allowing select extension office's to facilitate internet based training videos for pest management professionals to earn recertification credits. The extension agents will keep track of identification, attendance and verification. GPCA will offer the training to members and non-members for a fee. GPCA plans to move forward with developing the program and will provide a written plan in the future for Commission to consider.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent conversation with Calvin Jordan of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in regards to a task force group reviewing the 2006 amendments to international building codes. Attention has been brought to one specific

code that addresses exterior insulation finishing systems and installation of wall coverings. The task force has a meeting scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> to review the amendments. GDA will write DCA in support of maintaining the amendment.

- J. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on GDA's conditional registration of Termidor HE. He indicated that a notice had been sent to BASF requesting the following items:
  - soil distribution study and data to characterize the horizontal and vertical movement of Termidor HE and demonstrates establishment of a distribution of active ingredient comparable to Termidor SC around a structure
  - soil testing protocol, residue and formulations level methodology and analytical standard reference material for BASF 270 00S polymer
  - Commission approved a technical bulletin for applicators to address Georgia specific treatment standards.
- K. Dr. Forschler updated the Commission on EPA's initiatives on IPM in schools. He stated that all of EPA regions are encouraged to participate in the goal of implementing IPM in schools by 2015. He also mentioned that under EPA's strategic plan, EPA has defined verifiable school IPM as the ability to evaluate and accurately determine that a school is practicing IPM.
- L. Mr. Wiley provided an update on enforcement actions including a recent action that involved a \$1000.00 penalty for submitting false documents of training verification records to GDA.
- M. Mr. Lastinger mentioned Structural Pest Section's new online licensing program is now in the testing phase. The new program will offer an option to request a replacement license for a \$10.00 fee for certified operators and registered employees.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 Am and applications for certification examinations were reviewed.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Jimmy Allgood, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## AGENDA

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1. Open – Allgood
2. Minutes
3. Expense Reports
4. New Company Applications
5. For Cause Inspections
6. GPCA Education Committee
7. DCA Amendment, 2006 IBC
8. Termidor HE
9. University of Georgia Update – Forschler
10. Compliance & Enforcement Update –  
Wiley
11. Program Update – Lastinger
12. Exam application review

**Attachment 2**

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

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- DIVERSIFIED SERVICES, Winder
- MARK HUNTER PEST & WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS, Macon
- INTEGRATED PEST AND ANIMAL CONTROL, Acworth
- WALLACE EXTERMINATING COMPANY, Acworth
- LEEP PEST SOLUTIONS, Vienna

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- PYRAMID EXTERMINATORS, Buford (pending insurance)
- PEST MANAGEMENT INC. (pending name change)