

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 8, 2013

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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 October 8th, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Greg Holley, Maurice Redmond, 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 Bodine Sinyard to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Greg Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided a legislative update.
- F. Commissioner Black appreciated the Commission members for their work on taking action on the structural pest control strategic planning recommendations on rule changes. He recognized the progress and also discussed his recent and highly successful trip to China. Mr. Gorecki thanked Commissioner Black for attending today's meeting.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update for the Commission. The University of Georgia Structural Pest Control Training Center renovation and expansion continues with indoor training modules including a commercial kitchen, a shelter over the termite foundation area and a renovated training room. Dr. Forschler noted that the draft Employee Registration Manual was sent to the Commission and members were asked to review and comment for discussion at the November meeting. He will resend the draft as a reminder.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He noted that the Georgia National Fair is currently taking place in Perry. This year the Department expanded the Georgia Grown building that will feature Georgia Grown products. Next week, the Sunbelt Expo will take place in Moultrie. He encouraged attendance at both events. A couple of weeks ago the program received notification of continued grant funding for fiscal year 2014. So far, the program has not been affected directly by the federal government shutdown. Mr. Lastinger discussed an important workshop that ASPCRO is planning for the EPA Registration staff. The workshop will address termiticide product applications, regulation of use and state registration concerns. In addition, the workshop will also focus on pollinator protection, specifically, the new pollinator protection label language. Due to the federal government closure affecting EPA, ASPCRO is considering postponing the workshop for a month.
- I. Mr. Wiley discussed a successful Georgia Clean Day that occurred in Peach County last month. He noted that about 168,000 pounds of pesticides were collected.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. In regards to the Biotech indictment, a federal court in Macon indicated that the trial date should be announced within the next two months. He also discussed a Department priority for the directors and managers to spend

some time in field operations. In keeping with the effort to do outreach, managers have been increasing their presence in the field. The Market Bulletin is planning on publishing an article this fall focusing on homeowner information on rodent exclusion. In recent national discussions with the states, the US EPA administrator has inquired if states have seen an increase in residential pesticide misuse cases. ASPCRO is planning on conducting a survey on structural pesticide misuse.

- K. Mr. Mulling provided an enforcement update and summary of activities for fiscal year 2013. He reported that enforcement actions included 240 warning letters, 48 consent orders, 6 administrative orders and a total of \$265,194 in monetary penalties. 18 investigations of unlicensed operators were opened and Mr. Lastinger recognized that the industry has been helpful with providing tips and information on reporting unlicensed operators. He encouraged the industry to continue providing this necessary information as the program continues to pursue these investigations as a priority. Mr. Mulling also reported that common violations with an enforcement response included the misuse of a pesticides and non-compliant pesticide use records.
- L. During the last Commission meeting, the commission voted to accept the draft rules. The draft regulations are currently being reviewed by the Department's legal team. The Department plans to send the Public Notice and Synopsis to each company and certified operators by email or mail. The notifications will only be sent to licensees that have an active license that has been renewed. The notifications are scheduled to be sent out by October 18<sup>th</sup> and written comments will be received until November 18<sup>th</sup>. Written comments can be submitted to the Commission by mail, email or fax. The public hearing is scheduled to be on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in room 201 of the Agriculture Building.
- M. Lastly Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to schedule a future discussion on the pre-examination training requirement for registered employees.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM and Certification Examination Applications were reviewed.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

**Attachment 1:**

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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
    - FY13 Enforcement Summary – Mark Mulling
- e. 2013 Rule Changes & Public Hearing – C Gorecki/D Lastinger
- f. Employee Registration pre-licensing requirements
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- PREMIER ENVIRONMENTAL PEST SERVICES-LAWRENCEVILLE-(PENDING DCO ELIGIBILITY)
- THE BUG WARRIOR-STONE MOUNTAIN, GA
- WHIRLWIND PEST SERVICES-VILLA RICA, GA
- ECOLOGIC PEST CONTROL-ANNISTON, AL
- HULSEY PEST MANAGEMENT-ROCKMART, GA
- NO-MO BUGS PEST CONTROL-WAYCROSS, GA