

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

July 10<sup>th</sup> 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 July 10th, 2012. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice Chair, Jimmy Allgood, 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Oscar Garrison, Division Director of the Food Safety Division, discussed Georgia's proposed Cottage Food Regulation. The regulation allows individuals to produce certain foods such as jams and jellies in their homes to offer for sale. Mr. Lastinger discussed that applicators should consider these types of establishments as a residential kitchen and not food processing facility. He referred to the definition of a food handling establishment defined in US EPA PR Notice 73-04.
- F. Mr. Billy Skaggs, Chief Operations Officer, discussed the Georgia Grown program. Mr. Skaggs discussed the many benefits of the program and the marketing and promotion tools available to Georgia agriculture and agri-businesses members.
- G. Dr. Forschler suggested that PMP's be aware of the current drywood termite season and watching for signs of infestations. He noted that he has received numerous calls regarding the drywood termites so far this year. Dr. Forschler announced that he has two new graduate students that have research projects on carpenter bees and mosquitos while Dr. Suiter's student is continuing with his work on argentine ants.
- H. Mr. Wiley updated the Commission on the mosquito category certification license. He noted that that on May 2012, 359 transfer letters of notification were sent to non-government employees offering the option to transfer a category 31 license (Public Health) to a category 41 license (Mosquito control). To date 250 licensees have responded and transferred the license. He also mentioned that some of the category 41 exam questions have been revised.
- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a recent leadership opportunity and state wide meeting for field inspectors. GDA partnered with GPCA and offered an advanced five week training program to enhance outreach efforts through education and regulation.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed an upcoming meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will be hosting and the committee will vote on the "installation of wall coverings" amendment. DCA representative anticipates that the amendment will receive a favorable vote.

- K. Mr. Tim Taylor updated the Commission regarding the new online licensing program. He noted that there are parts of the program that still need improvement. Mr. Taylor thanked the industry for their continued patience while the department continues to process and update training records. He also discussed a new training course attendance form that will be placed on the website.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed a national survey that ASCPRO and NPMA collaborated on regarding state structural pesticide licensing. The results are now posted on ASCPRO's website.
- M. Mr. Lastinger discussed the June meeting of the State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG). At this meeting, there was a panel discussion regarding state and industry concerns with the new pyrethroid label statements and restrictions. He highlighted issues that ASCPRO and SFIREG raised to US EPA. The agency has indicated that most of the issues will be addressed through a Q&A guidance document and that the overwinter pest issue will be handled separately. The agency requested that ASCPRO and NPMA partner to hold a workshop for EPA registration staff so that they can better understand the issues.
- N. Mr. Lastinger announced that the 2012 annual ASCPRO conference will be hosted in Seattle, Washington in August.
- O. Mr. Redmond provided an overview and organization breakdown of the many functions of the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM and applications for 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

## Agenda

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**Open** – Chairman Gorecki

### **Minutes**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- a. New Companies –
- b. Legislative Update – Mr. Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
  - Entomology Department Update
  - Urban Entomology Program Update
  - IPM
- d. Department of Agriculture – Mr. Lastinger
  - Structural Pest Control Program Update
  - Department Update
  - Regulatory Issues
- e. National Pesticide Program Issues/Updates
  - Pyrethroids

### **Adjournment**

\*Certification Examination 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:

- TRIMBLE TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, Lawrenceville
- WINNERSVILLE PEST CONTROL, Naylor
- CLASSIC CITY TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, Danielsville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- HARRIS TERMITE & PEST CONTROL (insurance).

The Commission approved the following requests for a name change:

- BRANDON PEST CONTROL, INC. # 99197 to [METCALF MARIE INC. dba BRANDON PEST CONTROL].

The Commission did not approve the following applications:

- ALL AROUND PEST SOLUTIONS, Statham
- PRIMARY PEST CONTROL, Atlanta