

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 13, 2021

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on April 13, 2021, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, Bodine Sinyard and Kim Bragg.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. Students and teachers are preparing for final exams.
- F. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. Bedbug and IPM Workshops were held in Griffin in February and March. The next IPM workshop will be in Griffin on August 10, 2021. He introduced SPD's newest inspector, Teunde Alexander. SPD is working on a new district map that will include 12 districts. FY21 Phase 2 of inspection priorities will wrap up April 30, Phase 3 will run to June 30. Companies that have not responded to GDA's request to schedule a routine inspection in the last 12 months will not be able to renew the company license and the license will expire.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update including license renewal reminders. Licenses will expire June 30. Certified Operator renewal notices will go out beginning of May. Company renewal notices including registered employees will go out mid-May. Mr. Taylor encourages companies to review their list of employees, DCO, insurance, contact information and to go ahead and make updates if needed. All training records prior to February 28th has been processed into the system. Contact SPD for any missing training records. Training records after March 1st will be posted on Registered Employee training summaries after renewal. Mr. Taylor asked the Commission to review the Authorized Submitter Policy and the current limit of 1 user per sponsor. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Bragg made a motion to change the user limit to 5 per sponsor. Mr. Lastinger seconded the motion and motion passed.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. April, May, and June SPCC meetings will be held online via Zoom. Public Notice 21-02 has been posted. He spoke about GDA's involvement in the recent storm damage. *The Inside Buzz* was sent out at the beginning of April and highlights the SPD Compliance Team and frequently asked questions. The newsletter encourages the industry to contact GDA when assistance is needed.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment that was submitted to DCA. The proposal was assigned to a sub-committee. Mr. Gorecki presented SPCC's proposal to the sub-committee. The next sub-committee meeting will be

tomorrow. The Commission provided the sub-committee a pre-read document for their review before the meeting. The sub-committee will make a recommendation to the full committee. The final decision is expected in June. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation to all involved with the project.

- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed Honeybee Control and Removal rule. He recognized members of the Georgia Beekeepers Association (GBA) for their input on many aspects of the proposed rule. Mr. Lastinger recapped the rulemaking process then provided a summary of revisions for definitions, general certification and re-certification requirements, and exemptions. Mr. Sinyard made a motion to accept the revisions and approve the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed. Members of the GBA attending the meeting expressed their appreciation to the Commission for their work on the rule and will be available for any needs that arise. Mr. Lastinger explained the next steps in the process to put the rule in place.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Most states are working on pre-emption bills. NPMA is working on a builder's guide for the NPMA33 HUD & HOA form. They are also working on a pesticide product performance guidelines document.
- L. Meeting adjourned at 11:27am.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance – Alex Conti
 - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. Proposed Rule 620-9
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Pete's Pest Patrol – Statham
- Mosquito Joe of Hilton Head – Savannah
- Greenfoot Pest Solutions, LLC – Cleveland, TN

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- EcoVida Pest Control – Cherokee County (insurance)
- Focal Point Solutions Inc. – Henry County (insurance)
- The Pest Detective – Bulloch County (insurance)
- Atlanta Wildlife Control – Gwinnett County (insurance)
- Georgia Insulation – Gwinnett County (insurance)
- Outnumbered Pest Management – Lowndes County (insurance)
- Smith Family Pest Control – Dekalb County (insurance)