

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 11, 2020

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:06 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on February 11, 2020. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk and Dr. Brian Forschler. Kim Bragg was available via teleconference.
- 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Gorecki opened the meeting by expressing appreciation to Dr. Forschler for hosting the Commission meeting in Athens last month.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. Dr. Dan Suiter's workshops will begin in March and he encouraged folks to attend an upcoming workshop.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He discussed the impact of the budget cuts and the new hemp program at GDA. He also discussed State Agriculture Response Team (SART) activities and concerns that GDA is monitoring and efforts to maintain preparedness.
- H. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. He noted that the 4 new inspectors hired last year have reached their one-year milestone. The Structural Pest Division (SPD) currently has 10 field staff including 2 supervisors plus two vacancies which are currently posted. SPD held a statewide inspector meeting in January to discuss revisions to standard operating procedures and improve routine monitoring and statewide consistency.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. There is a current vacancy in the program that should be filled soon. Mr. Taylor recommends applying for new registered employees online to ensure a faster turn-around time. He described in detail on how this online process works and the efficiency of it.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the draft certification and training plan to be submitted to U.S. EPA by March 4, 2020. EPA will review the draft and start discussions to determine if it meets the new rule. The Commission will also start discussions regarding non-certified applicators and the potential changes to the current certification and training rules and related policy.
- K. Mr. Gorecki discussed spray foam insulation activities. He recapped the concerns with the current building code. The SPCC's proposed code amendment was discussed at DCA's meeting of the State Codes Advisory Committee on January 30, 2020. Mr. Gorecki shared the video that the Spray Foam Alliance used to explain their proposal to the Committee. SPCC will invite the Spray Foam Alliance to meet and discuss the details of the proposal. The Committee will vote on the proposal at their May meeting. Mr. Gorecki thanked the association and industry members for their support and attendance at the meeting. Ms.

Bragg noted that a recent home sale was delayed due to the improper installation of spray foam insulation. The mortgage required an Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report and the pest control company would not issue the report due to the installation of spray foam insulation in the crawlspace. The homeowner did install the insulation and later removed the insulation so that the pest control company could do the inspection and issue the report. Ms. Bragg is working with the Georgia Association of Realtors to allow home sellers to disclose when spray foam insulations has been installed in the home.

- L. Ms. Faye Golden provided the NPMA update. She has been nominated to serve as secretary of NPMA. She spoke about the Southern Conference and the hands-on workshops held in Memphis this week. She also spoke about proposed legislation in Tennessee that would allow a customer to sign a waiver acknowledgement which would allow hiring an unlicensed company and removing penalties for impersonators.
- M. Mr. Lastinger gave an Association of American Pest Control Officials (AAPCO) update. The annual Spring meeting and conference will be March 9-11 in Alexandria, Virginia. Topics will include Regulatory Integrity and Pesticide Devices. Mr. Lastinger currently serves on the board of directors. He also mentioned the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) will hold their mid-year board meeting on March 30 in Reno, Nevada.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

#### **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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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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. New EPA Rule for non-certified applicator training
- e. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Breda Pest Mgt. Inc. – Loganville
- Quickkill – Jonesboro
- Dement’s Pest Control – Newnan
- Open Arms Pest and Home Solutions – Barnesville
- Echo Pest Control LLC – Suwanee

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Alto Pest Control – Habersham County (insurance)
- We Kill Bugs Pest Elimination – Dekalb County (insurance)
- Attila Pest Control – Gwinnett County (Research Fee)
- Vortex Pest Solutions LLC – Madison County (name change)

Name Change

- Bug You No More, Inc. (100323) to Maple Leaf Lawn and Pest Control

The Commission did not approve the following applications

- Trusdell & Trusdell – Pierce County