

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 9, 2021

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on March 9, 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 Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February 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. He and Dr. Dan Suiter have master students preparing to graduate in the spring and summer. He shared one of the student's study that illustrates termite feeding using x-ray technology.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. He spoke about State Agriculture Response Team (SART) training and events. He also reviewed a list of legislation that could affect GDA include soil amendments and the state farmers markets. SPCC meetings scheduled for April, May and June will be held online via Zoom. A public notice will be posted. No meeting is scheduled for July.
- G. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. Dr. Suiter held a Bedbug workshop on February 4 and a Commercial IPM workshop on February 18. Termite workshops will be held on March 11-12 and March 25-26. Mr. Conti spoke about a recent Statewide Inspector Meeting and field training where the SPD Team focused on termite inspections, treatments and program updates. FY21 Phase 2 of inspection priorities remain ongoing. SPD has a new inspector that started last month, Ms. Kiara Knight and Mr. Teunde Alexander will start March 16.
- H. 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 and to go ahead and make updates if needed. February 28 was the training deadline for registered employees. SPD has entered training data from January and before with a few exceptions. Contact SPD for any missing training records. More than 5,000 training records have been entered by authorized submitters in the last 4 weeks. Mr. Lastinger mentioned GDA internship opportunities. SPD has a winter intern in the field and a summer intern coming aboard in the Atlanta office.
- 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 presentation is on DCA's website.

- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The Commission reached out to the Georgia Beekeeper Association (GBA) to assist with the training requirements, competency standards and definitions that were proposed in the public comments. The Commission looks forward to getting feedback from the association. Bobby Chaison gave permission to copy and share his Honeybee Removal Publication with the Commission members.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Authorized Submitter Policy. The Commission approved a revision at last month’s meeting. The revision limits each sponsor to only one user. Mr. Tim Taylor is working with the vendor on a solution for a sponsor to allow multiple users.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on AAPCO. This week’s conference is virtual and has the largest attendance on record. This conference is typically held in person in DC. ASPCRO will also be holding their meetings virtually. The Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training(PACT) conference is being planned in person in Denver in July and Mr. Taylor is planning to attend.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Yesterday was cross-over day for Georgia’s 2021 legislative session. NPMA’s Legislative Day is next week and will be virtual. NPMA’s focus for this year’s Legislative Day is on the COVID-19 relief bill and the Protect America’s Children from Toxic Pesticide Act. NPMA plans to introduce themselves to the new U.S. senators and share what their role is in protecting Georgia consumers. NPMA’s annual conference will be in October and will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. 44 states have pre-emption laws in place. Proposed HB147 if passed, would allow individuals who move to the state and establish residency to obtain a license by endorsement to practice certain professions including pest control.

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. Draft CEU Submitter Policy
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Wilmax Services – Snellville
- Ecoshield Pest Solutions Atlanta, LLC – Lawrenceville
- 1st Gen Exterminating – Suwanee
- Arrow Exterminators – Cumming

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- L. Bennett's Pest Service – Houston County (insurance)
- Pest Konect – Gwinnett County (insurance)