

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 11, 2021

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:03 AM on May 11, 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mrs. Bragg 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. Graduation is this weekend. The National Conference of Urban Entomology will be held virtual May 24-25. Progress is being made on the honeybee removal certification manual.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. GDA is monitoring the gasoline shortage and waiting on a response from EPA to approved winter fuel blends for use. Commissioner Black re-appointed Mr. Bodine Sinyard to another term on the SPCC. EPA will host a webinar on May 20th regarding sulfide clearance on devices. SPD's newsletter, *The Inside Buzz*, contains information to assist the industry with compliance. Mr. Lastinger asked the associations to assist with getting the word out to PMPs. Tim is working on a special issue regarding license renewals.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the compliance update. Mr. Alex Conti is no longer with GDA. Ms. Angie Simmons is interim compliance manager. Phase 2 of inspection priorities has wrapped up. 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. Mr. Lastinger shared the company names that are on this list.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update including license renewal reminders. A special issue of *The Inside Buzz* will go out next week and includes all renewal information. All licenses will expire June 30, 2021. Companies are reminded to make sure their insurance and registered employees are up to date. Certified Operator renewal notices were sent out last week. License cards have a new design on them and will include the QR code that links directly to the credential and training attendance summary. All Registered Employee trainings earned before February 28 has been entered. 144 registered employees exceeded the 4 hours CBT limit that was waived due to the pandemic. Cheating incidents have been reported by technical colleges. These individuals will have to wait one year before testing again. A request was made to GDA by a sponsor to allow a Spanish version of a currently approved training course, the Commission discussed the request and approved it. Last month, the Commission revised the Authorized Submitted policy to allow up to 5 submitters per sponsor.

- I. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. Yesterday was the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills. Governor Kemp vetoed 1 bill and signed several others. A discussion for re-districting will be held in a delayed special session.
- J. 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 on May 4th. A motion was made by the sub-committee to approve the commission's amendment proposal. This recommendation will go to the full committee in June. Mr. Gorecki recognized all the associations that wrote letters in support of SPCC's proposal. Georgia is the first state to propose this type of amendment.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed Honeybee Control and Removal rule. Commissioner Black requested a workgroup to be put together to focus on implementation of the rule. Focus areas will include training, outreach, certification and compliance assistance. The workgroup will include UGA experts, Honeybee Removal Operators and PMPs. GDA filed the rule with the Secretary of State's office. The rule be effective July 1, 2021.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. Fumigant Clearing Equipment will be discussed at next month's Florida Pest Management Association meeting. Rodenticide prohibition is being discussed in California and South Carolina.
- M. The Commission discussed the 3-day right to cancel for WDO and HPC contracts and how to bring awareness of the verbiage requirement to the industry. Guidance will be added to an existing Fact Sheet.
- N. The Commission discussed the employee shortage in the pest control industry. Industry associations are working to attract new folks to the industry with job fairs, flyers, outreach with technical colleges and festivals.
- O. The June 8 SPCC meeting will start at 11:00am. 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

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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
 - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. Proposed Rule 620-9
- f. Rule 620-6-.02 (2) Contracts & 16 C.F.R. 429
- 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:

- District Pest Control LLC – Buford
- Scientifically Advanced Pest Control LLC – Flowery Branch

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Start Green Pest Management – Henry County (insurance)
- J + M Pest Control – Butts County (insurance, payment)