

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 14, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on September 14, 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 August 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. Dr. Suiter's second Fall Termite Workshop will be held September 16-17 at UGA Griffin Campus. Dr. Forshler expressed his continuing interest in a survey regarding economic impact on pest control companies. He discussed a graduate student's research project for identifying termites by their teeth.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. Dr. Carrie Crabtree is the new Director of GDA Labs. Mr. Paul Thompson is the new Marketing Director. SPCC's Annual Report to the Governor has been compiled and awaiting Commissioner Black's signature. Mr. Lastinger announced Mr. Tim Taylor as Program Manager for Compliance and Ms. Ali Ikner as a new a Program Manager for Certification, Training and Licensing.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. He expressed gratitude to Ms. Angie Simmons and her work as Interim Compliance Specialist. Current statewide field operations include contacting companies that have not renewed. Contact has been made to 91% of the companies that have not renewed. 39 of the 92 companies have renewed so far. Mr. Taylor thanked the SPD field staff for their hard work on achieving these goals.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. As a reminder, the deadline to renew licenses is September 30.
- I. Ms. Nan Collier reviewed GDA's outreach events. She expressed appreciation to CPCO and GPCA for the opportunity to allow SPD's Outreach at their Fall Conferences. GDA will provide consumer outreach at the Gwinnett Fair September 16-26 and the Georgia National Fair October 7-17. SPD volunteers will be at all these events.
- J. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's full committee voted in favor of the Commission's proposal. The proposal is now under a public comment period. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off date for new proposals for year 2022.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The workgroup had several meetings that focused on implementation of the rule. The workgroup submitted a draft document of recommendations and timeline to the Commission. Mr. Lastinger reviewed the recommendations. GDA's online licensing vendor is in the process of creating the new HBR category for SPD's licensing database. Mr. Holley made a motion to accept the

recommendations and timeline. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed pending GDA Legal and Communications review. GDA will make an announcement after the recommendations on implementation are reviewed by GDAs Legal and Communication teams.

- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the 3-day right to cancel for WDO and HPC contracts and how to bring awareness of the verbiage requirement to the industry. GDA will draft the guidance, have it reviewed by GDA Legal and Communication teams, then share with the Commission at a future meeting.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA’s response to OIG’s 2016 report regarding the testing of portable clearance devices with sulfuryl fluoride. EPA is taking the next step and has proposed new mitigation measures in the following areas: clearance devices, posting signs, criteria for stewardship training, aeration time, and a fumigation management plan requirement. The workgroup that SPCC put together has composed comments from an industry perspective and submitted them to the Commission. After a brief discussion, Mr. Holley made a motion to accept the comments. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed pending GDA Legal and Communications review. These comments will be submitted to EPA. ASPCRO and SFIREG have joined together and created a workgroup to collect information from the state regulatory perspective. They have also drafted comments in response to the report.
- N. Mr. Tim Martin provided the legislative update. GeorgiaLink is re-organizing their team. A Legislative session will be held in later in the year for re-districting. Mr. Martin complimented the Commission members for having and maintaining good relationships.
- O. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He expressed his concerns with the proposed infrastructure package. NPMA assembled a spray foam insulation workgroup that met for the first time yesterday with the next call scheduled for mid-October. They are gathering information to share with other states. The State of Maine has banned the use of neonicotinoids for use in residential landscapes, it does not include Structural Pest. EPA releases assessments on neonicotinoids. The use of rodenticides have been banned in Malibu, CA and could extend to other areas. There is a proposal to ban all pesticides. EPA is working with state engineers on pre-proposal recommendations on Waters of the United States (WOTUS).
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:18pm.

#### **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

August 10, 2021

**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/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. Rule 620-9 work group
- f. Rule 620-6-.02 (2) Contracts & 16 C.F.R. 429
- g. U.S. EPA Sulfuryl Fluoride Draft Interim Re-Entry Mitigation Measures
- h. Legislative update – GeorgiaLink
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Bobby's Bug Patrol LLC – Tallahassee FL

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Toney Residential Services LLC – Carroll County (insurance).
- Matrix Pest Management – Crisp County (insurance).
- ASAP Wildlife Removal – Fulton County (name change).
- Wright's Exterminators – Columbia County (insurance).