

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 9, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on August 9, 2022, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk and Bodine Sinyard.
- 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. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. ASPCRO's annual meeting will be held in Minneapolis next week. NPMA signed a letter to congress regarding pre-emption. The use of neonicotinoids are now restricted in Rhode Island.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. Dr. Suiter's Home IPM Workshop was last week. The School IPM Workshop will be held August 18. Termite workshops will be in September. All workshops are held at UGA Griffin campus. He spoke about the next Honeybee Control and Removal (HBR) pre-exam training that will be held October 20 in Griffin. Dr. Allison Johnson is the new pesticide coordinator. A new student will work on the Economic Impact Survey project. Dr. Forschler also spoke about a cricket farm inspection and drywood termite project that occurred over the summer.
- F. Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. GDA hosted the Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT) last week with 45 inspectors attending from U.S. states, tribes and territories. Three Structural Pest Division (SPD) inspectors attended. Two SPD inspectors will attend ASPCRO's Inspector Training next week. Preparations are being made in the SPD inspection program for HBR's compliance date of 1/1/23. There has been an increase in Official Wood Infestation Inspection Report (WIIR) complaints from property owners. Mr. Taylor reminds the industry to thoroughly inspect and report visible evidence of WDO infestations on these reports.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The DCO Change Form has been updated to require the new DCO's signature. Electronic signatures are acceptable. GDA received the official Notice of Award for GDA's School IPM Grant. SPD will provide training workshops to school employees that are responsible for pest control as well as educate students on IPM.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The HBR Exam is now live and has been announced via email to the industry. Ms. Ikner shared the HBR website and discussed its contents. Links to register for the exam, next training session, and forms are on the website along with a Fact Sheet, FAQs, and the Rule. Mr. Sinyard and Mr. Gorecki expressed their appreciation to all involved for their hard work on the project.

- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach to over 2000 attendees at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 4-5. SPD staff is preparing their outreach booth for the upcoming Fall conferences. She thanked Tim Taylor, Ali Ikner, LeAnna Merritt, Carl Schnabel, Travis Whitley, and Kevin Hancock for providing training at the recent workshops held in Griffin.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. He expressed appreciation to Tim Taylor, Ali Ikner and Dr. Forschler for their work on the development of the HBR Examination. He spoke about a proposed pest control apprenticeship program at Augusta Technical College and Commissioner Black’s support of the program.
- L. The Commission discussed the October meeting. It will be held in person on October 18 in Bartow County. Pre-registration will be required to attend this meeting. The Public Notice with the pre-registration link will be posted soon.
- M. Mr. Jay Roberts provided the legislative update. He spoke about the different seats up for election.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

**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 – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. HBR Implementation Update
- e. Spray Foam Insulation
- f. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Atlas Pest LLC – Guyton
- Go-Forth Pest Control – Bethlehem
- Insight Pest Solutions TN LLC – Knoxville, TN
- American Pest Control – Social Circle (sub-office)
- Hawx Atlanta Turf and Pest Control – Savannah

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Whitley Exterminators – Barrow County (insurance)
- McCardle's Pest Management LLC – Cherokee County (insurance)
- Reliable Pest Solutions – Lamar County (name change, insurance)
- 1 of a Kind Pest Services – Glynn County (insurance)
- REM Pest – Glynn County (insurance)
- Ridd Pest Control – Ladson, SC (name change, phone #)
- The Adams Collective – Cherokee County (name change)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Packers Sanitation Services Inc Ltd dba Strategic Industries (98846) to Packers Sanitation Services Inc Ltd dba PSSI