

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 12, 2021

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:06 AM on October 12, 2021, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, 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 Mrs. Bragg to approve the minutes of the September 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 gave an update on the progress of the honeybee control and removal training manual. Dr. Forschler's article *Detection of Termites and Spray Polyurethane Foam* will be published in the January 2022 edition of the *Journal of Entomological Science*. He expressed appreciation to CPCO and GPCA for their participation in his graduate student's research project for identifying termites by their teeth.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. The Georgia National Fair in Perry is underway. SPD field staff are volunteering in the Baby Barn. The Fall issue of the *Inside Buzz* will be sent out soon. The SPD inspectors completed the license renewal outreach project.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Licenses can no longer renew as of October 1. Expired licensees will have to reapply. Registered Employee training hours earned March 1, 2021, or later are now showing up online. The next Training Record Submitter training is scheduled for November 4. If interested, send applications to Ali Ikner by October 29.
- H. Mrs. Nan Collier reviewed GDA's outreach events. She discussed SPD staff involvement and participation at the Georgia National Fair Georgia Grown Baby Barn.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed EPA's notice of proposed interim decision for pyrethrin pesticides. This proposal is under an extended comment period through November 3. The Commission, GDA, and other organizations are considering making comments. Proposed prohibitions include indoor use, broadcast treatments, turf and lawn, dusting, misting systems, liquid spray bottles for use on animals including livestock, and other outdoor areas.
- 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. Written comments are due by October 22. Oral comments and the public hearing are scheduled for October 26. Commission members will attend the hearing. DCA's proposal and information to submit written comments are on the SPCC's website. December 16th is the deadline for next year's DCA agenda. Mr. Gorecki encourages

the pest control industry to be engaged and familiar with what's going on with state building codes and IBC.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The implementation timeline of the rule is now posted on the Honeybee Removal and Control webpage.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the testing of portable clearance devices with sulfuryl fluoride. SPCC and other organizations have submitted comments to EPA. Information has been posted on GDA's website.
- M. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA's public policy committee will meet today to discuss EPA's proposal on pyrethrin pesticides. Misting blowers for mosquito control falls under this proposal. PestWorld's annual conference will be held in November in Las Vegas. Mr. Bell is reaching out to sulfuryl fluoride manufactures for information.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



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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 – Ali Ikner
- 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 Updates
- f. U.S. EPA Sulfuryl Fluoride Draft Interim Re-Entry Mitigation Measures
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Chib Pest Control – McDonough

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Sentinel Pest Control – Hixon, TN (name change)
- GoldenEye Exterminators – Henry County (insurance)
- Jon’s Country Pest Control – Muscogee County (name change)
- Sherrill’s Pest Control – Columbia County (insurance)
- WELLTECH (re-apply) – Cobb County (late fee)