



*Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission  
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***Georgia Structural Pest Control  
Commission Fiscal Year 2015  
Report to the Governor***



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# Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission Fiscal Year 2015 Report to Governor

As required by O.C.G.A. 43-45-8 (3), the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission submits the following annual report.

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission met monthly during Fiscal Year 2015 on the following dates:

July 8	January 13
August 12	February 10
September 9	March 10
October 14	April 14
November 12	May 12
December 9	June 9

All meetings began at 9:30am in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building with the exception of the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Room 146 of the Tifton Lab Complex Building in Tifton, the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting which began at 10am and was hosted by the Department of Entomology in the Fireside Room of Rooker Hall on the University of Georgia Campus in Athens, and the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Room 300B of the Agriculture Building.

Expenditures for the Commission and records of attendance for each member are included.

Minutes for the Commission meetings are included. If additional information is needed regarding the report, contact Derrick Lastinger, Director of Structural Pest Section, at 404-656-2111 or [derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov)



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Gary W. Black  
Commissioner

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION  
PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2015

BUDGET NO. 1-11-3

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>PUBH.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<b>CHRIS GORECKI</b>	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)
Per Diem.													
Transp.													
Lodge													
<b>DERRICK LASTINGER</b>	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)
<b>GREG HOLLEY</b>					(ABS)								(T)
Per Diem	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Transp.	\$63.28	\$63.28	\$63.28	\$63.28		\$63.28	\$31.36	\$63.28	\$63.28	\$63.28	\$63.28	\$63.28	
Lodge													
<b>LAURIE PADGETT</b>													
Per Diem	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Transp.	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$238.00	\$39.80	\$84.00	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$30.80	\$30.80
Lodge					\$101.75		\$16.50						
M&IE													
<b>DR. BRIAN FORSCHLER</b>	(T)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(T)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(ABS)
<b>JEFF B. SINYARD</b>		(ABS)		(T)									
Per Diem	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00				\$75.00
Transp.	\$201.60	\$201.60	\$201.60		\$53.17	\$201.60	\$224.56	\$201.60	\$201.60				\$201.60
Lodge													\$201.60
<b>CHRISTY KURIATNYK</b>	(P)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(P)	(ABS)	(P)	(ABS)

(P) = Present  
 (ABS) = Absent  
 (CAN) = Cancelled

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

July 8, 2014

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on July 8, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler (via teleconference), Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were Josh Wiley with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission elected chairman and vice chairman positions for FY 2015. Mr. Sinyard recommended a motion for Mr. Gorecki to be chairman and Mr. Lastinger to be vice chairman. Mr. Holley seconded the motion, the Commission agreed and the motion was approved.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA program update. He stated the plans of posting the draft employee registration manual on the Commission webpage for public comment. In keeping up with the new rule compliance timeline, the registration manual will need to be completed before the end of the year. The draft manual will be posted on the website for 30 days.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He noted the recent success of the recent farmer's market showcases held in Macon, Atlanta, and Savannah. The next showcase will be in Moultrie. Lastly, he mentioned that the Structural Pest Section had a consumer outreach booth that provided information on licensing and pest management.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided a program update. He discussed a recent GDA email notification sent to all licensees announcing the recently issued new rule guidance. The documents include the WDO Contract fact sheet, Pesticide Use Record Compliance fact sheet, Official Waiver form fact sheet, Official Georgia Wood Destroying Organism Infestation Inspection Report and Under-floor Space Ventilation fact sheet. He noted that the posting of the draft registration manual will also be sent out in an email notification. These notifications are sent to Certified Operators and Licensees that have an email address on file with their license. He noted that the new rule implementation steps are currently on schedule with the new rule compliance timeline. Mr. Lastinger recommended the removal of two guidance documents from the website. He made a motion to remove notice 03-01 non-soil exposed crawl spaces and new construction and the old guidance instructions for completing a wood infestation report. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- I. Mr. Rick Bell reported on a two day workshop he attended with representatives from NPMA, EPA, and ASPCRO. Such topics discussed were termite management and pollinators.

Mr. Lastinger also reported on the workshop and mentioned EPA's current reregistration review of Sulfuryl Fluoride process. Discussion of future workshops included a proposal to focus the next one on structural fumigation. He recognized the workshops as being great for building relationships and providing information to EPA that is necessary when making decisions.

J. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

July 8, 2014

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. FY 15 Election of officers
- b. New Company Applications
- c. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- d. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- e. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- f. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- g. Employee Registration Manual
- h. New and old guidance documents
- i. NPMA update
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

Attachment 2

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THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
July 8th, 2014

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- NATIONAL EXTERMINATING COMPANY-BIBB COUNTY
- DAVINCI PEST MANAGEMENT-GWINNETT COUNTY (PENDING INSURANCE)
- VEXTER PEST-HALL COUNTY
- MARKSMEN EXTERMINATORS II, INC. (NAME CHANGE)
- ALAGA EXTERMINATORS- MUSCOGEE COUNTY (PENDING INSURANCE)
- 1 CHOICE WILDLIFE & PEST CONTROL (PENDING NAME CHANGE)
- BRILLIANT EXTERMINATING (NAME CHANGE)
- METRO ATLANTA RODENT SPECIALIST (NAME CHANGE)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 12, 2014

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 12, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- 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 July meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission discussed a request from a certification exam applicant who requested to be exempt from having to meet the one year of experience in the last five years. The Commission reviewed the applicant's experience and did not approve the request for an exemption to the minimum experience requirement.
- F. Mr. Skin Edge provided the legislative update.
- G. Mr. Rick Bell reported on a meeting he attended with the Georgia Associations of Realtors (GAR) involving termite inspection and termite damage repair language on the GAR contract. Those attending the meeting agreed to work together on improving the contract language.
- H. Mr. Holley recognized Mrs. Lara Fink for her years of service to the Georgia Pest Control Industry and Commission.
- I. Mr. Gorecki welcomed and introduced Ms. Glenda Lehmborg as the new executive director of CPCO of Georgia.
- J. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that classes will begin shortly for the fall semester. He recognized and appreciated the positive feedback from the comments received on the Employee Registration Manual draft. He also suggested keeping the draft on the website for another week for additional public comments. The test questions are currently being revised and new questions will be added to the test bank. Lastly, he mentioned an article from an entomology journal by the name of American Entomologist. The article discussed the Structural Pest Control Section and cited several topics that were misleading on various topics such as enforcements efforts, mandated laws, and practices. Dr. Forschler suggested that the Commission consider responding through an editorial rebuttal.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He welcomed and introduced Mr. Adam Dye who works in the Department's policy office. He also provided an update on the Biowatch exercise and appreciated the commission members for their time and participation.



- L. Mr. Lastinger requested the Commission review a GDA case involving a consumer compliant and termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Wesley Burton provided details regarding the case. After discussion, the Commission made a motion requiring a complete comprehensive soil applied termite treatment and refresh termite bait products in all of the termite bait stations.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed the upcoming Annual Conference of the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials beginning this month in Montana. A discussion of Pollinator Protection and label language requirements for neonicotinoids will be on the agenda.
- N. Mr. Gorecki congratulated Mrs. Connie Rogers with GPCA for her recent promotion to the executive director for GPCA.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. There is possible news that EPA has decided not to issue a PR notice on the pollinator protection label language. Mr. Bell's hopes are that the ASPCRO language interpretations will be accepted by all states.
- P. Lastly, the Commission discussed several locations to have the meetings for the year of 2015. Plans for October or November of this year will be to hold a meeting at the GDA Tifton Lab Campus.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

  
Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

August 12, 2014

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- f. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- g. Draft Employee Registration Manual Comments
- h. NPMA update
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
August 12th, 2014**

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- BUG HOUSE PEST CONTROL- AUGUSTA, GA (SUB-OFFICE)
- COOK'S PEST CONTROL, INC.-VALDOSTA
- HUM BUG PEST SERVICE-NEWNAN
- PROVEN PEST SOLUTIONS, INC.-GRANTVILLE
- PRO CORE PEST SOLUTIONS-CARTERSVILLE
- HOBOKEN PEST SERVICES- HOBOKEN, GA (NAME CHANGE)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 9, 2014

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on September 9, 2014. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley.
- 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. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided the legislative update. He introduced the newest representative of Georgia Link, Ms. Lauren Fraulick.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He thanked those that contributed to the comments received on the draft Employee Registration Manual. He explained that most of the comments will be included into the manual. The projected goal is to have a final revised draft to the Commission by the October meeting. The rebuttal draft letter to the *American Entomologist* article on regulating pesticides in schools is also in the process of being reviewed by the Commission members. Lastly, he discussed a group of UGA faculty that convened to write a position statement on protecting pollinators. Dr. Forschler distributed the statement draft among the Commission members. He suggested the Commission get involved to work together on a mission statement that will represent the pest control industry's perspective. Mr. Lastinger added that there was also a GDA Georgia Pollinator Protection planning meeting that recently took place at the GDA Tifton Lab which was hosted by GDA Plant Protection Director Mike Evans. The meeting's initiative was to develop a plan for agriculture groups and in the near future incorporating urban pest control and the general public. Commercial beekeepers were included in the first meeting. Mr. Lastinger will get more information regarding the recent Tifton meeting and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
- G. Mr. Lastinger reported on the success of the Annual ASPCRO Conference. He mentioned the discussion of pollinator protection and EPA's plan include additional pollinator protection language on pesticide labels. The label language is expected to be similar to that of neonicotinoid label language.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided a Department update. He introduced members of the Structural Pest Team that attended the meeting. He also updated the Commission on the Biotech case which was referred to US EPA Region 4 for pesticides misuse in nursing homes in several southern states. The operator was sentenced two weeks ago in Federal court in Macon with a \$7,500 fine. The corporation was sentenced to three years probation and a \$50,000

fine. Mr. Lastinger discussed a request from the August Commission meeting where the Commission requested representatives from Athens Technical College (ATC) to attend the Commission meeting to provide a program update. ATC administers the GA Pest Exam program. Dr. Tidings, president of ATC is planning to attend the Commission meeting for January. Recently ATC requested funding to update the firewall software and hardware that supports the program. GDA was able to secure funding and purchase the equipment for ATC.

- I. The location of the November Commission meeting is scheduled to take place at the Tifton Lab on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- J. The Official Waiver Compliance Fact Sheet that the Commission issued in June 2014 has been revised to correct a typo in section number 4. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to accept the revised fact sheet. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Gorecki welcomed and thanked Commissioner Black for his attendance to the meeting.
- L. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on the New Rule Timeline. He noted that implementation is on schedule including exam revisions.
- M. Lastly, Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update. He announced plans for the House to pass a bill by the first of next week to disapprove EPA's request for waters of the US, which would have allowed them to govern drainage ditches, moist spots in yards, and areas that are wet for thirty days during the year.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

  
Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

September 9, 2014

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. Georgia Pest Exam Program – Athens Technical College Request
- f. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- g. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- h. Draft Employee Registration Manual Comments
- i. NPMA update
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 9th, 2014

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- PROGENIA PEST CONTROL-DEKALB COUNTY
- ALLCRITTER-NEWTON COUNTY
- T.B.B. EXTERMINATORS-CLAYTON COUNTY
- PESTOPS, CLARKE COUNTY
- INNOVATION PEST SOLUTIONS-NAME CHANGE
- K.W. INVESTMENTS LLC DBA AQUATIC-TERMITE-LAWN CARE (ATL)-NAME CHANGE

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 14, 2014

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on October 14, 2014. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard (via teleconference), Greg Holley and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided the legislative update. He mentioned a committee that is studying tax reform in order to reduce income tax by adding sales tax on services such as pest control.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He reported that all comments received on the employee registration manual were considered and incorporated as appropriate. Motion was made by Mr. Lastinger to accept the revised employee registration manual. Mr. Gorecki seconded the motion and motion passed. Dr. Forschler thanked the industry and GDA for submitting detailed comments on the draft. Mr. Gorecki and Lastinger recognized Dr. Forschler for his work on coordinating the revisions to the manual. Dr. Forschler updated the Commission on the SPCC article that will highlight Georgia's common sense approach to regulating SIPM to the *American Entomologist* on the recent school IPM article. Suggestions from the Commission will be incorporated into the final draft that will be submitted to the *American Entomologist*. Lastly, he mentioned that he will report on the pollinator protection mission statement that UGA's Entomology Department is drafting at the next Commission meeting.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He announced an upcoming Georgia Clean Day scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> for Cook, Thomas, Brooks and Lowndes counties. Pre-registration is required for anyone that plans to participate. The Clean Day will be hosted by the Brook's County Ag Extension office in Quitman. Lastly, he discussed a recent visit by the Department to the Port of Savannah by Commissioner Black and other GDA directors. During the visit, the Plant Industry Division conducted a workshop at the port in partnership with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection, Georgia Port Authority, U.S. Department of Agriculture, University of Georgia and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- H. Mr. Evans, Director of Plant Protection discussed the drafting of a pollinator protection management plan for Georgia. He discussed a recent meeting in Tifton of beekeepers and commercial pesticide applicators in Tifton that discussed a voluntary plan. He discussed



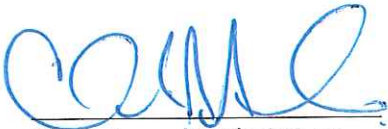
future activity with initial focus on pollinator protection in agriculture and then urban. The plan will include fact sheets for the various focus groups that will provide recommendations. Mr. Holley mentioned that some pest control companies have beekeepers that they use as consultants to determine whether a bee hive can be captured and relocated or need to be exterminated.

- I. Mr. Burton discussed several cases requiring a complete termite retreatment. One case involved a retreatment warranty contract issued on a structure that did not receive an initial treatment. Mr. Gorecki clarified the difference between a no treatment warranty contract for termite control and a warranty contract takeover. Mr. Lastinger further indicated that a warranty contract takeover is not permitted under the WDO contract rule.
- J. Mr. Lastinger reported on the progress of the New Rule timeline. He noted that implementation activities continue to be on schedule. The revised Employee Registration Manual should be published within the next two weeks and exams are currently being revised for implementation after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- K. Mr. Gorecki discussed modifying the ventilation fact sheet to reflect a new interpretation from the Department of Community Affairs. The change will be incorporated into the fact sheet along with improved formatting to provide clarity on the four options for ventilation standards. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to accept the revised fact sheet 14-08. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion was passed.
- L. Mr. Gorecki mentioned that new fact sheets are being drafted to be presented and discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Lastinger added that further clarification on the meaning of "conditioned air" language that is included in the ventilation option 4 of the ventilation fact sheet 14-08 is also being researched and he plans to report on this at the next meeting.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed an upcoming USDA stakeholder's meeting regarding pollinator protection on Monday in Washington, DC. The national meeting will include manufacturers, growers, commercial applicators and beekeepers. He also noted that the comment period on "Waters of the US" has been extended until November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed a letter that ASPCRO sent to EPA on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The letter requests an amendment to rodenticide labeling of second generation products to include and allow use for specific non-commensal rodents.
- O. Mr. Lastinger provided details for November Commission meeting. The meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in room 146 at the Tifton Lab Complex. The address is 3150 US Highway 41 South in Tifton. After the meeting, there will be an optional tour of the lab facility.
- P. Mr. Taylor reported on a recent issue of Designated Certified Operators (DCO) refusing to sign applications for individuals wanting to take the certification exam. According to rule 620-3-.02(1)(i), DCO's are required to sign the application verifying experience for the applicants.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

**Attachment 1:**

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**Agenda**

October 14, 2014

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture – Georgia Clean Day
- e. GDA Pollinator Protection Plan – Mike Evans
- f. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- g. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- h. Revisions to Ventilation Fact Sheet 14-08
- i. Draft Employee Registration Manual Comments
- j. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k. November meeting location and agenda
- l. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 14th, 2014**

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- BILLY JACKSON & SONS PEST CONTROL-CATOOSA COUNTY
- JACKSON PEST CONTROL-BUTTS COUNTY
- LIBERTY PEST MANAGEMENT-LAMAR COUNTY
- ROCK SOLID TERMITE & PEST CONTROL-CHATHAM COUNTY
- COASTAL BUG SOLUTIONS-BRYAN COUNTY (PENDING NAME CHANGE)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 12, 2014

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 146 of the Tifton Lab Complex Building on November 12, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, WSBTV reporters and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Bodine Sinyard to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Laurie Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Beverly, Laboratory Division Director greeted and welcomed everyone to the GDA Laboratory Tifton Campus.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update; he discussed the Georgia Clean Day currently taking place in Quitman. He also announced the 2015 meeting schedule including Public Notice 14-16 which is now posted on the Commission website.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted details for the January Commission meeting hosted by the UGA Entomology Department. He discussed the recent research conducted by his students on the residential mosquito treatment which finished their first season. He also provided an update on the *Formosan* termite infestation suppression project in Hinesville.
- H. Dr. Forschler mentioned that a rebuttal was submitted to the editor of the *American Entomologist* in response to their article regarding regulation of pesticides. The editor acknowledged receiving the Commission's rebuttal and agreed to start a review and response process. Dr. Forschler proposed issuing a model contract for Georgia schools to utilize when contracting IPM services. Mr. Lastinger added that this would be a great resource for schools and PMP's since GDA often receives requests for this information. He also mentioned that there might be an opportunity to work with the Georgia Grown farm to school program to start a dialog with schools that are interested in School IPM programs and resources.
- I. Mr. Lastinger and Dr. Forschler discussed the revised Employee Registration Manual and exam. The revised exam should be completed for the testing center by December 1<sup>st</sup>. In preparation of finalizing the exam, the program would like to provide a practice exam. This practice exam will be available on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>. GDA will monitor the exam results and make modifications as needed. Revised registration and certification exams are expected to be in place for all exams starting in January 2015.
- J. Dr. Phillip Roberts, University of Georgia extension entomologist, provided information on the UGA pollinator mission statement. UGA plans to meet next week with Mr. Mike Evans,

Director of the Plant Protection Section, to discuss a pollinator protection plan for the State of Georgia. Dr. Roberts stressed the importance of communication and education to the public and the industry surrounding pollinator protection. In the document/statement that the University of Georgia is putting together, there are discussions on maintaining healthy bee colonies and ways to reduce the exposure of pollinators to pesticides.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the 2014 new rules timeline update. He noted the progress continues to move further along on implementation of the new exam questions. In addition to the exams, notices have been sent out to all licensees regarding the publication of the new Employee Registration manual including the new guidance documents that were approved by the Commission last month. The documents have been posted on the website. Implementation continues to be on schedule with the compliance date of January 1, 2015. Accordingly another important date to note is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, which is the deadline for all registered employee training for renewal of registrations. Registered Employees who have taken the exam after September 30, 2014 are exempt from getting the required training hours for renewal.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed the recently drafted Wood Destroying Fungus and Wood Boring Beetle guidance documents. The documents continue to state what the minimum treatment requirements are in addition to the ventilation standard changes. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to accept the two documents. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed. The new guidance will be posted on the website and the pest control associations were asked to assist with outreach on getting this information to their membership. GDA was asked to look at the website statistics for the Commission webpage and report back.
- M. Mr. Lastinger reported on further clarification of the interpretation of "conditioned air" in Section R408.3 of the IRC building code for unvented crawl spaces. After reaching out to the Department of Community Affairs and Southface technical services, GDA learned that the most common practice for providing conditioned air in new construction is with HVAC ductwork with 2 cfm/100 s.f. A variation to providing conditioned air is with a dedicated dehumidifier supplying at least 2 cfm/100 s.f. The dehumidifier must be plumbed to automatically drain the captured condensate away either by gravity, to a sump pump, or to the air conditioner's condensate pump.
- N. Mr. Gorecki provided the update regarding NPMA's efforts on rodenticides. He noted that there was a petition in New York wanting to change second generation rodenticides to restricted use pesticides. However, there is a mandate in New York's regulation listed by the Commissioner that does not allow restricted use pesticides to be used if there is a viable alternative. Local associations and NPPMA were heavily involved in providing input on the issue.
- O. In an effort to raise awareness, Mr. Lastinger discussed the GDA Self-reporting Enforcement Response Policy for the pest control industry. The goal of the policy is to enhance compliance with regulations by encouraging the industry to self-audit and self-discover violations by self-reporting this information to the Department. According to Mr. Burton, there is a decline in the number of reports.

There are three steps to self-reporting:

1. Discovery: self-audit by reviewing records such as service records, inspection records, pesticide labels and contracts.
  2. Correction Prevention: take immediate corrective action and prevention action.
  3. Report: Contact GDA and schedule a self-reporting compliance meeting.
1. M. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Approved Recertification Courses
Attachment 4	Approved Instructors

  
Chris Gorecki, Chairman

  
Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

November 12, 2014

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Welcome** - Dr. Reuben Beverly

**Old Business**

Minutes

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update - Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture - Georgia Clean Day
- d. UGA Pollinator Protection Statement - Professor Phillip Roberts
- e. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- f. Draft guidance on wood decay fungus and wood boring beetles
- g. Unvented crawlspaces and *conditioned air* option
- h. Revised Employee Registration Manual
- i. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- j. Public Notice 14-16: 2015 Meetings
- k. SPS 13-15 Self-Reporting Policy
- l. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**



THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
November 12th, 2014

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- ORTHO PEST SOLUTIONS- COBB COUNTY (SUB-OFFICE)
- ORTHO PEST SOLUTIONS-HENRY COUNTY (SUB-OFFICE)
- FORMULA GREEN, LLC.-HALL COUNTY
- LIBERTY PEST MANAGEMENT-LAMAR COUNTY
- PROTECTOR PEST SOLUTIONS-FORSYTH
- A-ONE PEST PROFESSIONALS-PENDING NAME CHANGE

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 9, 2014

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 9, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler (Teleconference), Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- 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. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He mentioned that the Commission letter will be published by the *American Entomologist* magazine in spring 2015. He also noted the details for the January Commission meeting which will be at the University of Georgia in Athens, hosted by the Entomology Department. Lastly, Dr. Forschler mentioned that the revised and new questions for the employee registration exam question bank were completed and submitted to GDA for final review.
- D. Mr. Taylor announced an opportunity to take the new employee registration sample exam. The exam will be available to take on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is required to take the exam. The sample exam is available through Georgia Pest Exam and registration of the sample exam should be made under the "Mouse Club Exam". All exam proctoring rules will apply to keep the exam questions secure. GDA will do further review of the exam questions and results and make needed revisions. Dr. Forschler further explained the breakdown of new questions and revised questions including the new manual sections on IPM and pesticide mode of action.
- E. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December meeting Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted a recent legislative training that took place in Athens to discuss topics such as the budgeting process, economic development and transportation. All topics were discussed in preparation for the upcoming session starting on January 12<sup>th</sup> with the inauguration event taking place at the new Liberty Plaza.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the new rule compliance timeline and final implementation. He reminded the Commission of the compliance date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. As requested last month, Mr. Lastinger provided a report of the Commission website activity. The report indicated that website hits doubled for the same reporting period in 2014 compared to 2013.
- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that GDA received several inquiries from PMP's regarding the issuance of the NPMA-33 form. He noted that the rule requires the use of the state mandated Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report form to be issued

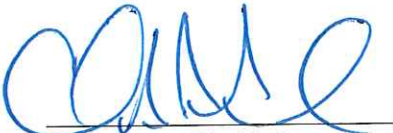
exclusively. He referenced several documents referencing HUD and VA specifically accepting state forms in place of the NPMA-33 form. Mr. Lastinger will forward the referenced documents to the Commission to further consider posting on the website. Mr. Holley suggested reaching out to the Board of Realtors to assist with outreach on the Georgia requirement.

- J. Mr. Taylor discussed recertification course renewals and notices for 2015; the notices were distributed last week. Currently there have been 800 courses submitted for renewal, 750 of those were submitted online and 50 were submitted through email. Course approval notifications are planned to be sent out throughout the upcoming weeks.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed the pollinator protection update. He mentioned a recent meeting with UGA and GDA representatives that are drafting a state pollinator protection plan. Once the draft is complete, it will be distributed to stakeholders. There is a public meeting scheduled at the Farm Bureau in Macon on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- L. In regards to national activity, Mr. Lastinger reported that SFIREG is currently meeting to discuss pollinator protection plan guidance for states. ASPCRO is providing comments on the guidance regarding urban pest management.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses



Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

December 9, 2014

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. January meeting details
- e. 2014 New Rules Compliance Timeline Update
- f. Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Reports & NPMA-33
- g. Recertification course renewal 2015
- h. New Employee Registration Examination
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
December 9th, 2014

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- HIGH PRIORITY PEST SERVICES- GREENE COUNTY (SUB-OFFICE)
- CANTON TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL-(NAME CHANGE-FORMELY SYSTEMATIC SERVICES INC.)
- INSECT A GONE-SUB OFFICE-LAURENS COUNTY
- TENNESSEE TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL-MARION COUNTY (TENNESSEE)
- MCCALL SERVICE INC.-DOUGHERTY COUNTY
- HASKELL TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL INC.-GWINNETT COUNTY
- STARR EPSTEIN-NEWTON COUNTY

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

January 13, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Catherine Rooker Fireside Lounge, on the University of Georgia campus on January 13, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, Greg Holley, and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO, UGA, Athens Technical College, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Dr. Ray Noblet, Head of UGA's Entomology department welcomed everyone to the University of Georgia campus.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Keith Delaplane, UGA Professor and Honey Bee Program Director, discussed the draft Pollinator Protection Plan for Georgia. He discussed an upcoming public meeting to be held at the Farm Bureau Building in Macon to discuss the draft plan. The document advises the best practices on protecting honey bees, pollinator conservation and urban considerations for homeowners. Dr. Forschler noted that most of the draft plan addresses agriculture and that it would be helpful to educate PMP's on pollinator protection practices around structures.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology research update and report including details of several projects focusing on carpenter bees, mosquito sampling techniques, mosquito treatments around homes, plastic termite barriers, termite bait field trials and treated lumber trial for carpenter bee protection. His students will provide research updates at 5:00 P.M. today at the GPCA Winter Conference. (see attachment 3 for the report)
- H. Dr. Dan Suiter, University of Georgia's Professor of Entomology, provided an extension update. He noted upcoming workshops including several new workshops (Bed bug, School IPM, Commercial IPM and residential IPM) webinars to be hosted by UGA Extension Griffin Campus.
- I. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He noted November's re-election of Commissioner Black and thanked him for being very supportive of the Plant Industry Programs. He also discussed the opportunity to fill several vacancies including two inspectors to the Structural Pest Section. He introduced and recognized Dr. James Sutton with the Department's Leadership team for attending the meeting.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He highlighted the revision of several documents including the *Recertification Attendance Verification Requirements and Specific*

*Areas Treated.* He also noted new documents including the *New Company Guidance Fact Sheet, Pesticide Use Record Keeping Requirement Fact Sheet, WDO Contracts Fact Sheet, Under-Floor Ventilation Fact Sheet, Official Waiver Fact Sheet* and *Official Georgia Wood Infestation Report Fact Sheet*. The new and revised documents are all posted on the Commission website. He also mentioned the compliance assistance webpage that hosts a library of new rule guidance for industry members to reference. The program will receive US EPA funding to support several new projects and activities in 2015 and 2016. These projects include School IPM, Pollinator Protection and Bed Bug Outreach. Lastly he mentioned that GDA will host an ASPCRO/NPMA Structural Fumigation Workshop for US EPA Registration staff in March 2015 at the Rollins Learning Center in Atlanta.

- K. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing update. He reminded the industry of this year's upcoming renewal and stated that all license payments are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Industry members should expect to see license renewal packets in the mail this spring. He recommended everyone to go online to ensure accuracy of all licensing mailing address and contact information. The training deadline for Registered Employees renewal is coming up on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- L. Dr. Flora Tydings and Mr. Dennis Ashworth with Athens Technical College provided an update on the pest exam project. The examination process has drastically improved since it came online in 2006. Today, exams are administered at 33 Technical College testing centers around Georgia. It is estimated that the pesticide and pest control industries has saved over 3 million dollars a year with the current pest exam program. To date over 16,382 individuals have tested through the centers. Mr. Ashworth thanked the Department for all of the testing program's support from GDA and the pest control industry. He updated attendees on many additional services the program provides, such as fast and efficient help desk support, system hardware and software updates, and professional proctor training. Last year there were roughly 4,100 exams administered with a little over 32,000 exams administered since over the past 9 years. GDA was recognized for providing funding for the recent software and hardware update that was needed.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided a NPMA update. He discussed a proposal in Montgomery, Maryland from a county commission to ban the use of neonicotinoids in turf use and structural use in private and public buildings. He also shared concerns with US EPA redefining the definition of waters of the US under the Clean Water Act.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	UGA Report



Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

January 13, 2015

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Welcome** - Dr. Raymond Noblet

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Georgia's draft Pollinator Protection Plan - Dr. Keith Delaplane
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
  - Research Update - Dr. Forschler
  - Extension Update - Dr. Dan Suiter
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update - Tommy Gray
  - Program Update - D Lastinger
  - License Renewal 2015
- e. Georgia Pest Exam Project Update - Dr. Tydings, Dennis Ashworth, and D Lastinger
- f. Legislative update
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**



THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
January 13th, 2015

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- PROCARE SOLUTIONS, INC. DBA CPS MANAGEMENT-JEFFERSON, ALABAMA
- CROCODILE DAVE INC.-DEKALB COUNTY
- GREAT AMERICAN PEST SOLUTIONS-COBB-PENDING LEGAL REVIEW of STATE TRADEMARK
- CASEFIELD SERVICES DBA PESTMASTER SERVICES of AUGUSTA-COLUMBIA-PENDING NAME CHANGE
- FIRST DEFENSE TERMITE and PEST CONTROL-BARTOW-PENDING NAME CHANGE
- MARTINI and BROWN'S LAWN CARE/PEST SOLUTIONS-COLUMBIA

## Attachment 3

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**URBAN PEST CONTROL PROGRAM  
HOUSEHOLD AND STRUCTURAL ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA**

DATE OF REPORT TO COMMISSION: January 13, 2015

**PROGRESS REPORT:**

The past year included efforts that resulted in a revision of the GDA Employee Registration Manual, as well as, a book chapter on biology and control of drywood termites. The educational program celebrated the graduation of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Masters of Science in Entomology students. The research program continues to investigate insect pests common in the urban habitat in the quest to develop realistic pest management recommendations. Graduate student research on mosquito and termite pests are examining questions that include comparison of sampling methods for mosquitos as well as efficacy of pesticide interventions for their control, collective decision making in termite colonies, and the ecological role of subterranean termites. A field trial was established to test 4 types of lumber treatments for management of carpenter bees where after one field season no new nests were observed in any of the boards, including the controls, which indicates a slow rate of new nest establishment. Fieldwork on drywood and subterranean termites continues with demonstration projects on University property. The research program also donated a collection of over 180 samples of termite alates collected over the past 20 years that includes all 5 species of subterranean termites found in Georgia. The species-specific flight times from those samples shows that the eastern subterranean termite, *Reticulitermes flavipes*, has the longest flight period - from November to April. *R. nelsonae* the shortest flight period from February through March, and that *R. virginicus* and *R. mallei* overlap during April through June with *R. hageni* swarms from August through October. This information is useful in identifying the species of termites involved in a structural infestation and our data from the campus demonstration project shows that 92% of all infestations are caused by *R. flavipes* with 4% *R. virginicus* while 2% are *R. hageni* and the last 2%, *R. mallei*, (*R. nelsonae* is not found in the Athens area).

**EXPENDITURES:**

Graduate student stipends/scholarships cost approximately \$64,000 in addition to \$12,000, for supplies and equipment. Funds, from the State Structural Pest Control Commission research fees (\$45,000 annually) were used for part of the aforementioned graduate student stipends and the remaining expenditures were paid by extramural funds.

**PLANNED RESEARCH:**

We plan to address the following research areas over the next year: (1) drywood termite management (2) collective decision-making in subterranean termites (3) efficacy of residential mosquito treatments in GA and (4) subterranean termite involvement in soil nutrient cycles.

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 10, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 300B of the Agriculture Building on February 10, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- 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 January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. After discussing several issues concerning similar company names, the Commission discussed adding license issuance dates to the list of similar names when considering new company license applications. Mr. Holley suggested that the Commission adopt a policy on company name approvals. The Commission agreed to review the rules regarding company name requirements and consider the need for new policy. Mrs. Padgett added that when the Commission reviews the rule to also discuss what is considered "substantially similar".
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed an issue with the brown marmorated stink bug found on vehicles that were exported out of the Port of Savannah to New Zealand and Australia. Accordingly, an embargo was issued this month that initiated port officials to find ways to fumigate or heat treat the vehicles prior to export. Mr. Lastinger added that GDA was contacted regarding the use of ProFume to treat for the brown marmorated stink bug and licensing requirements. Since the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act defines structural pest control to include the fumigation of railroad cars, trucks, ships and airplanes and agriculture commodity fumigation is limited to agricultural commodities, it was determined that a structural fumigation license is required to fumigate vehicles. This issue went through legal review since it involved several laws. Dr. Forschler also mentioned that the rebuttal to the American Entomologist article on school pesticide regulations was finally submitted. Lastly, he discussed the comments that he prepared on behalf of the Commission in response to the UGA draft pollinator protection plan for Georgia. The comments included helpful practices for property owners, as well as pest management considerations which were based on the current NPMA best management practices document. The document will be posted on the Commission website.
- G. Mr. Lastinger also discussed a draft memo regarding HUD & VA acceptance of the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report. The memo provides the clarification that according to the rules for the Georgia Pest Control Act, only the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report may be issued for the transfer of real property and no other

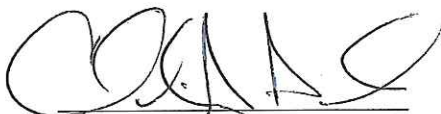
forms may be issued. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the draft memo. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.

- H. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He announced Ms. Jennifer Wren as the new enforcement and compliance manager for the Plant Industry Division. He also discussed Commissioner Black's most recent State of the Department address noting the Department's progression over the years including recognition of work accomplished by the Structural Pest Section.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Program update. He mentioned the recent departure of Market Bulletin's editor; therefore, program staff will assist with writing articles for the bulletin. There are plans to submit articles regarding pollinator protection and the development of the state plan, GDA activities at the Port of Savannah and consumer awareness on bed bugs. He discussed a recent division meeting involving all of the Plant Industry Division's field staff. The meeting highlighted Inspection Standard Operation Procedures which is part of a Department effort to enhance consistency across divisions.
- J. The Commission received a letter from Mr. Charles Guy with Good Guy's Pest Control. His letter addressed requested the Commission to review Rule 620-4-.01 on advertising and consider amending the rule to further restrict licensee advertising on websites and social media and from using any part of another licensee name. Mr. Guy addressed his letter and concerns. The Commission acknowledged his concerns and requested the GDA legal team to review his letter.
- K. Mr. Bell provided the NPMA update. He mentioned the NPMA Best Management Practices for pollinator protection was still under review. Also, due to a recent decision at US EPA, there is now an opportunity for rodenticide registrants to include certain non-commensal rodents on the label for structural uses. Registrants will need to go through the process of submitting label amendments for US EPA approval.
- L. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick invited Commission members to attend the GPCA Legislative Luncheon at the Capitol following the meeting.
- M. Mr. Gorecki welcomed and thanked Commissioner Black for attending the meeting.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM

#### ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses



Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

**Attachment 1:**

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**Agenda**

February 10, 2015

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia’s Draft Pollinator Protection Plan & SPCC Comments
- d. NPMA Best Management Practices for Pollinator Protection
- e. Draft memo regarding HUD & VA acceptance of the Official GA WIIR
- f. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- g. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
February 10th, 2015**

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- WILLIS PEST SOLUTIONS, LLC.-WALTON
- BUG MEISTER TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL-NAME CHANGE FROM MEISTER TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL
- PEST USA-NAME CHANGE FROM TEAM PEST USA
- PEST MAN LLC-NAME CHANGE FROM WEED MAN CORP.
- ABE'S PEST CONTROL-TIFT
- MIKES PEST CONTROL-ELBERT
- ALAGA EXTERMINATORS-MUSCOGEE
- DIMOND EXTERMINATORS-COWETA
- THE BUG AGENCY-GLYNN
- INNOVATE PEST CONTROL-GWINNETT
- ATLANTIC FUMIGATION SERVICES INC.-CHATHAM
- GEORGIA PEST SOLUTIONS-GILMER
- LADY BUG EXTERMINATING-HAMILTON TENN.
- CHERELYN MOORE AND BRIAN MOORE DBA BILLS PEST CONTROL-STEWART.

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 10, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 10th, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- 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 March meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided a letter and request from Mr. Guy with Good Guy's Pest Control's letter requesting the Commission to review the advertising Rule 620-4-01 and consider an amendment regarding advertising on websites and social media. The Commission discussed the concerns from the letter and reviewed guidance from the GDA legal team. Since the Department does not have the authority to enforce such requirements as proposed, the Commission does not plan to amend the advertising rule. A letter will be drafted for Chairman Gorecki to respond on behalf of the Commission.
- F. Mr. Lastinger reviewed the current rule on the consideration of similar company names for new company license applications and company name change requests.
- G. The Commission discussed a name change request received from FPM Services requesting Focus Pest Management, LLC. Currently there is a licensed company under the name Focus Pest Control. FPM Services recently applied for the Focus Pest Management federal trademark. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to turn down the request for the name change. Mr. Lastinger seconded and motion passed. The Commission requested that the GDA legal team review the similar name rule and determine if the Federal Trade Commission's registration of a company name trademark take precedence over the rule.
- H. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that GDA recently transferred approximately \$90,000 to the University of Georgia as required by the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. These funds are to continue the support of Dr. Brian Forschler's research in Household and Structural Entomology. The Commission briefly discussed the latest draft of the State Pollinator Protection Plan. The Commission agreed to review the draft plan and share comments at the next meeting.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He introduced Ms. Jennifer Wren as the new Plant Industry Division Enforcement Manager. Mr. Tim Taylor made a few announcements regarding the 2015 licensing renewal. He noted that renewal notices will be mailed out by the end of April. Notices will also be sent to the email address on file for each license.

- J. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review a GDA case involving a consumer complaint and termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Burton provided details regarding the case. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to require a full comprehensive soil treatment and to refresh the termite bait in all stations in compliance with the label. Mr. Gorecki seconded and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He noted the upcoming legislative day held in Washington D.C. to discuss pollinators.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed an upcoming meeting that he plans to attend with AAPCO and ASPCRO that will focus on pollinator protection plans.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses



Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary



## Agenda

March 10, 2015

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

- a. Legal review of letter from Mr. Charles Guy
- b. Review of the current rule on the approval of new company names

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- e. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
March 10th, 2015

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- MIKE'S PEST CONTROL (NAME CHANGE FROM JUST WRIGHT PEST SERVICES)
- SOVEREIGN PEST CONTROL (SUB-OFFICE)
- LA PEST SUPPLY LLC-GWINNETT
- GRESHAM PEST MANAGEMENT-NEWTON
- HONEST PEST SOLUTIONS LLC-GWINNETT
- COUNTRYSIDE PEST SERVICES-SPALDING
- FOCUS PEST MANAGEMENT LLC (NAME CHANGE FROM FPM SERVICES-APPROVED PENDING LEGAL REVIEW)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 14, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on April 14, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard (By Phone) and Greg Holley.
- 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 March meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger discussed a draft letter that will be sent in response to Mr. Charles Guy of Good Guys Pest Control's request for a rule review of administrative rule 620-4-.01. At the March meeting, the Commission considered the request and found that it would not have the authority to implement such a rule. The letter was finalized and will be mailed to Mr. Guy.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed the pending application from FPM Services requesting a name change to Focus Pest Management. Since the company applied for a Federal Trademark after the initial application for a company license, the Commission requested a legal opinion from the Georgia Attorney General's Office regarding the similar name rule and how it may apply in this situation.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update noting that the final publication of the *American Entomologist* article concerning Georgia pesticide use regulations in schools. He noted that the article notes information that could be useful for state lead agencies and individuals interested in school IPM regulation.
- H. Mr. Gorecki discussed the current draft Georgia Pollinator Stewardship Plan. The Commission discussed their support of the draft document. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the draft Georgia Pollinator Stewardship Plan. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- I. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He mentioned that the pesticide programs received final U.S. EPA cooperative grant funding for FY15. Mr. Gray also noted changes with the Department's Chief Financial Officer. Lastly, the Marketing Division will host the annual Georgia Grown Symposium at the Georgia National Fair Grounds in Perry on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed a recent U.S. EPA Structural Fumigation workshop held in Atlanta at the Rollins Center. NPMA and ASPCRO partnered on the workshop which demonstrated structural, commodity, chamber, tape and seal, and tarp fumigations. He noted the success of the workshop which focused on U.S. EPA pesticide risk

assessment and registration staff. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger introduced and welcomed the new *Georgia Farmer's Market Bulletin* editor Ms. Amy Carter to the Commission meeting.

- K. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing renewal update. He noted that certified operators will first receive an email notification followed by a renewal statement in the mail to renew certified operator licenses by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The company and registered employee renewal notifications will be sent by email and mail on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registered Employees who have not met the training requirement will have a status of "not eligible" on the company renewal statement. The due date for all payments will be on June 30, 2015 with a late fee assessed to any payments posted on or after July 1, 2015. All training records received by the Department have been processed and training summaries are current online. Training taken by registered employees on or after March 1, 2015 will not show on training summaries until renewal period closes.
- L. Jim Wright with BASF shared concerns with Georgia's registration and Commission acceptance of Termidor HE under the Georgia Subterranean Termite Defined Treatment Rule. He requested the Commission to consider amending the regulations to approve a request of an alternate application technique when such application technique will result in an efficacious use of the termiticide. The Commission discussed the possibility of starting the rule making process in the future that may focus on the Wood Destroying Organisms Chapter. The Commission asked Mr. Lastinger to draft a notice to the pest management industry that will clarify the current acceptance of Termidor HE under the Georgia Defined Treatment Rule.
- M. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review a GDA case involving a consumer complaint and termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Burton provided details regarding the case. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to require a full comprehensive soil treatment and to install termite bait in all stations in compliance with the label. Mr. Holley seconded and motion passed. Mr. Burton discussed a second case for review involving a borate treatment failure and requested a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to require a full comprehensive soil treatment. Mrs. Padgett seconded motion and motion passed.
- N. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update recognizing that the end to this year's legislative session. She discussed an upcoming Governor's Proclamation signing recognizing April as pest control month.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell discussed the Methyl Bromide incident in the U.S. Virgin Islands and NPMA's effort to develop talking points. He also shared his appreciation for the Commission in their continued support of the draft Georgia pollinator stewardship plan.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1

Agenda

Attachment 2

New Company Licenses



Chris Gorecki, Chairman



Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

April 14, 2015

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

- a. Letter to Mr. Charles Guy
- b. Legal team's review of similar name rule and federal trademarks

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
  - Draft Georgia Pollinator Protection Plan
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. Bee Removal Letter
- e. BASF Termidor HE
- f. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- g. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

Attachment 2

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THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
April 14th, 2015

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Mason's Pest Control-Jeff Davis County
- Mayday Pest Control-Fulton County
- Southern Pest Management-Name Change Denied (PMI)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 12, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 12, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- 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 April meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2). During the review the Commission discussed a new company license application from BugMan LLC. The Commission discussed the name being similar to other currently licensed companies. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to approve the application pending submission of another name. Mr. Lastinger seconded the motion and motion passed. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the legal department is considering the Commission's request to have the Attorney General's office review the similar name rule and company names that have a Federal Trademark.
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA report. Graduation took place last week. Summer field research has started and students are working on several projects including drywood termites, subterranean termites, mosquitos, and carpenter bee pollination. He also discussed an upcoming engagement where he will be teaching an IPM course at the National Taiwan University. Lastly, he discussed the latest draft of the Georgia Pollinator Stewardship Plan. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an additional stakeholder meeting had been hosted by the Georgia Agribusiness council. Comments from this meeting were considered by the committee and the draft document was revised. The revised draft will be sent to members after the meeting.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He discussed several pest control related articles published in the Georgia Farmer's Market Bulletin including bed bug outreach, reporting brown marmorated stink bugs and GPCA President Jeff Dunn's guest column.
- G. Mr. Lastinger discussed a concern received from a Georgia consumer, Mr. Robbie Baron. Mr. Barron wanted to express his concerns to the Commission that termite contracts do not state boldly that termite damage found when termite infestations are inactive will not covered for damage repairs. The Commission discussed the difficulties in determining when an inactive infestation occurred and will further consider Mr. Barron's concern when reviewing the WDO rules in the next rule change.
- H. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing renewal update. He noted that certified operator renewal notices have been distributed by email and regular mail. If a renewal notice has not been



received, contact the licensing division. Company and registered employee renewal notices will be distributed later today.

- I. Mr. Gorecki discussed the background on the Commission reviewing termite retreatment cases. He highlighted a Commission decision to review all cases that fall under the complete retreatment rule with termite baiting or wood treatment preventive treatment types in response to a proposed rule change. Mr. Lastinger discussed Rule 620-6-.07(5) that states, "Any structure under contract with a licensee found by either the licensee or the Enforcement Agency to have three or more separate areas of active infestation from subterranean termites within a 5 year period shall receive a complete retreatment in accordance with the minimum treatment standards". When these cases are discussed, the Commission makes a recommendation to the Department. The recommendation is then issued by the Department as a corrective action to the licensee.
- J. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review a case involving a consumer complaint regarding a termite treatment failure. He provided details regarding treatments and inspections. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to require a comprehensive soil treatment. Mr. Sinyard seconded and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Mel Kyle representing Polyguard presented details regarding a TERM Particle Barrier System which is a new device installed around a structure for protection against subterranean termites. The product is a termite exclusion product consisting of naturally occurring stone particles which acts a physical barrier against subterranean termites.
- L. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislation update.
- M. Mr. Lastinger announced the recently published Public Notice 15-02. The notice provides information regarding the July Commission meeting. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM in The Barn at Jaemor Farms located at 5340 Cornelia Highway Alto, Georgia 30510. The public notice has been published on the Commission website.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed draft notice 15-03 regarding the Georgia Registration status and Commission acceptance of Termidor HE for professional use in Georgia for the control and prevention of subterranean termites. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to accept and publish the notice on the website. Mr. Sinyard seconded and motion passed.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

  
Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

May 12, 2015

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update -Dr. Forschler
  - Draft Georgia Pollinator Protection Plan
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update - Tommy Gray
  - Program Update - D Lastinger
  - License Renewal Update - Tim Taylor
- d. Termite retreatment case review - Wesley Burton
- e. TERM Particle Barrier for Termites - Mel Kyle, Polyguard
- f. Public Notice 15-02
- g. Legislative update - Mr. Skin Edge
- h. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
May 12th, 2015

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Gilstrap Exterminating-Hall County
- The Undertaker Pest Control-Walton County (Sub-Office)
- Ecologic Pest Control-Calhoun, AL (Sub-Office)
- Hart's Pest Control-Lowndes County
- Bugman LLC. -Dawson County – pending name change
- Cedar Valley Exterminating-Polk – pending insurance and name change

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 9, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on June 9, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley (by phone).
- 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 May meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He discussed the closing of the state fiscal year 2015 and the current transition into the state fiscal year 2016. The state pollinator protection plan went out for comment and has now been finalized. He also discussed an upcoming Georgia Clean Day event scheduled for July 22, 2015. The event will be located at the Gwinnett County Fair Grounds. Pre- registration is required to participate. The event is open to commercial pesticide applicators, pest control operators and agriculture applicators. Mr. Lastinger asked the pest control associations to distribute event information to their members.
- F. Mr. Lastinger addressed an inquiry regarding the electronic communication acknowledgement statement/form for pesticide use records and if it could be accepted electronically as well. The department did review the rule and found that this was acceptable and would need to have the ability to provide a copy of the record if requested.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the licensing renewal update. He included a reminder that all licenses will expire on June 30, 2015. Accordingly, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> all licensing fees will double during the late renewal period.
- H. Mr. Burton discussed the current enforcement response for issuing the *Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report* on the old version and not as required by the April 1, 2014 rule change. Since the compliance assistance period ended on January 1, 2015, the Department is issuing a monetary penalty for non-compliant reports.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed the recently issued federal strategy for pollinator protection. The federal strategy includes pollinator research, expanding education and outreach for public and private partnerships and improving pollinator habitat. US EPA strategy also released a draft strategy that is open for public comment. The strategy includes restrictions on pesticides that are considered highly toxic to pollinators and promotes communication between growers and honey bee keepers.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided details for the July 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. He noted that the meeting will be held in the barn at Jaemor Farms located 5340 Cornelia Highway in Alto,

Georgia. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. There will be an optional tour of the farm beginning at 9:00 AM for anyone that is interested.

- K. Mrs. Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted tax reform will likely be a focus in the 2016 legislative session.
- L. Mr. Lastinger announced that the 2016 ASPCRO conference will be in Ft. Lauderdale and hosted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Registration is now open for the conference and the agenda has been posted.
- M. Mr. Gorecki provided the NPMA update. He noted that the NPMA policy update has been distributed.
- N. Commissioner Black greeted the Commission and expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Laurie Padgett's service as the consumer affairs representative since 2011. He recognized Mrs. Padgett for her service with a proclamation. Mrs. Padgett expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

  
Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

June 9, 2015

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
  - License Renewal Update
  - GA WIIR and Waiver Form – Wesley Burton
- c. Federal Pollinator Protection Strategy and US EPA proposed restrictions
- d. July Commission Meeting agenda
- e. Legislative update – Mrs. Lauren Fraulick
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
June 9th, 2015

**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Med Env VET – Statesboro
- Okefenokee Pest Control LLC. – Waycross
- Forsyth Exterminating – Cumming (Sub Office)
- Rescom Services LLC – Washington

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Archer Pest Control-Clayton County (insurance).

Name Change

- WP Management (96036) to Walker Pest Management

The Commission did not approved the following applications

- The Pest Bureau – Columbia, SC