

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 8, 2020

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on December 8, 2020, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Kim Bragg.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. It is the end of the semester and hopes to have an update in January on how the new semester will start.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. GDA Operations Director, Dr. James Sutton, will retire at end of the year. Public Notice 20-11 Meeting Schedule 2021 is posted on SPCC's website.
- G. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. GDA's workplan for all types of inspections are back to Monday-Friday. FY21 Phase 2 focuses on inspecting companies that have not been inspected in two or more years as well as new companies that have been operating for over one year and have not yet been inspected. There are 323 of these inspections assigned. SPD's end of year review with EPA was held December 2. Mr. Conti will share the compliance program report at the January Commission meeting.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. He reminded everyone the Employee Registration training deadline is February 28, 2021 for reregistration. Course renewals were emailed to sponsors of training on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Over 1,100 courses have renewed so far. He expressed his appreciation to those sponsors for their quick responses. Beta testing is under way for sponsors of training to have the option to submit training attendance records into GDA's tracking database.
- I. The Commission discussed a response letter to Xtech regarding the application of termiticides applied sub-slab with a reticulation system. Mr. Lastinger spoke about a letter and email sent to GDA from Xtech containing information on their system and processes. The Commission wants pest management professionals that are interested in this system to reach out to GDA.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation rule amendment that is being submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). A meeting date is still to be determined.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed Honeybee Control and Removal rulemaking process. The written and oral comments have been compiled into 10 topics. Mr. Lastinger shared those topics to be discussed in future SPCC meetings.
  - 1. Minimum Certification Requirements

2. Waiver to reconstruction requirement (properly seal)
  3. Enforcement of non-Compliance
  4. Consumer protection and education
  5. HPC license exemption
  6. Exemption for trap-outs and hanging free swarms
  7. Exemption for no-fee removals
  8. Definitions for removal, trap-out, free hanging swarm and structure
  9. Removal standards and exemption
  10. Liability insurance
- L. Mr. Tim Taylor discussed the draft Authorized Submitter Policy. This policy will give sponsors of training the option to enter training attendance records directly into GDA’s training tracking program. The policy will be posted after finalized by the Commission. Beta testing for this program has already begun. Requirements will include the following:
- Must be a SPCC approved recertification course instructor or sponsor of recertification courses
  - Complete authorized recertification record submitter application including the signed acknowledgement statement
  - Complete authorized recertification record submitter training provided by GDA
  - Recertification course must be approved by SPCC with a current course number
  - Uploading the training course verification form into the recertification record portal
- M. Ms. Lauran Fralick provided the Legislative Update. Legislators are in Athens for the Biennial Meeting. Session starts January 11, but the schedule is to be determined.
- N. Mrs. Bonnie Rabe provided the NPMA update. The 2021 NPMA Legislative Day is in planning. NPMA will have a round table discussion with The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) regarding bed bug treatments in rental housing to be completed by a pest management professional (PMP). They will be referring to the language in a similar bill passed in Colorado in 2019. More information will be shared at the next Commission meeting.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

## 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 – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance – Alex Conti
  - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Xtech response letter
- e. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- f. Proposed Rule 620-9
- g. Draft CEU Submitter Policy
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Wallace Bug Busters LLC – Madison, FL
- Arrow Exterminators Inc. – Pickens

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Gettem Pest Control – Dekalb County (insurance, license payment).
- Hero Pest Control – Coweta County (insurance)