

Bug Bytes

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WDO INSPECTION INITIATIVE

As we last reported, we have submitted proposed contract verbiage to the Georgia Association of Realtors Forms Committee. Although we had hoped to be on the April agenda, we have been assured by Chairman Bonny Powell that this will be discussed at their June Forms Committee meeting.

In the meantime, we know that realtors are receiving some mixed information – some right and some misleading about what we propose. Additionally some stories are reaching us that are pure fiction as to what happened in the General Assembly this year. If you have the opportunity, please provide the facts:

- HB 1048 passed the House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee
- HB 1048 stayed in House Rules at our request to allow GAR and GPCA to work on a compromise
- SB 417 did not pass out of the Senate Agriculture Committee
- Senator John Bulloch and Representative Tom McCall advised GAR lobbyist Keith Hatcher that if compromise did not work, they would again introduce legislation in 2011 to require the inspection

If you have any questions, hear about any rumors, or if we may be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call the GPCA office.

COMMISSION NEWS

A good indicator of an improving economy is the number of new businesses that applied for licensure at the April Structural Pest Control Commission. 16 applications were received – now that's more like it!!!

Commission further discussed "What is a Commercial Kitchen": Consider it a commercial kitchen, if food is sold to the public. A company break room is not a commercial kitchen.

Watch out for this far-reaching issue – the Center for Biological Diversity is suing EPA because they have failed to protect 900 endangered species (plants and animals). The lawsuit would adversely impact many of the products that we use everyday. We have learned that the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) will be filling an amicus brief (friend of the court) relative to the case. This brief will be costly, but critical to the future of our industry. [Note – the GPCA Guardian*s have donated \$1000 to this worthy cause.]

DEBUGTHEMYTH!

Recently, Eunice Hall (Senior Sales Specialist, DowAgroScience) called to our attention a great website. This is an excellent website for PMPs to direct their customers to for general information regarding pesticide use, etc.

Go to www.debugthemyths.com . Thanks Eunice!

REGION ELECTIONS UNDERWAY

GPCA’s even numbered regions are holding elections now. Be sure to vote at your next meeting or if we send you a ballot by mail. Here’s the current status on region elections:

REGION	Current Region Director	Status	Director for 2010-2012
2	Len Land,	Elected 2008 Eligible for re-election	
4	Ted Veitch	Elected 2006 Elected 2008 Ineligible for re-election	Nancy Delany Elected
6	Lynn Dolan	Appointed fall 2009 to complete Unexpired term of previous dir. Eligible for re-election	
8	Greg Vines	Elected 2006 Re-elected 2008 Ineligible for re-election	
10	Danny Hopkins	Appointed 2007 to complete unexpired term of previous dir. Elected 2008 Eligible for re-election	
12/15	Tommy Kimbrel	Appointed 2007 to complete unexpired term of previous dir. Elected 2008 Eligible for re-election but has asked for Replacement director.	
14	Chris Watring	Elected 2008 Eligible for re-election	
16	Tom Buchanan	Appointed 2009 to complete unexpired term of previous dir. Eligible for re-election	
18	Manuel Snipes	Appointed 2005 to complete unexpired term of previous dir. Elected 2006 Elected 2008 Ineligible for re-election	

GPCA enjoys an active network of regions throughout the state. Job responsibilities include attending four GPCA board meetings during the year and setting up region meetings to provide local training and information about the industry.

WHO ARE THE GUARDIANS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

*The Guardians are a group of GPCA members who contribute \$1000 annually to help grow and add value to the Georgia Pest Control Association. They have provided scholarships to our leadership program, funded UGA WDO research, helped develop the consumer brochure about a WDO inspection and also support educational/public relations initiatives.

Current participants include:

Adams Exterminating, Advanced Services, Allgood Pest Solutions (Atlanta), Allgood Pest Solutions (Dublin), Arrow Exterminators, Bell Laboratories, Bug Busters, Cook’s Pest Control, Daisy Pest Control, DowAgroScience, Forshaw Distribution, Future Pest Control, Gregory Pest Control, Hometec Pest Control, Home Team Pest Defense, North Fulton Exterminating, Northwest Exterminating, Orkin Pest Control, Peachtree Pest Control, Skyline Pest Control, Terminix, UNIVAR
Individual Participants: Tom & Judy Diederich, Thurmon & Martha Morris

At the winter and summer conference, a special event is held for the Guardians to recognize their support and contributions to GPCA's growth.



GPCA'S ON FACEBOOK!

Check out our Facebook page. We currently have pictures of the Athens Conference, GPCA Legislative Day and upcoming region meetings posted. Stay current – check us out!