



**IN ATTENDANCE:**

BACK ( L - R ) – RON COMBS, ERIC SHAW, COMMISSIONER GARY BLACK, MATT CLARK, JEFF SWANEY  
FRONT ( L - R ) – GLENDA LEHMBERG, CINDY JONES, AND MARTY JONES



**The CPCO of GA Board of Directors met with Commissioner Black** on January 24. This regularly scheduled meeting occurs 2x/year in efforts to continue open communication with the Commissioner and provide for face to face dialogue that always proves to be beneficial.

**At the 2019 Annual Fall Conference**, Commissioner Black spoke to the **Manager's Advancement Program (M.A.P.)** attendees during their lunch. His leadership talk was both inspiring and thought provoking. Glenda Lehmborg, Executive Director, asked Commissioner Black to be the keynote speaker for the **2020 Annual Fall Conference**. He confirmed and is elated to kick off the meeting on October 1st, 2020.

**The Commissioner was pleased to be part of the manager's track last year** and has agreed to speak during the first hour of **M.A.P.** this year. This year the plan is to expand the manager's program and the goal is to attract more to this year's event.

**April is Pest Control Awareness Month.** Commissioner Black encouraged CPCO of GA to put in the request for the proclamation to the Governor and have the group get their photo taken at the Capitol.

**Commissioner Black encouraged the Board to use the tools already in place** to learn of legislative issues at the Capitol. There is typically a report given at the Commission meetings each month which is a viable way to keep up with relevant topics. Eric Shaw, President, and Glenda Lehmborg, Executive Director, along with Terry W. Bowen, Education & Legislative Committee member, will attend the meeting at the GA Dept of Community Affairs on January 30 to support the Commission's amendment to the GA Building Code.

**The CPCO Board updated Commissioner Black on this past year's activities.** Marty Jones reported on the ACE/BCE testing that was held at the conference. Eric Shaw reported that 12 people passed the **Advanced Train the Trainer** course and are now able to apply for teaching CEU courses in the state.

**The Commissioner suggested that the Board consider putting more emphasis on social media** to attract more membership. Glenda reported that the Board had agreed to begin a Membership Committee to focus on membership in a more strategic way.

**The meeting was concluded** with pictures and handshakes. It is always rewarding to have great working relationships with the GA DEPT of Ag. The Board of Directors is grateful for these meetings and looks forward to the next one in 6 months. ∞∞