

Commissioner Black Meeting- 5/21/2019

CPCO of GA Attendees: Ron Combs, Mark Holder, Marty Jones, Glenda Lehmborg and Eric Shaw.

GDA Attendees: Commissioner Black, Derrick Lastinger

Glenda updated Commissioner Black on the Train the Trainer Program and ACE study program that CPCO of GA is beginning. She asked if ACE and/or BCE status could be considered along with experience as a qualification for being a GA Approved Trainer. Derrick mentioned that this request would need to go before the Commissioner for discussion and approval.

Marty Jones shared information about P.E.S.T. Relief International efforts CPCO has done since last Fall. He shared about the Taunton Children's Home Disaster Relief effort following Hurricane Michael in December 2018 and the project in Feb 2019 at the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter in Atlanta. Commissioner Black offered to have a write up done in the Market Bulletin regarding PEST Relief and mention upcoming events as well as fundraising efforts in the future. Derrick will make these arrangements for Glenda and Andrea to meet with the Market Bulletin representatives.

Marty and Glenda also shared about the Women in Pest Control group that has been formed over the past year. CPCO of GA has 3 Lunch and Learn events this year that draws ladies in the pest control industry together. Glenda will represent CPCO of GA at the 1st National Women in Pest Control Conference in August in Austin, TX. Marty stated that he hopes they will consider having a conference in Atlanta in the future.

Mark Holder asked the Commissioner how industry representation is appointed on the Commission. Mr. Black stated that the best way to be considered is to attend the Commission meetings, be engaged with helping in the industry and have no personal agenda for pursuing this role. He stated that the intent on the Commission is to have a small, medium and large company represented.

Eric Shaw brought up a concern that he sees in commercial accounts, namely restaurants. It has been his experience that often restaurants are asking for a pest control quote to obtain their Certificate of Operation and then do not establish a pest control contract. Or if a contract is agreed upon, they do not allow the pest control operator access to do the job. There is a concern that the pest control company affiliated with the restaurant will either gain a poor reputation or be held liable if there are pest and/or chemical issues. Commissioner Black suggested that questions be asked to the Department of Health as to what is required and how regulations are enforced per jurisdiction. Also, he suggested that after reviewing the Dept of Health's response, a letter be drawn up to send to Georgians First Commission as a topic that Governor Kemp's administration considers as a topic to investigate.

Glenda shared information regarding the Fall Conference which will be in Macon on October 3&4. Commissioner Black showed great interest in the Manager's Advancement Program and asked if he could speak for 20 minutes on leadership. Glenda will look at the schedule and reach out to him regarding his participation. Regarding speakers for the conference, Derrick stated that he could assist and provide names and contact information for fumigation speakers.

Commissioner Black was given copies of this year's PCO Pro Magazine to review.

The meeting was from 11am-12:05pm