

Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2010

Structural Pest Control Advisory Council (SPCAC)

General Meeting Information

The meeting of the Structural Pest Control Advisory Council was held on October 27, 2010. The meeting was held in the rear portion of the main auditorium at the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois State Fair Grounds, Springfield, Illinois 62794.

Participants and SPCAC Members Present

IDPH Representative(s) Present:

- Ken Runkle, Chief
Division of Environmental Health
- Fred Riecks, Manager
Structural Pest Control Program
- Dr. Curt Colwell, Entomologist
Division of Environmental Health
- Derrick Pehlman, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
Structural Pest Control Program

Council Members Present:

- Susan DiGrino, McDonough County Health Department
- Scott Beckerman, USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services
- Warren Goetsch, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Harry Frost, Cargill Corn Milling
- Chris Haggerty, American Pest Control
- Gary Pietrucha, Envirosafe Pest Management Inc.
- Douglas Jones, University of Illinois Extension Williamson County Unit
- Joseph Kath, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Rachel Rosenberg, Safer Pest Control Project

Council Members Absent:

- Ronald Hodgkins, Bel-O Pest Solutions (ill)

Guests & Visitors:

- Amy Dickerson
- Richard Gilliam

SPCAC Meeting Summary

Ken Runkle called the meeting of the SPCAC to order at 10:30 AM and determined by the number of members present as reported above, a quorum was present. All made

general introductions as a handout listing member contact information was distributed. The discussion turned to the agenda as provided to all members.

- The SPCAC began discussion following the October 27, 2010, meeting agenda.
- Mr. Runkle distributed a handout and led a brief discussion on the council member roles and responsibilities as described in the Structural Pest Control Act. A handout was distributed as Mr. Riecks gave a brief overview of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to acquaint members with key points of the Act (public meeting notice, quorum, majority of a quorum prohibitions, keeping/approving/posting minutes, open vs. closed meetings, etc). Mr. Pehlman operated a laptop computer to show members how to navigate to the IDPH web site (web location, IDPH calendar for meeting & minutes postings, etc.) during Open Meetings Act presentation. A screen shot of the IDPH web page depicting web address, calendar was provided to members.
- Discussion moved to recent legislation enacted including P.A. 96-1362 Structural Pest Control Act and P.A. 96-1330 Subcommittee on Bed Bugs. During discussions, Mr. Pehlman used the laptop computer to navigate to the Structural Pest Control web page to show members the contents offered and project the two pieces of legislation to the group via the links found on the web page (screen shot of web page also provided to members).
 - Public Act 96-1362 Structural Pest Control Act was discussed. The Bill was signed by the Governor on the July 28, 2010 and clarifies requirements of the Act, allows the department greater flexibility in administering exams, tightening licensing procedures, bringing schools and licensed day care centers under the IDPH administrative umbrella and referenced a fee increase. A question was raised about a certification that was expired for more than one year. Fred Riecks explained the requirements and procedures for issuing a certificate that had lapsed less than a year vs. a certificate that had expired for over a year. A handout was provided to the members.
 - The discussion next centered on the enactment of P.A. 96-1330, an amendment to Section 10 of the Structural Pest Control Act requiring the SPCAC to convene a subcommittee to develop a report for the General Assembly on bed bugs. The amendment was signed into law by the Governor July 27, 2010. A copy of the amendment was distributed to members as well as projected on the screen. The provisions of the amendment were discussed. Curt Colwell discussed the activities that have taken place within the Department concerning the bed bug issue. Rachel Rosenberg discussed what Safer Pest Control has done in Chicago involving bed bugs. Ken Runkle led the discussion concerning the requirements in reporting to the Legislators and began the process of appointing the bed bug subcommittee. Several questions were brought up about specific qualifications of members of the subcommittee. It was determined that the Council determines who is to be on the subcommittee. A copy of a letter

received from Judith Roettig, Executive Vice President of the Chicagoland Apartment Association was distributed to members for review and consideration. Mr. Riecks provided the names of several others that might be interested in serving on the subcommittee including Richard Gillam who identified himself in the audience and gave a brief discussion of his involvement in the bed bug legislation. After discussions concerning the size of the subcommittee, those Council members that expressed an interest in serving on the committee, Council member's recommendations regarding non-Council representatives, with comments from Richard Gilliam in the audience, a final list was comprised for makeup of the subcommittee. Recommended members of the bed bug subcommittee are as follows:

Curt Colwell (as IDPH's representative to serve as facilitator),
Rachel Rosenberg (Council member),
Chris Haggerty (Council Member-structural pest industry),
Gary Pietrucha (Council Member-structural pest industry),
Susan DiGrino (Council Member-local public health community),
A Representative from the Metropolitan Tenants Organization and/or
Prairie State Legal (The Council left it up to the Department to determine
which was more appropriate as a member and invite the other to provide
testimony),
Judith Roettig (Apartment Association; represents landlords),
Nancy Tikalsky (Attorney General's office)
Representative from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

A motion was raised by Rachel Rosenberg to approve the members of the bed bug subcommittee and seconded by Doug Jones. All Council members unanimously voted in support of the nine subcommittee members.

- The next item on the agenda concerned PCO certification of canine detection dogs. Rachel Rosenberg discussed the canine detection dogs and wanted the group to discuss licensing requirements for canine detection dogs, specifically those involved in bed bug detection. Fred Riecks discussed that bed bug detection dogs and their handlers are inspectors which are not currently covered by state license/certification under the Structural Pest Control Act, the law that licenses/certifies pesticide applicators. Fred Riecks agreed that the Department will research the qualifications of canine detection dogs and report the findings to the group at the next meeting.
- A detailed discussion concerning IPM in public schools and licensed day care centers was led and presented by Derrick Pehlman. Mr. Pehlman discussed the current situation with the forms submitted to the Department by public schools and licensed day care centers. He also discussed the results from the six recent IPM courses and what the Department is doing to provide public schools and day care centers with the information needed to develop and implement an IPM program.

- Ken Runkle and Fred Riecks discussed the rulemaking process with the Council. Mr. Riecks explained that rules have been submitted to the Office of Health Protection to explain the changes in P.A. 96-1362. Mr. Runkle advised that the rules should be available for comment sometime in mid-to-late 2011.
- Discussion moved to the next agenda item, examination issues. Mr. Riecks advised the Council that new exams had been developed to replace the Insect and Rodent as well as the Termites and Other Wood Destroying Organisms exams. Mr. Riecks asked if members would be interested in reviewing those exams which would be done in a closed meeting to protect the exam integrity. The following board members expressed an interest in reviewing the exam updates:

Chris Haggerty,
Doug Jones,
Gary Pietrucha,
Ron Hodgkins (by Gary Pietrucha),
Harry Frost.

A meeting date would be determined before the next SPCAC meeting to review the exams.

- Meeting months for the next SPCAC meeting were suggested for mid-to-late April 2011 and late October/early November 2011 in Springfield to give Dr. Colwell time to have several subcommittee meetings, report the findings to the Council and prepare develop the report. Mr. Riecks would review the Legislative calendar for both the House and Senate to allow Council members to attend the SPCAC meeting as well as participate in legislative activities. Items left for discussion at the next SPCAC meeting are as follows:
 - Certifications for bed bug detection dogs
 - Report on bed bug subcommittee progress
 - Report on exam review

More discussion involving audience participation protocols and sign in sheets, exam procedures to include updates on bird exam revisions, pass fail rates, and specific question review were briefly discussed.

A motion to adjourn was raised by Gary Pietrucha and seconded by Doug Jones. All members voted to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED