

STATE PEST CONTROL REGULATORY OFFICIALS CONFERENCE (SPECROC)

HISTORICAL RECORD

1963

PRESIDENT:

VICE-PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

LOCATION OF ANNUAL MEETING:

Montgomery, Alabama

DATE:

4/2/63 to 4/3/63

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING:

This 4th annual meeting of SPECROC was held at the Holiday INN in Montgomery, Alabama. No formal records were kept but information received by the first SPECROC Historian, F.R. Du Chanois, indicates that Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee attended the meeting. Also attending was Dr. Ralph Heal of NPCA.

Agenda: Standards for licensing pco's to include amount of education and/or experience; Minimum standards for subterranean termite control (Dr. Heal was asked to prepare a model for discussion and possible adoption for the next SPECROC meeting); Information needed to become a certified pco; and Sources of information for control of structural pests.

According to the notes taken by Dr. Clyde F. Smith of North Carolina, the following recommendations were made:

Two years experience be obtained by pco's before certification, or college level training and 6 months experience, or a college degree in entomology with the major field in pest control;

A minimum of a high school diploma or GED for certification;

It would be desirable for the owner of the business to have a license and a certified operator for each field of operation;

An operator should take an oral exam by an examination board as well as a written examination;

Dr. Heal was requested to prepare minimum standards for subterranean termite control for the next meeting;

Dr. Heal "pleaded" that DDVP not be classified as a fumigant and this request was passed unanimously.