

STATE PEST CONTROL REGULATORY OFFICIALS CONFERENCE (SPECROC)

HISTORICAL RECORD

1964

PRESIDENT:

VICE-PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

LOCATION OF ANNUAL MEETING:

Jacksonville, FL

DATE:

2/25/64 to 2/26/64

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING:

This 5th annual meeting of SPECROC was held at the Robert Meyer Hotel INN in Jacksonville, Florida. F.R. Du Chanois, Entomologist-Chief Inspector, Bureau of Entomology, Florida State Board of Health, Jacksonville, presided as host chairman.

States attending were: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Also attending was Dr. Ralph Heal of NPCA.

Agenda: Sub-slab treatment with fumigants for termites. The group was referred to writings on this subject by John V. Osmum, Purdue University; Sampling and testing for insecticide residues in soils treated for subterranean termite control; Model of structural pest control qualifying examinations; Reciprical agreements between states; Subterranean termite control bonds, contracts, guarantees, "insurance", and warranties; suggested minimum standards for a subterranean termite prevention and control--special invitational task force report by the National Pest Control Association.

A closed executive session took place to discuss problems and possible solutions. It was decided in the executive session that the next meeting would be held in New Orleans and that Mr. H.R. Johnston from U.S. Forest Service Laboratory in Gulfport, Mississippi be invited to make comments concerning chemicals, etc. Georgia was asked to head up a talk on soil testing and complete a report on practices and procedures used and results obtained. Mr. Bruer of Tennessee suggested that a minimum of a high school diploma or GED be required before anyone could take the certification exam. Everyone agreed that states should be encouraged to enact this requirement in their states. Dr. Smith moved that the chairman of the conference each year be responsible for keeping notes of the meeting. Mr. Richard Ray, chairman of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission, took the notes for this meeting.

The group took a tour of the AG Research Service Insects Affecting Man and Animals Research Laboratory in Gainesville and/or the Entomology Research Center, Bureau of Entomology, Florida State Board of Health, Vero Beach.

HISTORICAL NOTE: At this executive session, the question was raised as to whether or not the meetings should continue in the future. Everyone built up enthusiasm at the meeting and then lost interest during the year. It was passed unanimously to continue the annual SPECROC meetings.