

# SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ozzie Ahl .....	<i>President</i>
Sam Tuten .....	<i>Vice President</i>
Karen Radcliffe (Term expires 2021) .....	AAAAA
Marty Conner (Term expires 2022) .....	AAAA
Ray Cooper (Term expires 2023) .....	AAA
Michael Stone (Term expires 2020) .....	AA
Dr. Andrea Pridgen (Term expires 2020) .....	A
Ryan Brown (Ongoing Term).....	<i>State Department of Education</i>
Dr. Steve Wilson (Term expires 2020) .....	<i>Superintendents Association</i>
Maureen Tiller (Term expires 2020) .....	<i>Principals Association</i>
Tony Folk (Term expires 2023) .....	<i>School Boards Association</i>
Mike Beasley (Term expires 2022).....	<i>Coaches Association</i>
Anna Miller (Term expires 2023) .....	<i>Associate Member</i>
Sam Jones (Term expires 2020).....	<i>Officials Association</i>
Joe Quigley (Term expires 2020) .....	<i>Athletic Administrators Association</i>
Dr. Baron Davis (Term expires 2020).....	<i>Member At Large</i>
Josh Trahan (Term expires 2020).....	<i>Member At Large</i>
Dr. Kandace Bethea (Term expires 2021).....	<i>Member At Large</i>
Keith Kiser (Term expires 2021).....	<i>Member At Large</i>

## STAFF

Jerome P. Singleton .....	<i>Commissioner</i>
Skip Lax.....	<i>Associate Commissioner</i>
Charlie Wentzky .....	<i>Assistant Commissioner</i>
Amy Boozer .....	<i>Assistant Commissioner</i>
Dru M. Nix.....	<i>Finance &amp; Benefits Officer</i>
Cindi Drakeford.....	<i>Director of Finance</i>
Tammie Newman .....	<i>Director of Communications &amp; Public Relations</i>
Jan Hogan .....	<i>Director of Technology &amp; Media</i>
Blair Warren .....	<i>Assigning Secretary</i>
LaVonda Toatley.....	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Marilyn Richardson .....	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>

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## OFFICE HOURS

June 1 - July 31 (Monday-Thursday).....7:30 am to 4:00 pm

August 1 - May 31 (Monday-Friday).....7:30 am to 4:00 pm

## THE LEAGUE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR:

Labor Day .....	September 2, 2019
Thanksgiving .....	November 27 - 29, 2019
Winter Break.....	December 23 - January 3, 2020
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....	January 20, 2020
President's Day.....	February 17, 2020
Spring Break.....	April 8-14, 2020
Memorial Day .....	May 25, 2020
Independence Day.....	June 28 - July 3, 2020

# PAST OFFICERS

## Presidents

1913-16 ..... R.C. Burts	1942-43 ..... W.R. Anderson	1966-67..... E.L. Stockman	1993-94..... W. M. Turner
1916-17 .....D.T. Kinard	1943-44 ..... H.A. Marshall	1967-68..... J.O. Willis	1994-95.....Phil Flynn
1917-19 ..... H.T. Shockley	1944-45 ..... I.B. Lever	1968-69.....J.D. Parker	1995-96.....Earl Lovelace
1919-21 ..... W.C. Taylor	1945-46 ..... R.C. Lake	1969-70..... L.F. Shealy	1996-97..... Danny Atkins
1921-23 ..... R.C. Burts	1946-47 ..... J.C. Doggette	1970-71..... J.H. Nesbitt	1997-98..... Wayne Flowers
1923-24 ..... H.T. Shockley	1947-48 ..... J.H. Coleman	1971-72..... L.R. Kirk	1998-99.....John Anderson
1924-25 ..... A.C. Flora	1948-49 ..... C.W. Shealy	1972-73..... S.H. Baggett	1999-00..... Allie Brooks
1925-26 ..... L.L. Wright	1949-50 ..... C.B. Busbee	1973-74..... G.C. Cole, Jr.	2000-01..... Tracy Carter
1926-27 ..... J.H. Spann	1950-51 ..... H.B. Betchman	1974-75..... G.W. Seaborn	2001-02..... Creig Tyler
1927-28 ..... M.E. Brockman	1951-52 ..... C.F. Reames	1975-76..... A.O. Clark	2002-03..... Martie Tiller
1928-29 ..... A.J. Thackston	1952-53 ..... C.D. Joyner	1976-77..... S. H. Baggett	2003-04..... Tara Dean
1929-30 ..... T.C. Jolly, Jr.	1953-54 ..... H.L. Sneed, Jr.	1979-80..... J.C. Goodwin	2004-05..... Jim Berry
1930-31 ..... J.C. Hungerpillar	1954-55 ..... H.T. Stoddard	1980-81..... B.R. Ward	2005-06..... Keith Bridges
1931-32 ..... C.K. Wright	1955-56 ..... S.M. Rice	1981-82..... W.M. Turner	2006-07..... Ted Greene
1932-33 ..... E.R. Crow	1956-57 ..... F.M. Kirk	1982-83..... H.C. Starnes	2007-08..... Henry Adair
1933-34 ..... V.S. Goodyear	1956-57 ..... R.P. Wilder	1983-84..... W.D. Hucks	2008-09 ..... Skip Lax
1934-35 ..... W.M. Albergotti	1957-58 ..... J.H. Lyles	1984-85..... S.B. Creel	2009-10 ..... Marion Lawson
1934-35 ..... S.N. Lott	1958-59 ..... J.E. Bethea	1985-86..... T.F. Moore	2010-11 ..... Lynn Cary
1935-36 ..... C.B. Seaborn	1959-60 ..... W.C. Hawkins	1986-87..... W.L. Varner	2011-12 ..... Joe Keenan
1936-37 ..... O.B. Cannon	1960-61 ..... F.E. DuBose	1987-88..... E.P. Clyburn, Jr.	2012-13 ..... Paul Anderson
1937-38 ..... M.G. Patton	1961-62 ..... J.C. Boozer	1988-89..... R.L. Small	2013-14 ..... Marion Waters
1938-39 ..... R.O. Derrick	1962-63 ..... M.W. Breland	1989-90..... H.K. Dinkins	2014-15 ..... Judd Starling
1939-40 ..... J. G. Richards, Jr.	1963-64 ..... L.F. Arant	1990-91..... W.L. Varner	2015-16 ..... Dee Christopher
1940-41 ..... T.B. Stevenson	1964-65 ..... W.E. Smith	1991-92..... J.L. Moncrief	2016-17 ..... Mickey Pringle
1941-42 ..... P.H. Hobson	1965-66 ..... K.C. Hanna	1992-93..... L. Tracy Carter	2017-18 ..... Dan Matthews

## SECRETARY-TREASURERS

1913-15 ..... J.B. Coleman
1915-23 ..... M.E. Brockman
1923-32 ..... J.D. Fulp
1932-48 ..... C.M. Lockwood

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

1948-54 ..... Ernest W. Stokes
1954-65 ..... Lawrence B. Graves

## TREASURER

1948-65 ..... C. M. Lockwood
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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

1965-80..... Lawrence B. Graves
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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

1980-86 ..... Jim Pinkerton
1986-98 ..... H. A. Pete Ayoub
1998-05..... Ronnie Matthews
2005-07..... Jerome Singleton

## COMMISSIONER

2007- ..... Jerome Singleton
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## COMMITTEES ON ORGANIZATION

### 1913 Organization

R. C. Burts	Dr. H. H. Calhoun
F. E. Schofield	

### 1921 Reorganization

Dr. Reed Smith	R. C. Burts
W. C. Taylor	M. E. Brockman
H. Y. Stockley	

### 1931 Reorganization

C. K. Wright	J. G. Kelly
J. D. Fulp	C. M. Lockwood
A. J. Thackston	Y. L. Wright
E. M. McCowan	

### 1948 Reorganization

C. W. Shealy	J. K. McCown
C. B. Busbee	H. T. Stoddard
C. M. Lockwood	H. Hedgepath
J. C. Brice	H. F. Wright
W. H. Ward	

### 1969 Merger

A. M. Anderson	J. W. Lindsay
G. A. Anderson	H. C. Mitchell
M. D. Bogan	J. D. Parker
K. C. Hanna	E. L. Stockman
R. E. Howard	J. O. Willis

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. C. Burts (1920-21, 25-26, 32-34)  
M. E. Brockman (1920-22,26-28)  
M.E.,Brockman(1920-22,26-28)  
J. H. Witherspoon (1920-21)  
W. C. Taylor (1920-27)  
A. C. Flora (1920-29)  
S. W. Carwile (1920-22, 28-29)  
H. T. Shockley (1920-23)  
S. H. Edmunds (1921-29)  
H. C. Davis (1920-22)  
Dr. Reed Smith (1920-22)  
L. J. Jenkins (1921-22)  
J. D. Fulp (1922-32)  
H. E. Jervey (1923-24)  
L. L. Wright (1923-27)  
T. L. Hanna (1923-24)  
C. T. Howard (1923-24)  
B. L. Parkinson (1923-27)  
W. F. Warren (1924-25)  
J. H. Thornwell (1924-25)  
John W. Moore (1924-25)  
C. M. Lockwood (1924-25, 32-65)  
W. M. Scott (1924-28)  
W. E. Black (1924-25)  
S. M. Derrick (1924-27)  
J. K. McCown (1925-28,38-39,46-56)  
L. N. Foy (1925-26)  
W. H. McNairy (1925-27)  
T. C. Jolly, Jr. (1925-26, 32-33)  
Edmund Wroe (1925-28)  
W. L. Pritchard (1925-29)  
Dr. G. A. Wauchope (1925-26)  
Dr. E. L. Green (1925-26)  
J. H. Spann (1926-32)  
W. H. Ward (1926-27, 43-57)  
J. E. Hankins (1926-27)  
Vernon Cook (1926-27)  
A. J. Thackston (1927-29)  
E. M. McCown (1927-32)  
C. C. Fishburne, Jr. (1927-28)  
Isabel Watkins (1927-28)  
E. M. Smith (1928-29)  
W. W. Benson (1928-29)  
C. K. Wright (1928-32)  
J. T. McDaniel (1928-29)  
Guy Hill (1928-29)  
J. H. Coleman (1931-35, 46-48)  
O. B. Cannon (1931-32, 36-38)  
S. N. Lott (1931-35)  
W. G. Hynds (1931-32)  
D. C. Carmichael (1931-32)  
J. B. Bushardt (1931-34)  
T. B. Stevenson (1931-41)  
E. R. Crow (1932-33)  
S. E. Johnson (1932-33)  
V. S. Goodyear (1932-34)  
L. B. McCormick (1932-33, 44-45)  
W. M. Albergotti (1933-35)  
J. K. Derrick (1933-34)  
J. W. Ballentine (1933-34)  
C. M. McTeer (1933-34)  
B. F. Carmichael (1933-34, 45-46)  
W. R. Anderson, Jr. (1934-35, 41-42)  
G. C. Gaskin (1934-35)  
Pat Hobson (1934-35, 39-42)  
C. B. Seaborn (1934-36,4 5-46)  
E. H. Davis (1934-37)  
B. S. Pinson (1935-36, 43-44)  
M. A. Carson (1935-37)  
E. W. Rushton (1935-36)  
J. S. Agnew (1935-37)  
R. C. Lake (1935-36, 38-40, 44-46)  
W. C. Sullivan (1935-36)  
F. E. DuBose(1935-37,45-47,58-62)  
M. F. Hawthorne (1936-37)  
E. S. Bennett (1936-37)  
M. M. Player (1936-41)  
M. G. Patton (1936-38, 40-42)  
E. B. Stoudemire (1936-38)  
Philip T. Kelly (1937-38)  
E. H. Hall (1937-38)  
C. I. Chipley (1937-38)  
J. P. Truluck (1937-39, 44-45)  
C. A. Timbes (1937-38, 43-44)  
C. A. Byrd (1937-38)  
W. I. Drummond (1937-38)  
J. B. Gentry, Jr. (1937-38)  
W. E. Monts (1937-38)  
H. S. Bryan (1937-38)  
R. O. Derrick (1937-39)  
J. E. Millard (1939-40)  
Wilbur McCown (1939-40)  
J. B. Reynolds (1939-40)  
L. H. Curry (1939-40)  
R. A. Riggins (1939-41)  
C. J. Martin (1939-41)  
John G. Richards (1939-41)  
I. B. Lever (1939-45)  
W. F. Mobley (1939-45)  
H. M. Henry (1940-41)  
A. O. Jones, Jr. (1940-42)  
M. B. Camak (1940-41)  
H. D. Lewis (1940-42)  
F. DeVere Smith (1940-44)  
F. J. Suhrstedt (1940-42, 47-48)  
P. K. Harmon (1941-42, 46-47)  
J. O. Willis (1941-45,59-64,66-69)  
D. M. McNaul (1941-42)  
A. J. Richards (1941-42)  
J. M. Cherry (1941-42)  
C. C. Stewart (1941-42)  
H. A. Marshall (1941-44)  
G. D. Pryor (1943-44)  
O. K. McDaniel (1943-44)  
J. J. Godbold (1943-44)  
W. C. Henderson (1943-44)  
A. R. Hafner (1943-44)  
T. C. Bruce (1943-48)  
J. V. Martin (1943-45)  
L. D. Jones (1943-47)  
J. C. Brice (1948-54)  
Harry Hedgepath (1948-65)  
L. F. Arant (1948-65)  
H. B. Betchman (1949-51)  
L. G. Barre (1944-45)  
P. E. Gravely (1944-45)  
L. D. Richardson (1944-45)  
H. F. Higbe (1944-45)  
H. M. Kolb (1944-45)  
L. E. McLaurin (1944-46)  
T. D. Stillwell (1945-46)  
M. T. Sloan (1945-46)  
C. L. Anderson (1945-46)  
L. B. Ertle (1945-46)  
H. S. Floyd (1945-46)  
J. G. Long (1945-46)  
J. D. Doggette (1945-47)  
J. F. Alliston (1945-56)  
E. L. Wright (1946-47)  
D. E. Burnette (1946-47)  
C. A. Dixon (1946-47)  
H. A. Loftis (1946-47)  
J. R. Lynn, Jr. (1946-47)  
G. P. Crotwell (1946-47)  
C. C. Garris (1946-48)  
Edward Stillwell (1946-48)  
L. E. Gable (1947-48)  
E. C. Sechrish, Jr. (1947-48)  
H. F. Garris (1947-48)  
C. E. Williams (1947-48)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

T. P. Wright (1947-48)  
Paul Beam (1947-48)  
C. B. Busbee (1947-50)  
C. W. Shealy (1948-49)  
H. T. Stoddard (1948-55)  
C. F. Reames (1950-52)  
C. D. Joyner (1951-53,57-61-79)  
H. L. Snead (1952-54)  
W. R. Price (1954-56)  
S. M. Rice (1954-57)  
G. W. McCown (1955-57)  
F. M. Kirk (1955-57)  
J. H. Lyles (1956-59)  
J. E. Bethea (1956-60)  
J. C. Hatchett (1956-58)  
R. P. Wilder (1956-58)  
J. K. Blum (1957-59)  
W. C. Hawkins (1947-61, 64-68)  
W. E. Smith (1957-66)  
L. S. Fleniken(1958-61,65-66,76-79)  
J. G. Boozer (1960-63)  
M. W. Breland (1961-64)  
K. C. Hanna (1961-67)  
Ellis L. Stockman (1961-68)  
Joe D. Parker (1962-70, 71-76)  
John F. Mabry (1963-64)  
H. F. Wright (1964-65)  
W. S. Parrish (1964-72)  
Harold Schreiner (1964-79)  
J. L. Wertz (1965-70)  
Phil Clark (1965-66)  
J. B. Ouzts (1966-71)  
John W. Lindsay (1966-70)  
H. M. Lowder (1967-72)  
Wade Corn (1967-68)  
Luther F. Shealy (1968-71)  
Thad Ott (1968-69)  
Arthur Taylor (1968-74)  
J. H. Nesbitt (1969-72)  
A. M. Anderson (1969-72)  
E. J. Davis (1969-72)  
E. M. Henry (1969-72)  
R. E. Howard (1969-72)  
F. B. Walker (1969-72, 74-78)  
Jack Miller (1969-70)  
Roger Kirk (1970-73)  
Claude Howe (1970-74)  
W. A. Carr (1970-71)  
Edward Burmester (1970-72)  
S. Henry Baggett (1971-74, 75-78)  
Guy Misenheimer (1971-72)  
T. M. Swann (1972-76)  
Gordon C. Cole, Jr. (1972-75)  
James R. Neely (1972-73)  
W. R. Meriwether (1972-73)  
Paul R. Stephens (1973-77)  
George W. Seaborn (1973-76)  
Willie Varner (1973-79,85-88,89-92)  
C. C. Daley (1973-75)  
Allen O. Clark (1974-77)  
W. M. Turner (1974-78,80-83,92-95)  
Paul Chapman (1974-78)  
B. J. Skelton (1975-79)  
Alfred McGinnis (1975-77)  
Dan F. Williamson (1975-76, 80-84)  
B. F. Prosser (1976-80)  
Charles L. Cummings, Jr. (1976-80)  
Weldon D. Waites (1976-80)  
Evans E. Proctor (1977-80)  
W. D. Hucks (1977-81,82-85)  
Wayne Whiteside (1977-81)  
J. Coke Goodwin (1978-81)  
Pete Ayoub (1978-80)  
Keith Richardson (1978-82)  
James A. Pitts (1978-82)  
Linda E. White (1978-79)  
Cal R. Burlison (1979-83)  
Bill R. Ward (1979-82)  
Brooks Brown III(1979-82)  
Stanley B. Creel (1979-82,83-86)  
Alfred T. Butler (1979-81)  
Marilyn K. Hendrix (1980-82, 99-01)  
T. E. C. Dowling (1980-82,83-87)  
Joseph E. Gentry (1980-84)  
H. C. Starnes (1981-84)  
Bobby Matthews (1981-85)  
Ernest Clyburn, Jr. (1981-89)  
Arthur Pinckney (1981-83)  
Charles D. Stoudemire (1982-83)  
Calvin Cooper (1982-87)  
John Weathers (1982-86)  
M. Webber Rowell (1982-87)  
Charles Parnell (1982-86)  
Lynda F. Davis (1983-84)  
Maurice Waddell (1983-85)  
Thomas F. Moore (1984-87)  
Tracy Carter (84-88, 91-94,96-02, 04-07)  
J. Lee McCormick (1984-85)  
W. H. Bouknight (1984-88)  
J. Chester Floyd (1985-88)  
Karl Fulmer (1985-86)  
Marion C. Parrish (1985-87)  
Virginia Blease (1986-87)  
Willie E. Boyd (1985-89)  
H. Kenneth Dinkins (1984-91)  
Tommy Lavelle (1986-90)  
James Gallman (1986-89)  
R. Lephon Small (1987-90)  
Ray Geddings (1987-90)  
Joseph D. Delaney (1987-89)  
J. R. Fitzpatrick (1987-93)  
Danny E. Atkins (1988-92, 95-97)  
W. Reed Swann (1987-89, 03-07)  
John M. Liston (1988-91)  
Mary P. Seamon (1988-90)  
S.O. Owens (1988-92, 96-00)  
Earl Lovelace (1989-93, 94-97)  
Allie E. Brooks (1989-96, 98-01)  
Alfonso Lamback (1989-95)  
Harriet S. Blanton (1989-95)  
Barry Whitman (1989-95)  
James L. Moncrief (1990-93)  
Paul T. Rawl (1990-94)  
R. Shell Dula (1990-94)  
Henry C. Young (1990-95)  
James A. Littlefield (1991-96)  
Billy Ammons (1992-96)  
Dwayne Howell (1992-96)  
R.C. Hicks (1992-96)  
Phil Flynn (1993-96, 99-03)  
Joe H. Bedenbaugh (1993-95)  
James W. Jordan (1993-97)  
Russ Bedenbaugh (1994-02)  
Michael R. Gaskin (1994-98)  
Johnny Roscoe (1994-98)  
Gregory L. Cantrell (1994-98)  
Doug Atkins (1995-99)  
Gerald Witt (1995-01)  
Jean Allen (1995-99)  
Leroy Rainbow (1995-99)  
Jo Hecker (1995-99)  
Ray Wilson (1996-1997)  
Wayne Flowers (1996-99)  
Roy Holloway (1996-00)  
John Carlisle (1997-00)  
John Anderson (1997-00)  
Barry Bolen (1997-01)  
Bernard McDaniel (1998-07, 08-11)  
David Corley (1998-01)  
Charlie Macaluso (1998-02)  
Ron Taylor (1999-00)  
Ralph Schmidt (1999-00)  
Creig Tyler (2000-03, 07-11)  
Rita Mantooth (2000-04)  
Keith McAlister (2000-04)  
John Kirby (2000-04)

Donnie Woolsey (2000-04)  
Marion Hope (2000-04)  
Earl Gilstrap (2001-02)  
Frances Brewer (2001-03)  
Martie Tiller (2001-04)  
Henry Adair (2001-05, 06-09)  
Keith Bridges (2001-07)  
Tara Dean (2002-05)  
Molly Spearman (2002-05)  
Ben Freeman (2002-06)  
Reggie Dean (2002-06, 08-10)  
Jim Berry (2003-06, 07-09)  
Ted Greene (2003-10)  
Bennie Bennett (2003-14)  
Rodney Graves (2004-08)  
Bill Spillane (2004-08)  
Tim Touchberry (2004-06)  
Rallie Liston (2004-07)  
Robert Heflin (2004-06)  
Marvin Byers (2005-06)  
Quincie Moore (2005-07)  
Beth Phibbs (2005-07)  
Marion Waters (2006-10, 2012-15)  
Jean Haggard (2006-07)  
Ray Stackley (2006-10)  
Marisa Vickers (2006-08)  
Jackie Hayes (2006-12)  
Skip Lax (2007-10)  
Vince Ford (2007-11)  
J. Preston Threatt (2007-12)  
Bruce Moseley (2007-12)  
Keith Brown (2007-08)  
Nancy Turner (2008-12)  
Darryl Johnson (2008-12)  
Marion Lawson (2008-11, 2012-14)  
Mona Lise Dickson (2008-12)  
Ken Hudson (2008-12)  
Lynn Cary (2009-12)  
Joe Keenan (2010-13)  
Sharon Huff (2010-12)  
Steve Boyd (2010-14)  
Devon Smith (2010-15)  
Lou Lavelly (2010-16)  
Stevie Phillips (2011-12)  
Randy Maxwell (2011-12)  
Queenie Boyd (2011-15)  
Rut Dingle (2011-2012)  
Paul Anderson (2012-14)  
Jimmy Huskey (2012-13)  
Mickey Pringle (2012-18)  
Billy Strickland (2012-16)  
Lori Marrero (2012-15)  
Joedy Moots (2012-16)  
Akil Ross (2012-18)  
Teresa Pope (2012-16)  
Darryl Nance (2012-15)  
Jay Ragley (2012-13)  
Sean Alford (2013-15)  
Beth Taylor (2013-14)  
Judd Starling (2013-16)  
Jason Valek (2013-15)  
Ozzie Ahl (2014- )  
Charles Burry (2014-18)  
Bob Hayes (2014-18)  
Dee Christopher (2014-17)  
Kathy Coleman (2015-19)  
Shawn Johnson (2015-19)  
Carroll Hester (2015-16)  
Joey Haney (2015-16)  
Ryan Brown (2015- )  
Penny Atkinson (2015-18)  
Edmond Burnes (2015-17)  
Patrick Finneran (2015-19)  
Dan Matthews (2016-19)  
Sam Jones (2016 - )  
Sam Tuten (2016- )  
Steve Wilson (2016- )  
Maureen Tiller (2016- )  
Joe Quigley (2016- )  
Robby Roach (2016-19)  
Tiniece Javis (2016-18)  
Karen Radcliff (2017- )  
Greg McCord (2017-18)  
Mike Beasley (2018- )  
Ray Cooper (2018- )  
Michael Stone (2018- )  
John Tindal (2018-19)  
Josh Trahan (2018- )  
Anna Miller (2018- )  
Rechel Anderson (2018-19)  
Marty Conner (2019 - )  
Andrea Pridgen (2019 - )  
Kandace Bethea (2019 - )  
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## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE 1913-2019**

From a study of organized interscholastic competition in South Carolina, we find that our State was among the first in the nation to become conscious of the need of an interscholastic organization. As early as 1907, the Piedmont Section of South Carolina had a ten-school association sponsoring track and oratory. The first known attempt to conduct competition on a statewide basis was made by the University of South Carolina. In 1910, Mr. F. E. Schofield, then Physical Education Director at the University, invited the high schools of the State to hold a track meet on the University grounds. The success of this event and a similar meet the following year prompted a few school men to work closely with the University of South Carolina in organizing the Inter-High School Athletic and Oratorical Association in 1913. The first President was Mr. R. C. Burts and the first Secretary-Treasurer was Mr. J. B. Coleman.

The success of the Inter-High School Athletic and Oratorical Association was due largely to the sponsorship of the University of South Carolina. The Extension Division of the University conducted High School Week until 1928 when the state ceased its financial aid to the Extension Division. The University faculty and facilities were of tremendous value in the efficiency of the first association.

By 1920 the activities of the Association were so varied and membership had so increased that reorganization seemed necessary. A reorganization committee was appointed, and at a meeting held April 21, 1921, a new Constitution was adopted. The new Constitution transferred the control of the organization from the University to the high school officials. The University of South Carolina's only voice in the League was a representative on the Executive Committee. However, the high schools, while theoretically functioning for themselves, had to depend upon the University for facilities, publications and general assistance.

The 1921 reorganization changed the name of the Inter-High School Athletic and Oratorical Association of South Carolina to the "South Carolina High School League." The administrative body of the new League was an Executive Committee composed of the President, the Vice-President (one in charge of each event), the Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Extension Division of the University of South Carolina.

The early growth of the League may be shown better through its increased membership. The 1913 membership is not known. In 1921 the membership was only 30 schools. In 1925 this number increased to 121 necessitating a division of the state into nine districts. In 1930 the membership numbered 127.

By 1931 the League had outgrown the efficiency of its Constitution, and a committee was appointed to rewrite the Constitution. A Constitution, written by Mr. Charles M. Lockwood, was adopted at the League meeting of April 28, 1933.

To keep pace with the increasing demand for promotion and control of interscholastic competition, the Constitution was rewritten in 1948. At this time, Mr. Ernest W. Stokes became Executive Secretary, the first full-time employee of the League. Mr. C. M. Lockwood, who had served as Secretary-Treasurer since 1932, became the Treasurer in 1948. In 1954, Lawrence B. Graves became Executive Secretary. Mr. Graves was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer in 1965 and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1980. Jim Pinkerton became Executive Director in 1980 after serving ten years as the Assistant Executive Director. H. A. Pete Ayoub, Assistant Executive Director for six years, was appointed Executive Director in 1986. Upon his retirement in 1998, Ronald H. Matthews was appointed Executive Director after serving thirteen and one-half years as Assistant/Associate Executive Director. In 2005, Ronald H. Matthews retired and Jerome Singleton became Executive Director after serving ten years in both Assistant and Associate Executive Director positions. Mr. Singleton was appointed Commissioner in 2007.

In 1948 the League became a member of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. The Association, with other State Associations, has contributed much to the League's growth since that time.

The membership increased to 261 in 1948, which represented 86% of the high schools in the State. In 1954, the League's membership dropped to 257 but represented 100% of the public high schools of South Carolina. The League has maintained this 100% even though the number of schools decreased to 215 during the 1968-69 school year.

Beginning with the 1969-70 school year, the South Carolina Secondary School Activities Association was merged with the League. The 2018-19 League membership numbered 218 high schools and 194 junior high and middle schools. The League's activities are now offered to over 338,000 students.