

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Adam Lanford (Term expires 2026)	<i>President/AAA</i>
Gaye Driggers (Term expires 2029)	<i>AAAAA</i>
Samuel Fuller (Term expires 2026)	<i>AAAA</i>
Ray Cooper (Term expires 2028)	<i>AA</i>
Coby Brandyburg (Term expires 2028)	<i>A</i>
Matthew Hiers (Ongoing Term)	<i>State Department of Education</i>
Dr. Harrison Goodwin (Term expires 2028)	<i>Superintendents Association</i>
Robert Etheredge (Term expires 2028)	<i>Principals Association</i>
Cheryl Burgess (Term expires 2027)	<i>School Boards Association</i>
Bill Warren (Term expires 2028)	<i>Athletic Administrators Association/</i>
David Byrd (Term expires 2026)	<i>Coaches Association</i>
Andy Rogers (Term expires 2026)	<i>Associate Member</i>
Steven Sawyer (Term expires 2028)	<i>Officials Association</i>
Dr. Shawn Foster (Term expires 2026)	<i>Member At Large</i>
Jimmy Armstrong (Term expires 2026)	<i>Member At Large</i>
Dr. Sheila Quinn (Term expires 2027)	<i>Member At Large</i>
David Padilla (Term expires 2026)	<i>Member At Large</i>

STAFF

Dr. Jerome P. Singleton	<i>Commissioner</i>
Charlie Wentzky	<i>Deputy Commissioner</i>
Amy Boozer	<i>Associate Commissioner</i>
Sarah Hayes	<i>Associate Commissioner</i>
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Tim Kinney	<i>Director of Health, Safety & Wellness</i>
Dr. Lenard Hudnal	<i>Assistant Commissioner of Middle Schools</i>
Romanda Noble-Watson	<i>Director of Communications & Public Relations</i>
Keith Warren	<i>Director of Technology</i>
Brooke Baker	<i>Coordinator of Events/Office Manager</i>
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OFFICE HOURS

June 1 - July 31 (Monday-Thursday)	7:30 am to 4:00 pm
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THE LEAGUE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR:

Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Thanksgiving	November 26-28, 2025
Winter Break	December 22, 2024 - January 2, 2026
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19, 2026
President's Day	February 16, 2026
Spring Break	April 2-8, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
Independence Day	June 29 - July 4, 2026

PAST OFFICERS

Presidents

1913-16	R.C. Burts	1943-44	H.A. Marshall	1968-69	J.D. Parker	1996-97	Danny Atkins
1916-17	D.T. Kinard	1944-45	I.B. Lever	1969-70	L.F. Shealy	1997-98	Wayne Flowers
1917-19	H.T. Shockley	1945-46	R.C. Lake	1970-71	J.H. Nesbitt	1998-99	John Anderson
1919-21	W.C. Taylor	1946-47	J.C. Doggette	1971-72	L.R. Kirk	1999-00	Allie Brooks
1921-23	R.C. Burts	1947-48	J.H. Coleman	1972-73	S.H. Baggett	2000-01	L. Tracy Carter
1923-24	H.T. Shockley	1948-49	C.W. Shealy	1973-74	G.C. Cole, Jr.	2001-02	Creig Tyler
1924-25	A.C. Flora	1949-50	C.B. Busbee	1974-75	G.W. Seaborn	2002-03	Martie Tiller
1925-26	L.L. Wright	1950-51	H.B. Betchman	1975-76	A.O. Clark	2003-04	Tara Dean
1926-27	J.H. Spann	1951-52	C.F. Reames	1976-77	S. H. Baggett	2004-05	Jim Berry
1927-28	M.E. Brockman	1952-53	C.D. Joyner	1979-80	J.C. Goodwin	2005-06	Keith Bridges
1928-29	A.J. Thackston	1953-54	H.L. Sneed, Jr.	1980-81	B.R. Ward	2006-07	Ted Greene
1929-30	T.C. Jolly, Jr.	1954-55	H.T. Stoddard	1981-82	W.M. Turner	2007-08	Henry Adair
1930-31	J.C. Hungerpillar	1955-56	S.M. Rice	1982-83	H.C. Starnes	2008-09	Skip Lax
1931-32	C.K. Wright	1956-57	F.M. Kirk	1983-84	W.D. Hucks	2009-10	Marion Lawson
1932-33	E.R. Crow	1956-57	R.P. Wilder	1984-85	S.B. Creel	2010-11	Lynn Cary
1933-34	V.S. Goodyear	1957-58	J.H. Lyles	1985-86	T.F. Moore	2011-12	Joe Keenan
1934-35	W.M. Albergotti	1958-59	J.E. Bethea	1986-87	W.L. Varner	2012-13	Paul Anderson
1934-35	S.N. Lott	1959-60	W.C. Hawkins	1987-88	E.P. Clyburn, Jr.	2013-14	Marion Waters
1935-36	C.B. Seaborn	1960-61	F.E. DuBose	1988-89	R.L. Small	2014-15	Judd Starling
1936-37	O.B. Cannon	1961-62	J.C. Boozer	1989-90	H.K. Dinkins	2015-16	Dee Christopher
1937-38	M.G. Patton	1962-63	M.W. Breland	1990-91	W.L. Varner	2016-17	Mickey Pringle
1938-39	R.O. Derrick	1963-64	L.F. Arant	1991-92	J.L. Moncrief	2017-18	Dan Matthews
1939-40	J. G. Richards, Jr.	1964-65	W.E. Smith	1992-93	L. Tracy Carter	2018-20	Ozzie Ahl
1940-41	T.B. Stevenson	1965-66	K.C. Hanna	1993-94	W. M. Turner	2020-22	Sam Tuten
1941-42	P.H. Hobson	1966-67	E.L. Stockman	1994-95	Phil Flynn	2022-24	Jason Warren
1942-43	W.R. Anderson	1967-68	J.O. Willis	1995-96	Earl Lovelace	2024-25	Nicholas Pearson

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

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Paul Beam (1947-48)	W. R. Meriwether (1972-73)	R. Lephon Small (1987-90)
C. B. Busbee (1947-50)	Paul R. Stephens (1973-77)	Ray Geddings (1987-90)
C. W. Shealy (1948-49)	George W. Seaborn (1973-76)	Joseph D. Delaney (1987-89)
H. T. Stoddard (1948-55)	Willie Varner (1973-79,85-88,89-92)	J. R. Fitzpatrick (1987-93)
C. F. Reames (1950-52)	C. C. Daley (1973-75)	Danny E. Atkins (1988-92, 95-97)
C. D. Joyner (1951-53,57-61-79)	Allen O. Clark (1974-77)	W. Reed Swann (1987-89, 03-07)
H. L. Snead (1952-54)	W. M. Turner (1974-78,80-83,92-95)	John M. Liston (1988-91)
W. R. Price (1954-56)	Paul Chapman (1974-78)	Mary P. Seamon (1988-90)
S. M. Rice (1954-57)	B. J. Skelton (1975-79)	S.O. Owens (1988-92, 96-00)
G. W. McCown (1955-57)	Alfred McGinnis (1975-77)	Earl Lovelace (1989-93, 94-97)
F. M. Kirk (1955-57)	Dan F. Williamson (1975-76, 80-84)	Allie E. Brooks (1989-96, 98-01)
J. H. Lyles (1956-59)	B. F. Prosser (1976-80)	Alfonso Lamback (1989-95)
J. E. Bethea (1956-60)	Charles L. Cummings, Jr. (1976-80)	Harriet S. Blanton (1989-95)
J. C. Hatchett (1956-58)	Weldon D. Waites (1976-80)	Barry Whitman (1989-95)
R. P. Wilder (1956-58)	Evans E. Proctor (1977-80)	James L. Moncrief (1990-93)
J. K. Blum (1957-59)	W. D. Hucks (1977-81,82-85)	Paul T. Rawl (1990-94)
W. C. Hawkins (1947-61, 64-68)	Wayne Whiteside (1977-81)	R. Shell Dula (1990-94)
W. E. Smith (1957-66)	J. Coke Goodwin (1978-81)	Henry C. Young (1990-95)
L. S. Fleniken(1958-61,65-66,76-79)	Pete Ayoub (1978-80)	James A. Littlefield (1991-96)
J. G. Boozer (1960-63)	Keith Richardson (1978-82)	Billy Ammons (1992-96)
M. W. Breland (1961-64)	James A. Pitts (1978-82)	Dwayne Howell (1992-96)
K. C. Hanna (1961-67)	Linda E. White (1978-79)	R.C. Hicks (1992-96)
Ellis L. Stockman (1961-68)	Cal R. Burleson (1979-83)	Phil Flynn (1993-96, 99-03)
Joe D. Parker (1962-70, 71-76)	Bill R. Ward (1979-82)	Joe H. Bedenbaugh (1993-95)
John F. Mabry (1963-64)	Brooks Brown III(1979-82)	James W. Jordan (1993-97)
H. F. Wright (1964-65)	Stanley B. Creel (1979-82,83-86)	Russ Bedenbaugh (1994-02)
W. S. Parrish (1964-72)	Alfred T. Butler (1979-81)	Michael R. Gaskin (1994-98)
Harold Schreiner (1964-79)	Marilyn K. Hendrix (1980-82, 99-01)	Johnny Roscoe (1994-98)
J. L. Wertz (1965-70)	T. E. C. Dowling (1980-82,83-87)	Gregory L. Cantrell (1994-98)
Phil Clark (1965-66)	Joseph E. Gentry (1980-84)	Doug Atkins (1995-99)
J. B. Ouzts (1966-71)	H. C. Starnes (1981-84)	Gerald Witt (1995-01)
John W. Lindsay (1966-70)	Bobby Matthews (1981-85)	Jean Allen (1995-99)
H. M. Lowder (1967-72)	Ernest Clyburn, Jr. (1981-89)	Leroy Rainbow (1995-99)
Wade Corn (1967-68)	Arthur Pinckney (1981-83)	Jo Hecker (1995-99)
Luther F. Shealy (1968-71)	Charles D. Stoudemire (1982-83)	Ray Wilson (1996-1997)
Thad Ott (1968-69)	Calvin Cooper (1982-87)	Wayne Flowers (1996-99)
Arthur Taylor (1968-74)	John Weathers (1982-86)	Roy Holloway (1996-00)
J. H. Nesbitt (1969-72)	M. Webber Rowell (1982-87)	John Carlisle (1997-00)
A. M. Anderson (1969-72)	Charles Parnell (1982-86)	John Anderson (1997-00)
E. J. Davis (1969-72)	Lynda F. Davis (1983-84)	Barry Bolen (1997-01)
E. M. Henry (1969-72)	Maurice Waddell (1983-85)	Bernard McDaniel (1998-07, 08-11)
R. E. Howard (1969-72)	Thomas F. Moore (1984-87)	David Corley (1998-01)
F. B. Walker (1969-72, 74-78)	Tracy Carter (84-88, 91-94,96-02, 04-07)	Charlie Macaluso (1998-02)
Jack Miller (1969-70)	J. Lee McCormick (1984-85)	Ron Taylor (1999-00)
Roger Kirk (1970-73)	W. H. Bouknight (1984-88)	Ralph Schmidt (1999-00)
Claude Howe (1970-74)	H. Kenneth Dinkins (1984-91)	Creig Tyler (2000-03, 07-11)
W. A. Carr (1970-71)	J. Chester Floyd (1985-88)	Rita Mantooth (2000-04)
Edward Burmester (1970-72)	Karl Fulmer (1985-86)	Keith McAlister (2000-04)
S. Henry Baggett (1971-74, 75-78)	Marion C. Parrish (1985-87)	John Kirby (2000-04)
Guy Misenheimer (1971-72)	Virginia Blease (1986-87)	Earl Gilstrap (2001-02)
T. M. Swann (1972-76)	Willie E. Boyd (1985-89)	Donnie Woolsey (2000-04)
Gordon C. Cole,Jr. (1972-75)	Tommy Lavelle (1986-90)	Marion Hope (2000-04)
James R. Neely (1972-73)	James Gallman (1986-89)	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, 2023-24)
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)
Teresa Pope (2012-16)
Darryl Nance (2012-15)
Akil Ross (2012-18)
Jay Ragley (2012-13)
Sean Alford (2013-15)

Beth Taylor (2013-14)
Judd Starling (2013-16)
Jason Valek (2013-15)
Ozzie Ahl (2014-20)
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 (2015-2022)
Penny Atkinson (2015-18)
Edmond Burnes (2015-17)
Patrick Finneran (2015-19, 2021-22)
Dan Matthews (2016-19)
Sam Jones (2016 -20)
Sam Tuten (2016-22)
Steve Wilson (2016-20)
Maureen Tiller (2016- 20)
Joe Quigley (2016-20)
Robby Roach (2016-19)
Tiniece Jarvis (2016-18)
Karen Radcliff (2017-20)
Greg McCord (2017-18)
Mike Beasley (2018-22)
Ray Cooper (2018- 22, 2024-)
Michael Stone (2018-22)
John Tindal (2018-19)
Josh Trahan (2018-22)
Anna Miller (2018-21)
Rechel Anderson (2018-19)
Marty Conner (2019-21)
Andrea Pridgen (2019-22)
Kandace Bethea (2019-23)
Baron Davis (2019-21)
Tony Folk (2019-23)
Keith Kiser (2019 -21)
Jason Warren (2020-24)
Jason Johns (2020-21)
Darryl Owings (2020-23)
Carlos Cave (2020-24)
Kyle Boczkowski (2020-24)
Sonya Bryant (2020-23)
Laura Hickson (2020- 22)
Nicolas Pearson (2021-25)
Jason Holt (2021-22)
Adrian Bush (2022- 23)
David Byrd (2022-)
JR Green (2022-24)
Julianne Lang (2022-24)
Sam Barfell (2022-24)
Hezekiah Massey (2022-23)
Adam Lanford (2022-)

Derek Phillips (2022-23)
Matthew Hiers (2023-)
Kathy Hipp (2023-2025)
Robert Etheredge (2023-)
Coby Brandyburg (2023-)
Robert Jackson (2023-24)
Sam Fuller (2024-)
Joseph Monmonier 2024-25)
Billy Blackwell (2023-24)
Jimmy Armstrong (2024-)
Cheryl Burgess (2024-)
Gaye Driggers (2025-)
Bill Warren (2025-)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE 1913-2023

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. Dr. 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 **2024-25** League membership numbered **223** high schools and **205** junior high and middle schools. The League's activities are now offered to over 338,000 students.