



July 1, 2009

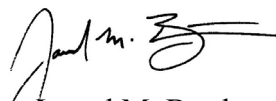
Dear SCLEOA Member,

The time has come to cast your ballot for the SCLEOA Board of Directors Elections. As you will read in the following pages, we have several qualified candidates that are eager to help the Association promote and enhance the voice of law enforcement in South Carolina. There are several options to cast your ballot this year. You can complete the enclosed form and return it to the SCLEOA offices in person, via fax, or via conventional mail. However, the option is also available to cast your vote online by emailing your ballot to voting@scleoa.org. For more information regarding online voting, please visit www.scleoa.org. **ALL VOTES MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY JULY 31, 2009.**

As always, the results of the election will be announced at the Annual Conference, which will be held at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort in Kingston Plantation between September 14, 15, and 16, 2009. We would be honored to have you in attendance for what promises to be a very special night in the Association's history.

Thank you for your continued support of SCLEOA. Remember, your involvement and input is what makes us "The Voice of Law Enforcement in South Carolina." Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,


Jarrod M. Bruder
Executive Director

2009 SCLEOA Board of Directors Elections

Candidate Statements

Second Vice President

Chief Jackie Swindler, Newberry Police Department

I agreed to fill the unexpired term this year, and I am offering myself to continue in this leadership role. I have been in law enforcement for over 33 years; the last sixteen as Chief of Police in Newberry. I have been a member of our Association for my entire career. I have served our Association in various capacities. I have been a member of the scholarship committee for over twenty-five years, and served as the Chairman since 1988. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of this committee. I believe strongly in our Association, and desire to see it reach its full potential. I believe my experience, education and integrity can benefit our association as we moved forward. I thank you in advance for any consideration.

Third Vice President

There are two candidates for this position. You may only vote for ONE individual.

Chief Deputy Keith Kirchner, Lexington County Sheriff's Department

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association is one of the leading voices for law enforcement officers in South Carolina. The challenges facing the Association and our profession continue to mount and increase in complexity. I have twenty-three years of law enforcement experience, am a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and am currently the Chief Deputy of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. During my tenure, I have acquired knowledge, training, and professional relationships that will enable me to deal with the challenges we face ahead in the law enforcement profession. As Third Vice President, I pledge to help the Association provide unity among the law enforcement family, pursue legislations that will better serve our interests, and provide cutting-edge training opportunities.

Captain Freddie Gault, Union Public Safety Department

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Third Vice President of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association. It has been my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors as a District Representative for the past five years. I have worked hard to learn as much as possible about SCLEOA and know that the association means a great deal to law enforcement officers in South Carolina.

We are experiencing some extremely tough times financially. With all members working together we can improve our organization. Your support and vote are greatly appreciated.

Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Oliver, SC Highway Patrol

I have been a member of SCLEOA for nearly 30 years and have served on the Board of Directors as the District 6 representative and/or Executive Board as Secretary for over seven years. While we all work for different law enforcement agencies and may be members of other law enforcement associations, SCLEOA is still the voice that speaks for all of us. I ask for your vote to re-elect me as Secretary of SCLEOA and look forward to working with you and your agency.

Treasurer

Lieutenant Marion Baker, SLED

I consider it a great privilege to have served as the Treasurer of the SCLEOA for the past year. During my time as Treasurer, the Association has gone through some of the most trying financial times in its history due to the current economic situation in our state. Despite tough times, I was able to work with the SCLEOA Staff to keep the Association afloat. I would like to ask for your support as I seek re-election as Treasurer this year. I am eager to continue my work as Treasurer so that I can be part of the team that brings the SCLEOA back to financial prosperity.

Sergeant at Arms

There are two candidates for this position. You may only vote for ONE individual.

Deputy Director Neal Dolan, SLED

I am proud to have served as the Sergeant at Arms for the SCLEOA over the past four years. During my time in this position, I have provided leadership in times of success and in times of need. Given the current economic situation, I feel it is vitally important to have strong leadership and experience on the Executive Board to ensure the Association not only survives, but thrives in spite of the economy. I feel that I am the most qualified candidate for this position, and respectfully ask for your vote. The SCLEOA is THE Voice of Law Enforcement in South Carolina and I look forward to working with you to ensure our voice will be heard for many more decades to come.

Sergeant Gloria Graham, Fort Mill Police Department

I feel it's time I became more active, more informed, and more useful in our Association. I would like to help with our networking, information gathering, scheduling, teaching, and all other areas of service the Association provides. I feel my involvement would improve the Association and enhance what members get from it. I feel it is important to get involved.

District 1 Representative

First Sergeant Jeff W. Mitchum, Orangeburg Public Safety

My name is Jeff Mitchum and I am announcing my candidacy for SCLEOA District 1 Representative. As the Administrative Sergeant for the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, I know the values of networking, partnerships, and coordination. I also utilize these skills each day as the assistant coordinator for the 1st Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network (LEN). I can apply what I have learned to enhance SCLEOA and the Officers it represents by creating new partnerships and extending old ones. As the District 1 Representative, I will also concentrate on open communication with members and their agencies to ensure that they are aware of upcoming events, training, and all issues that affect our profession.

District 3 Representative

Sheriff Randy Garrett, Clarendon County Sheriff's Department

Due to our declining economy, I feel many more demands will be made of law enforcement agencies in the coming months and years. I believe it is the responsibility of law enforcement in my district to combine forces in order to provide our citizens with the service and protection they deserve.

It is for those reasons that I seek re-election to the SCLEOA Board of Directors and wish to serve another term representing District Three.

District 5 Representative

Lieutenant Chris Cowan, Richland County Sheriff's Department

Having worked with SCLEOA for several years I have come to realize just how important it is to support each other and work together. I have learned a tremendous amount from so many at SCLEOA and feel it is a privilege to be the District 5 Representative and to be a member of a professional organization. We have so many great things that we can accomplish together and my desire is to continue to bring District 5 public safety together and work with the Association as a whole.

District 7 Representative

This position is currently vacant. If you are interested in assuming the duties of this role, please contact the SCLEOA Offices.

District 9 Representative

This position is currently vacant. If you are interested in assuming the duties of this role, please contact the SCLEOA Offices.

District 11 Representative

Investigator Brett Sims, Lexington County Sheriff's Department

The SCLEOA is more than a professional association to me. Through serving as the District 11 Representative, I have learned that the SCLEOA is a group of law enforcement officers that truly care about their profession and the people they work with. It is my desire to offer the greatest protection possible to the men and women that serve in law enforcement beside me. I feel that the SCLEOA provides that protection through training, networking, and legal representation. I eagerly look forward to working with the Board of Directors to improve the already tremendous services the Association provides. I would appreciate your support as I seek re-election as District 11 Representative.

District 13 Representative

Deputy Sheriff Bryan Langston, Pickens County Sheriff's Department

I would like to be more involved in working to meet the needs of the law enforcement community. At this point in time, I feel that serving as the District 13 Representative will offer the best opportunity to make advancements and improvements to the law enforcement profession. I am eager to help the SCLEOA grow as the voice that speaks for all areas of law enforcement in South Carolina. I ask for your support and your vote.

District 15 Representative

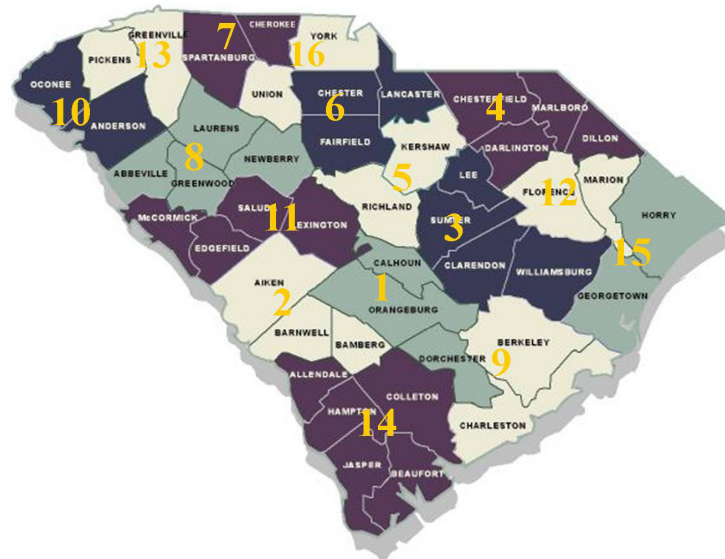
Sergeant Selena Mann, Conway Police Department

I have been in Law Enforcement for 12 years now and during that time I have worked in the jail, communications, patrol, crime scene, school resource officer program, investigations and I am currently the Sergeant of Training at Conway Police Department. Over the years I have participated in the fundraisers and programs the South Carolina Law Enforcements Officers Association (SCLEOA) has conducted, however I have not actively been involved with coordinating these programs. Over the last two years I have begun to become more involved in the organization and its causes. I am the Special Olympics Liaison for Conway Police Department and SCLEOA's support of this organization shows that it is not just about law

enforcement, but the community as a whole. I feel strongly that everyone within the criminal justice system must work together to support each other and SCLEOA is our avenue to do just that.

SCLEOA's support in the field of training for officers is outstanding and as a trainer in law enforcement I appreciate the opportunities SCLEOA is providing officers. I would like an opportunity to assist this organization in moving forward with conducting more training for everyone in the criminal justice field. I will devote my time and efforts to promoting this outstanding organization and would truly be appreciative of being afforded this opportunity.

SCLEOA District Map



Voting Instructions

In accordance with the by-laws that govern the SCLEOA, all current members are eligible to vote for your respective Board of Directors Representatives. The only members not eligible to cast a vote are honorary members, sustaining partners, and those members who are not current on their dues. **** Remember, 2009-2010 Membership Dues are due on July 1, 2009.**

In order to ensure the accuracy and security of this election, we must limit voting to only one ballot per member. Each member is eligible to cast a vote for Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and the appropriate District Representative. Being as there are some members who work in one district but live in another, the member will have the discretion to vote in the District of his or her choice. However, only one vote for a District Representative will be counted.

Voting will be performed between July 1, 2009 and July 31, 2009. Votes will be cast online this year, as well as by mail in ballot. If you choose to vote by mailing your ballot in, please complete the Ballot Form below. If you choose to vote online, please follow these instructions:

- ✓ Please send all email ballots to voting@scleoa.org.
- ✓ You will need to list your name, your Member ID number, and who you are voting for.
- ✓ **All ballots must be cast before close of business on July 31, 2009.**
- ✓ A receipt email will be sent to you within the next business day to confirm your vote.

Please contact the SCLEOA Office if you have any questions. We can be reached by phone at (803) 781-5913.

2009 SCLEOA Board of Directors Elections Ballot

Name:

Member ID#:

Second Vice President	
Chief Jackie Swindler, Newberry Police Department	
Write in Candidate:	
Third Vice President	
Chief Deputy Keith Kirchner, Lexington County Sheriff's Office	
Captain Freddie Gault, Union Public Safety Department	
Write in Candidate:	
Secretary	
Lieutenant Colonel Mike Oliver, SC Highway Patrol	
Write in Candidate:	
Treasurer	
Lieutenant Marion Baker, SLED	
Write in Candidate:	
Sergeant at Arms	
Deputy Director Neal Dolan, SLED	
Sergeant Gloria Graham, Fort Mill Police Department	
Write in Candidate:	
District Representative (Choose One)	
First Sergeant Jeff W. Mitchum, Orangeburg Public Safety – District 1	
Sheriff Randy Garrett, Clarendon County Sheriff's Department – District 3	
Lieutenant Chris Cowan, Richland County Sheriff's Department – District 5	
Investigator Brett Sims, Lexington County Sheriff's Department – District 11	
Deputy Sheriff Bryan Langston, Pickens County Sheriff's Department - District 13	
Sergeant Selena Mann, Conway Police Department – District 15	

Please Remit to:
SCLEOA Ballot
P.O. Box 210709
Columbia, SC 29221

- SAMPLE EMAIL BALLOT -

To: voting@scleoa.org
From: JohnDoe@johndoe.com
Subject: SCLEOA Elections

My name is John Doe and my Member Number is XXXXX. I would like to vote for the following individuals.

Second Vice President: XXXX
Third Vice President: XXXX
Secretary: XXXX
Treasurer: XXXX
Sergeant at Arms: XXXX
District 1: XXXX

Thank you.
