

# 2025-26 Committee Structure, Volunteers and Liaisons



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Ted Reese - President & CEO**  
Drew Meyers - Executive Vice President  
John Cox - Vice President  
Ashley Massengale - Vice President  
Jenifer Tucker - Vice President  
Carol Alan - Secretary  
John Herring - Treasurer  
Sara Barnett - Director at Large  
Ernie James - Director at Large  
Eric Schmook - Director at Large  
Brett Schwartz - USTA Delegate

## ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

#### Constitution & Rules Committee

The USTA Southern Constitution & Rules Committee is responsible for: 1) Safekeeping of the original Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and all amendments, changes and deletions thereof; 2) Reviewing the Constitution, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of each State Association; 3) Reviewing the form of proposed new provisions or amendments to the USTA Southern Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations to reduce ambiguity, promote clarity and keep all provisions of the same in conformity with each other and insure proper conformity with the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; 4) Providing advice to the Board of Directors on matters concerning the Committee's areas of responsibility.

#### Cindy Presto - Chair

Linda Paige - Vice Chair  
Sara Barnett - Board Liaison  
Annette Butler  
Robert Peiffer  
Carolyn Roach

#### Finance & Budget Review Committee

The USTA Southern Finance & Budget Review Committee is responsible for preparing the annual proposed budgets for the Board of Directors.

#### John Herring - Chair

Jay Boyd - Vice Chair  
Matt Olson - Staff Liaison  
Russell Dendy - ED Liaison  
Mark Botsch  
Donna Gast  
Drew Meyers  
Ted Reese  
RC Scheinler  
Eric Schmook

#### Grievance Committee

The USTA Southern Grievance Committee is responsible for duties set forth in the USTA Southern By-laws and Grievance Procedures, including enforcement of the Standards of Conduct and the USTA Southern Rules and Regulations and investigation of all program-related complaints. All grievance actions arising out of USTA Adult League or USTA Southern Adult League Programs will be administered according to appropriate League Regulations.

#### Bruce Kingsdorf - Chair

Mike Terrell - Vice Chair  
Drew Meyers - Board Liaison  
Maria Cercone - Staff Liaison  
Donald Bradley  
Jimmie Coins  
Deborah Foster-Smith

#### Investment Committee

The USTA Southern Investment Committee is responsible for overseeing the investments of the Association and for making recommendations to the Board of Directors on related financial matters.

#### Mark Dillon - Chair

Dom Masciantonio - Vice Chair  
John Herring - Board Liaison  
Matt Olson - Staff Liaison  
Emily Becker  
Terry Bunnell  
James McKissick

## ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

### DIRECT REPORT COMMITTEES

#### Audit Committee

The USTA Southern Audit Committee is responsible for assisting the Board of Directors in its oversight of financial statements of the Association. It oversees the engagement of the independent auditors to assure association compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The committee recommends policy standards for, and is involved in, risk assessment and risk management.

#### John Herring - Chair

Ashley Massengale  
Drew Meyers  
Ted Reese

#### Human Resources Committee

The USTA Southern Human Resources Committee is responsible for oversight of personnel and compensation matters of the Association and recommends actions to the Board of Directors for approval and implementation.

#### Drew Meyers - Chair

John Herring  
Ashley Massengale  
Ted Reese

#### Legal Advisor

The USTA Southern Legal Counsel advises the Association on all legal matters.

#### Cheri Grosvenor

#### Nominating Committee

The USTA Southern Nominating Committee nominates future officers of the Association. Composition and responsibilities are specified in the USTA Southern Bylaws.

#### Brett Schwartz - Chair

Jorge Andrew  
Mark Botsch  
Donna Gast  
Rainey Johns

#### State Presidents Group

The USTA Southern State Presidents Group provides a forum for State Association Presidents to discuss issues of common interest and develop recommendations for the USTA Southern Board of Directors to enhance the overall operations of the Section and State Associations.

#### RC Scheinler - Kentucky - Chair

Kim Coston - North Carolina  
Michelle Fields - Georgia  
David Kimball - Mississippi  
Joel Mulkin - Alabama  
Linda Paige - South Carolina  
Kathryn Ruckstuhl - Louisiana  
Kami Tucker - Arkansas  
Carol Winn - Tennessee

## ADULT DIVISION

### Adult Age Group Tournament Committee

The USTA Southern Adult Age Group Tournament Committee is responsible for: 1) Supporting the promotion and growth of adult and senior age-division tournament participation throughout USTA Southern including the use of traditional and innovative formats; 2) Studying all adult age-division tournament activities and making recommendations on all policies relating to adult age-division competitive tournament tennis; 3) Soliciting sites for USTA and USTA Southern Adult Age-division Championships, including The Callen Cup and recommending to the USTA Southern Board of Directors the appropriate tournament sanction levels and schedules; 4) Assigning captains annually to coordinate Intersectional team play and logistics; 5) Determining enhancements for USTA Southern age-division L4 events; 6) Creating avenues to recognize accomplished adult tournament age-division players in the South.

#### Brenda Carter - Chair

Joe Rasgado Jr. - Vice Chair  
Drew Meyers - Board Liaison  
Adam Dalton - Staff Liaison  
Jennifer Gregg - ED Liaison  
Roy Barth  
John Chesworth  
Brad Sceney  
Ged Schwing

### Adult League Committee

The USTA Southern Adult League Committee is responsible for: 1) Promote the USTA Adult League program, focusing on opportunities for growth by retaining existing players and attracting new players; 2) Secure host sites for Southern League Championships and staff and run successful Championships (Committee members agree to attend one Adult League Committee meeting outside of January, work at least one Sectional Championship per year and serve on at least one subcommittee); 3) Review and modify current/proposed League regulations/procedures for compliance and consistency and to uphold the integrity and quality of the League program; 4) Administer League programs in accordance with regulations and procedures and fulfill regulatory requirements and responsibilities (including grievances, grievance appeals, self-rate appeals and medical appeals).

#### Nan Smith - Chair

Elizabeth Walker - Vice Chair  
Jenifer Tucker - Board Liaison  
Chris Walling - Staff Liaison  
Deanna Garretson - ED Liaison  
Danielle Broadstreet  
Carla Catalano  
Megan Cooper  
Dustin Ingram  
Lacey Mitchell  
Paul Narula  
Kim Raley  
Whit Rayner  
Sean Vergara

### Adult Rating-Based & Entry Level Play Committee

The USTA Southern Adult Rating-Based & Entry Level Committee is responsible for: 1) Supporting the promotion and growth of adult and senior NTRP and WTN tournament participation throughout USTA Southern including the use of traditional and innovative formats; 2) Studying all adult rating-based tournament activities and making recommendations on all policies relating to adult ratings-based competitive tournament tennis; 3) Creating avenues to recognize accomplished adult rating-based tournament players in the South; 4) Soliciting sites for USTA Southern NTRP and WTN Adult Championships; 5) Researching and promoting entry level and learn to play programs to attract more players and provide a variety of opportunities to play.

#### Chaney Mills - Chair

Cheryl Thompson - Vice Chair  
Eric Schmook - Board Liaison  
Adam Dalton - Staff Liaison  
Deanna Garretson - ED Liaison  
Katie Boykin  
Jennifer Milton  
Olivia Spencer  
Robert Washington

### High School, Tennis On Campus & Collegiate Committee

The USTA Southern Collegiate, Tennis On Campus & High School Committee is responsible for: 1) Overseeing campus recreation programs, including intramurals and tennis clubs; 2) Finding innovative marketing strategies to promote the Tennis On Campus program to players at colleges and universities; 3) Aligning college players with community efforts to encourage all ages to play tennis; 4) Scheduling and organizing the Tennis On Campus Southern Championship; 5) Helping to promote high school team tennis and provide a pathway for high school players to stay in the game from juniors to adults; 6) Work to strengthen the relationship between the USTA Southern Collegiate, Tennis On Campus & High School Committee and campus recreation professionals at colleges and universities; 7) Promote the opportunities for Collegiate hubs; 8) Collaborate with Varsity teams for growth, promotion and integration with high school and college age players.

#### Debbie Southern - Chair

Shelby Akin - Vice Chair  
Carol Alan - Board Liaison  
Devin Crotzer - Staff Liaison  
Kelly Gaines - ED Liaison  
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Jay Atwill  
Mark Barrow  
John Hankinson  
Christy Herring  
Lane Hinson  
John Kim  
Charles Matthews  
Bill Oakes  
Amy O'Connell  
Brooke Turner

## COMMUNITY TENNIS DIVISION

### Adaptive Tennis Committee

The USTA Southern Adaptive Tennis Committee serves the mission to provide all populations including those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities the opportunity to participate in all aspects of the game of tennis. The goal is to promote and develop recreational tennis opportunities for individuals through inclusion and support by providing programming, equipment and teaching techniques. This Committee will also facilitate the grant process while working in concert with the Southern Tennis Foundation.

#### **Jim Hamm - Chair**

Jessie Taliaferro - Vice Chair  
John Cox - Board Liaison  
Bill Phillips - ED Liaison  
Amy Franklin  
Marcy Hirshberg  
Toni Jackson  
Melinda Leftwich  
Susan Sullivan  
Lou Welch

### Community Development Committee

The USTA Southern Community Development Committee is responsible for: 1) The promotion and development of USTA Southern Community Tennis Associations and related services (education of local leaders and networking); 2) Providing advice, service and guidance to states and communities in relation to advocacy, facility development, grants and parks; 3) Collaborate with the Schools & After School and Parks Committees; 4) Provide guidance on CGPG funding.

#### **Holly Haney - Chair**

Karen Newman - Vice Chair  
Sara Barnett - Board Liaison  
Andrew Feldman - Staff Liaison  
Jerrie Burns - ED Liaison  
Alfie Cheng  
Michelle Fields  
Heidi Hulon  
Kathryn Ruckstuhl  
Malinda Warren  
JD Weber

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

The USTA Southern Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee is responsible for: 1) Growing the game through support and engagement with State and CTA boards, committees and their staffs with strategic DE&I initiatives such as: increasing representation of emerging market populations on boards, committees and staff to attract and retain USTA members and players from those populations; building effective, self-sustaining State and CTA DE&I Committees; 2) Working with other USTA Southern Committees to develop program awareness, new initiatives and program continuity, which will substantially grow emerging market population participation in all USTA Southern programs and activities; 3) Special emphasis on Hispanic engagement and the millennial population.

#### **Nomi Cosby - Chair**

Dan Santorum - Vice Chair  
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Jennifer Gregg - ED Liaison  
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Leony Barroso  
Beth Beam  
Adrienne Charleston  
Gerard Dash  
Calvin Davis  
J. E. DuBois  
Sonya Harward  
David Marquina  
Kimberly Salama

### Parks Committee

The USTA Southern Parks Committee is responsible for: 1) Promotion and development of strategies to increase tennis participation & integration of USTA programs in public parks; 2) Strategies to recruit new tennis professionals, trained instructors and volunteers with tennis experience to assist in public parks; 3) Promotion and administration of the Parks and Recreation State Conference initiative and grants; 4) Promotion and administration of grants designed specifically for public parks.

#### **Laura Weygandt - Chair**

Rainey Johns - Vice Chair  
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Bill Phillips - ED Liaison  
Jeff Joyce  
David Kimball  
Scott Laakso  
Scott Novak  
Linda Swope  
Kami Tucker

## COMMUNITY TENNIS DIVISION

### Tennis Officials Committee

The USTA Southern Tennis Officials Committee is responsible for: 1) Soliciting prospective umpires and referees; 2) Teaching, training and developing umpires and referees through online courses and in-person workshops; 3) Recommending qualified directors/referees that can give assistance to tournaments upon request; 4) Developing materials and information that might be helpful to tournament directors relating to tournament draws, scheduling and other related areas.

#### **Donna Mille - Chair**

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Adam Dalton - Staff Liaison  
Darren Potkey - ED Liaison  
Jonetta Bonds  
Cookie Guarini  
Julie Kozyreva  
Kenny Martin

### Wheelchair Tennis Committee

The USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis Committee promotes wheelchair tennis by 1) Supporting clinics, camps, instructional programs, tournaments and collegiate wheelchair tennis; 2) Assisting with coordinating the USTA Southern Wheelchair Tennis Tournaments; 3) Facilitating the grant process while working in concert with the Southern Tennis Foundation.

#### **Jennifer Edmonson - Chair**

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Jerrie Burns - ED Liaison  
Avery Camp  
Greg Edwards  
Yasmine Osborn  
Rob Popelka  
Amy Saffell

## JUNIOR DIVISION

### **Junior Competition Committee**

The USTA Southern Junior Competition Committee is responsible for: 1) Studying all junior Ranked & Grand Prix tournament activities and making recommendations on all policies and programs relating to this area of junior tennis; 2) Developing uniform guidelines for the ranking of junior players; 3) Coordination of special events relating to Ranked & Grand Prix junior tennis; 4) Organization of USTA Southern Junior Intersectional Teams and Southern Ozaki Junior Cup Championships; 5) Managing the Junior waiver program; 6) Solicitation of sites for USTA and USTA Southern Junior Championships; 7) Communicating & promoting collegiate varsity & TOC play opportunities to juniors.

#### **Chris Stearns - Chair**

Matt Cozad - Vice Chair  
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Kelly Gaines - ED Liaison  
Jonathan Barth  
Sean Ferreira  
Eddie Jacques  
Shahbaz Munawar  
Melanie Oudin  
Walker Sahag  
Robert Sasseville  
Noel Wadawu

### **Junior Play Committee**

The USTA Southern Junior Play Committee is responsible for: 1) Promotion and growth efforts of Junior entry level, learn to play, programs, non-ranked individual (not including Grand Prix) & league play including JTT, Junior Circuits and Team Challenges; 2) Review and approval of regulations; 3) Selection of championship sites; 4) Review and approval of grant applications for these programs.

#### **Bill Reynolds - Chair**

Karen Fralick - Vice Chair  
Ashley Massengale - Board Liaison  
Adam Dalton - Staff Liaison  
Russell Dendy - ED Liaison  
David Bell  
Christian Burns  
Chris Canter  
Janice Crawford  
Oscar Deleon  
Brenton James  
Sam Kennedy  
Cheri Kohan

### **NJTL Committee**

The USTA Southern NJTL Committee is responsible for serving as a resource to the network of NJTL chapters and programs by supporting efforts to provide a pathway aimed at growing the number of tennis, life skills and educational opportunities for underserved youth. Special emphasis is placed on the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest, the ACE (Academic Creative Engagement) Curriculum and the Regional Leadership Camp. This Committee will also facilitate the grant process while working in concert with the Southern Tennis Foundation.

#### **Rudy Lewis - Chair**

Anna Monhartova - Vice Chair  
Carol Alan - Board Liaison  
Jean Marie Simon - Staff Liaison  
Michael Chamberlain - ED Liaison  
LaShekia Barker  
Jane Gamble  
Lance Hickman  
Birlette Jelks  
Katrina Pinkney

### **Schools & After School Committee**

The USTA Southern Schools & After School Committee is responsible for: 1) The promotion and development of strategies aimed at increasing tennis in physical education classes and after school programs, including elementary and middle school tennis; 2) Collaboration with the Community Development & Parks Committees.

#### **Paul Pittman - Chair**

Kim Coston - Vice Chair  
Ashley Massengale - Board Liaison  
Isaac Pearlstone - Staff Liaison  
Jason Miller - ED Liaison  
Adam Buescher  
Amber Conoly  
Mike Eden  
Sami Nesbitt  
Vanita Phinisey

## MARKETING DIVISION

### Awards Committee

The USTA Southern Awards Committee is responsible for: 1) Developing and administering an awards selection procedure and ceremony that will honor individuals and organizations that significantly contribute to and serve the game of tennis in USTA Southern; 2) Collaborate with the Marketing & Public Relations Committee to identify ways to promote award winners in local communities through public relations avenues; 3) Administer selection process of award winners in early October; 4) Help with set up of the awards ceremony which is held at the USTA Southern Annual Meeting; 5) Attend ceremony to support and congratulate award winners.

#### **Shannon Rowe - Chair**

Tom Ruth - Vice Chair  
Carol Alan - Board Liaison  
Andrew Feldman - Staff Liaison  
Darren Potkey - ED Liaison  
Jay Boyd  
Anna Martin  
Lesley Stephens  
Roger Winstead

### Marketing & Communications Committee

The USTA Southern Marketing & Communications Committee is responsible for: 1) Ensuring the marketing and communications efforts are aligned with the strategic direction and mission of USTA Southern; 2) Collaborating with all committees to ensure consistency in branding and messaging within the overall strategy of the Association; 3) Aiding in the targeting of prospective of sponsors; 4) Developing plans to maximize the promotion and growth of tennis and its programming in USTA Southern; 5) Providing content and information through print, digital and social media channels to enhance the player/provider experience for existing and new players/providers; 6) Identifying within USTA Southern and its States, any partnership opportunities through traditional and non-traditional avenues for the purpose of building awareness and advocating for the diversity, equality and inclusiveness of the sport; 7) Coordinating all matters relating to public relations for USTA and USTA Southern initiatives; 8) Providing marketing and public relations support and guidance to States and organizations committed to growing the sport by reaching specific audiences and their defining needs and interests; 9) Assisting in enhancing and promoting the website, podcast and social media efforts of USTA Southern aimed at capturing the attention of and informing current and new players; 10) Supporting the Southern Tennis Foundation marketing efforts as needed; 11) Serving as an advisory group.

#### **Dru Michaels - Chair**

Beth Bush - Vice Chair  
Ernie James - Board Liaison  
Tracy McEvoy - Staff Liaison  
Jason Miller - ED Liaison  
Celeste Blinston  
Erin Conigliaro  
Larry Isch  
Ellen Li  
Eleanora Mauritson  
Diya Ramchandani  
RC Scheinler

### Tennis Pro Relations Committee

The USTA Southern Tennis Pro Relations Committee is responsible for maximizing the coordination and communication with Southern professionals and instructors to aid in their delivery of tennis and serve as a conduit through which special information concerning USTA programs may be communicated to the general tennis professional community. The committee provides a medium for debate of new ideas and concepts which may advance the mission of USTA Southern and the sport of tennis including healthy discussion between and recruitment of certified & non-certified pros & instructors who reside in USTA Southern.

#### **Bo Gard - Chair**

Stewart Atkins - Vice Chair  
Brett Schwartz - Board Liaison  
Bill Dopp - Staff Liaison  
Michael Chamberlain - ED Liaison  
Jorge Andrew  
Sam Jackson  
Calvin Kemp  
Nathaniel Pinkney  
Michael Schaff  
Steve Zalinski

## TASK FORCE

### Advocacy Task Force

#### **Paul Pittmann - Chair**

John Herring  
Rainey Johns  
Ashley Massengale  
Scott Novak