

ABOUT US

HISTORY

The members from interested Student Councils in South Dakota gathered on the campus of the University of South Dakota in August of 1988. The purpose of the gathering was to organize a state organization that would unite high school student councils and serve all the students of the State of South Dakota. The August 10-11, gathering became the first convention of the South Dakota Student Council Association. Beginning with the 1988 convention through the 1999 convention, the SDSCA State Conventions were held during the late summer. Beginning with the 2000 State Convention, the conventions were moved into the school year following the completion of the state athletics winter seasons.

CHRONOLOGY

The following is a chronological listing of the year, site and principal consultant for each of the SDSCA State Conventions:

	Year	Site	City	Primary Consultant(s)
1 st	1987-88 Aug 10-11	USD	Vermillion	None
2 nd	1988-89 Aug 6-8	USD	Vermillion	Rex Giesler
3 rd	1989-90 Aug 5-7	USD	Vermillion	Mr. Phil (Phil Gugliuzza)
4 th	1990-91 Aug 4-6	USD	Vermillion	Craig Hillier
5 th	1991-92 Aug 2-4	USD	Vermillion	Lori Kiblinger
6 th	1992-93 Aug 1-3	USD	Vermillion	Dr. Earl Reum
7 th	1993-94 Aug 2-4	DWU	Mitchell	Dr. Earl Reum
8 th	1994-95 July 31-Aug 2	DWU	Mitchell	Mr. Phil (Phil Gugliuzza)
9 th	1995-96 Aug 5-7	DWU	Mitchell	Mr. Phil (Phil Gugliuzza)
10 th	1996-97 Aug 4-6	DWU	Mitchell	Dr. Earl Reum
11 th	1997-98 Aug 3-5	DWU	Mitchell	Susie Vanderlip
12 th	1998-99 Aug 2-4	Crossroads Hotel	Huron	Eric Chester
13 th	1999-00 March 26-28	Crossroads Hotel	Huron	Mitch Anthony

14th	2000-01 March 25-27	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Jeff Yalden
15th	2001-02 March 24-26	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Ed Gerety
16th	2002-03 March 23-25	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Mark Scharenbroch
17th	2003-04 March 28-23	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Philly D (Phil Doucette)
18th	2004-05 March 20-22	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	“Bano” (Dick Baniszewski) Terry Nebelsick
19th	2005-06 March 28-23	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Eddie Slowikowski Bill Zubke
20th	2006-07 March 25-27	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Deb Erickson Ivan Dixon
21st	2007-08 Mar 30-Apr 1	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	John Beede
22nd	2008-09 March 29-31	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Stephen Bargatze Josh Sundquist
23rd	March March 28-30	Ramkota RiverCentre	Pierre	Theme: “M.A.G.I.C. (Make A Greater Individual Commitment)” Theme:

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The SDSCA is co-sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) and the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals (SDASSP). The SDSCA State Executive Board is composed of six statewide elected student officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian/Sergeant-At-Arms), a Middle School Representative representing the middle school students in attendance at the State Convention and a student Region Representative from each of the eight SDSCA Regions. As stated, all of these offices are held by students. The SDSCA State Executive Board includes four adult advisors: a Representative from the SDASSP, a Representative of the Student Council Advisors, a Representative from the SDHSAA and the SDSCA State Executive Director.

REGIONS

In addition to the SDSCA State Executive Board, the State of South Dakota is divided into eight regions: Capitol, Gavins Point, James River, Lakes, Northern Hills, Rushmore, Spirit Falls and Upper Missouri. Each region elects its own Region Board. The specific student offices comprising each Region Board varies from region to region. Each region has the option of electing as many of the following offices as the members of the region feel are warranted: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Representative. Each Region Board works under the guidance of a Region Advisor who is chosen from the student council advisors in the region. The regional officers are encouraged to meet as a Region Board and to hold regional meetings during the year to share ideas and to organize for the state convention held in the spring of each year. (If you want to know which region your school has been assigned to, check the “Region Alignments” Section of the SDSCA Web site.)

MEMBERSHIP

Any public, private or parochial school in South Dakota that belongs to the SDHSAA shall be eligible to be a member of the SDSCA. Any public, private or parochial organized Junior High or Middle School shall be eligible to be a member of the SDSCA.

Each member school is entitled to one vote at the annual state convention. Any high school student is welcome to attend the state convention. The SDSCA considers all students in high school to be members of their respective student councils. Therefore, the student need not be a student council officer to attend the convention or to hold a Regional or State Office. Also, a special invitation is extended to all students to attend the Executive Board meetings scheduled throughout the year.