

## History of the Chapter

The first organizational meeting of the SCSTMA was initiated by Dr. Trent Hale on April 15th, 2003 at the Clemson University Turfgrass Symposium held at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence, SC. Only eight or nine people attended this meeting from the hundreds of invitations mailed, but it was enough to form a steering committee for the South Carolina Chapter. Alan Wilson, Bruce Suddeth, Bruce Viehman, Mike Burgess and Trent Hale comprised the steering committee.

The first meeting was held at the Horry-Georgetown Tech Grand Strand Campus on September 30th, 2003 where officers were elected. The first officers of the SCSTMA were Alan Wilson (President), Bruce Suddeth (President-Elect), Bruce Viehman (Commercial Vice President) and Mike Burgess (Secretary/Treasurer). Trent Hale appointed himself Executive Director.

