



126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

Thursday, June 11 – Sunday, June 14, 2026

The Ritz-Carlton • Naples, Florida



South Carolina
Bankers Association



Chair H. Richard Sturm and First Lady, Becky, invite you to celebrate the 126th South Carolina Bankers Association **Annual Convention and Tradeshow** on Thursday, June 11–Sunday, June 14, 2026. The Annual Convention will take place at The Ritz-Carlton's luxurious oceanfront resort in beautiful Naples, Florida.

This Five-Diamond hotel on Florida's Gulf Coast will be the perfect venue for SCBA's line-up of speakers, vendors and enlightening business sessions. The program will have a trade show and two full days of educational opportunities for bankers, directors and associate members. The SCBA has rooms blocked at The Ritz-Carlton for attendees. For your convenience, our nightly special hotel rates are \$404++ to \$504++, including a daily \$45 resort fee, plus tax. Our special SCBA rate will be extended to our registrants three days before and three days after the convention, should you choose to linger and enjoy the surf and sand. Please note, should you plan to arrive at The Ritz-Carlton early or depart later, there are a very limited number of rooms available at the convention rate and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't delay! Convention fees are \$1,145 for members/associates, \$675 for spouses/guests and \$275 for children.

*We hope you'll join Chair Sturm at the Ritz-Carlton resort in Naples, Florida
for the 2026 SCBA Convention and Trade Show.*



Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration Open – Trade Show Open
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Opening Night Reception – Trade Show Open

Evening free for dining and entertainment on your own.
Please make dining reservations in advance: [Restaurants & Dining](#) | [The Ritz-Carlton, Naples](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Pastries Served and Trade Show Open
8:30 a.m. – Noon Registration
9:00 a.m. – Noon Business Session
Afternoon event: Golf Tournament
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Chair's Reception

Evening free for dining and entertainment on your own.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 13

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Pastries
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – Noon Business Session
Noon – 6:45 p.m. Afternoon Free
6:45 p.m. Cocktails
7:30 p.m. Dinner
8:45 p.m. Dancing to the Music of **RHYTHM THEORY**

Attire for the evening is resort wear



Rhythm Theory is a versatile nine-piece band specializing in soul, pop, and dance hits, featuring three vocalists, horns, and a full rhythm section. This high-energy group performs popular covers from well known artists.



Information

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

It is imperative that you register promptly with the South Carolina Bankers Association. You will be responsible for making your hotel reservation. Once you have registered with the SCBA, you will receive a confirmation email with a web link to reserve your accommodations with The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The group rate of \$404++ through \$504++ per night has been negotiated for the 2026 SCBA Annual Convention and Trade Show, and includes a daily \$45 resort fee. **Once you have received the reservation link, reservation requests must be made by May 11, 2026.** Any request after this date will be on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. It is not uncommon for a group block to become full prior to the deadline date; we encourage you to make your reservations as early as possible. The hotel will make every effort to honor specific preferences such as location, connecting rooms, and bedding preferences.

A deposit equal to two (2) night's room charge will be required per reservation. The individual deposit is refundable until Monday, May 11, 2026. **Cancellations after this date will result in forfeiture of deposit.** You will be committed to your original reservation date after May 11, 2026. The Ritz-Carlton will honor the negotiated SCBA room rate for early arrivals three days (3) prior to the convention and three (3) days after the convention based on room and rate availability for rooms requested on or prior to the May 11 cut-off date. Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. **THE SCBA HAS A VERY LIMITED BLOCK OF ROOMS FOR EARLY ARRIVALS AND DELAYED DEPARTURES.**

If you plan to play golf other than during the SCBA Tournament, you should reserve your tee times prior to arrival. Don't forget about dining arrangements, spa appointments and other recreational activities. Please call The Ritz-Carlton to make appointments and reservations. Please make any reservations ASAP as all venues are limited. You may not make any reservations until you are a confirmed guest at the Ritz-Carlton.

For more information on The Ritz-Carlton please click: [The Ritz-Carlton, Naples | 5-Star Hotel with Beach Views](#)

AIRPORT INFORMATION

The closest airport to Naples is Southwest Florida International (RSW) in Fort Myers. It is 27 miles (a 45 minute drive) from The Ritz-Carlton, 280 Vanderbilt Road, Naples, FL.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

SCBA's 126th Annual Convention boasts a trade show and two days of educational opportunities for bankers, directors and associate members. Included in the convention registration is the opportunity to attend the prayer breakfast and golf tournament. The registration fees are \$1,145 per banker/associate member and \$675 per spouse/guest, and \$275 per child (all children of any age must be preregistered to be admitted to convention events). If you have not preregistered your child or children for SCBA events, please arrange for childcare.

The registration fee includes admission to all events except for the aforementioned golf tournament and the prayer breakfast. For your convenience, you may register online, [SCBA Annual Convention Registration](#). Again, once you have received the SCBA confirmation you will receive the hotel link in order to make your hotel reservations. **Deadline for SCBA registration is May 11, 2026.**

CONVENTION ATTIRE

Attire for the convention will be resort wear.

REFUNDS

There will be no refund of SCBA Convention registration fees after 5:00 p.m. on May 11. If you have extenuating circumstances or questions please contact Anne Gillespie at 803.779.0850 or e-mail agillespie@scbankers.org. To register online visit www.scbankers.org.



We'll see you at The Ritz! 



Speakers



Michael Amiridis, President
University of South Carolina

MICHAEL AMIRIDIS

Michael Amiridis became the 30th president of the University of South Carolina in 2022. Since his arrival, USC has seen record growth in applications for admission, enrollment, external research grants and fundraising dollars, with significant donor investments that led to the naming of three USC colleges.

Amiridis earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1991. As a researcher, he has published 110 peer-reviewed articles in archival journals and received over \$22 million in external funding. He was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2012 and a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in 2015.

Prior to becoming president, Amiridis' academic career included more than two decades at USC. He held positions as a chemical engineering professor, department chair, dean of the College of Engineering and Computing and, from 2009 to 2015, the university's executive vice president for academic affairs and provost. From 2015 to 2022, Amiridis served as chancellor of the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Born in Greece, Amiridis was recognized in 2022 by Carnegie Corporation of New York as a Great Immigrant. He and his wife, Dr. Ero Aggelopoulou-Amiridis, have two children.



Paul S. Atkins, Chairman
Securities and Exchange
Commission

PAUL S. ATKINS

Paul S. Atkins became the 34th Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 21, 2025, after being nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the Senate. Prior to this, he was the CEO of Patomak Global Partners, which he founded in 2009, and he served as an independent director at BATS Global Markets from 2012 to 2015.

Atkins was a Commissioner of the SEC from 2002 to 2008, where he promoted transparency and cost-benefit analysis. He also participated in the President's Working Group on Financial Markets and served on the Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Before his SEC tenure, he worked as a consultant in the securities and investment management fields and served on the staff of SEC chairs Richard C. Breeden and Arthur Levitt.

Atkins began his legal career in New York, specializing in corporate transactions, and spent time in his firm's Paris office. He holds a J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law and an A.B. from Wofford College. Originally from North Carolina and raised in Florida, he and his wife, Sarah, have three sons.



Speakers



K. WAYNE WICKER

Wayne Wicker is a veteran banker with more than 38 years of experience in the Myrtle Beach and South Carolina markets, and a founding Director of South Atlantic Bank and South Atlantic Bancshares, Inc.

He holds a B.S. degree in business administration from The Citadel and completed the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and the South Carolina Bankers School at the University of South Carolina. He currently serves as treasurer and executive board member of the American Bankers Association. He is the past chairman of the board of the South Carolina Bankers Association.

In 2018, he was appointed by the governor to serve as a board member of the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions. Mr. Wicker serves as President on the board of The Citadel Brigadier Foundation and has served on the board of the South Carolina Young Bankers Association, the Myrtle Beach Area and North Myrtle Beach Chambers of Commerce. A former member of the South Carolina Air National Guard, Mr. Wicker is a Gulf War veteran.

K. Wayne Wicker

Chairman of the Board,
Chief Executive Officer
South Atlantic Bancshares, Inc.
and South Atlantic Bank

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South Carolina Bankers
Association





Special Events

GOLF TOURNAMENT

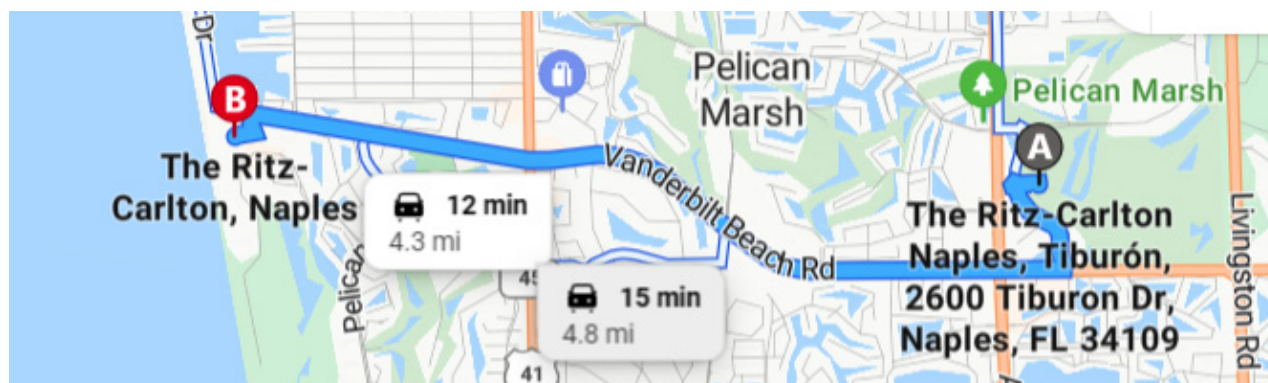
Friday, June 12 | 1:00 PM | \$375 per player, prior registration required



THE GOLD COURSE

The SCBA Golf Tournament will be held at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón. There is a shuttle service provided between our host hotel and Tiburon (20-minute shuttle). The Tiburón Golf Club's championship golf is as beautiful as it is challenging. From your first drive to your last putt, you will find yourself at one with nature and a part of the world's ultimate golf experience. Tiburón is host of the LPGA CME Group Championship, The Grant Thornton Invitational and The Chubb Classic. Designed by golf legend Greg Norman, Tiburón golfers enjoy unique stacked sod wall bunkers, coquina shell waste bunkers and the absence of conventional rough. Following Norman's philosophy of maximizing the natural allure of the land, each element has been carefully integrated to produce a pleasing atmosphere in which to appreciate the finer aspects of the game. Designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International, Tiburón strives to protect and enhance its natural surroundings.

The registration fee includes lunch, greens fees, cart, prizes and refreshments. Neil Rashley of the SCBA, will serve as the golf tournament chair. Please contact Neil, should you have questions, nrashley@scbankers.org.





Special Events

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 13 | 7:45 – 8:45 AM | \$120.00 per person, prior registration required



BOYD B. JONES

South Carolina Wholesale Area Manager
Pinnacle Financial Partners
Columbia, SC

Boyd Jones identifies himself as a man of faith, declaring Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. This spiritual foundation acts as a guiding compass for his values and principles, influencing both his personal life and his leadership role in the banking sector. His faith fosters a sense of responsibility and compassion for the communities he serves. A dedicated member of First Presbyterian Church in downtown Columbia, Boyd also serves as Clerk of Session and teaches an adult Sunday School class.

Boyd began his banking career in 1980 as a teller at C&S National Bank of South Carolina while still in college. After completing his studies, he joined the bank full-time and successfully navigated their rigorous training program. It was there that he met his wife, Lisa, who also worked in banking. Together, they've built a family of three adult children and five grandchildren over 40 years of marriage.

In 1991, Boyd transitioned to The National Bank of South Carolina, where he opened the first de novo office in Camden. Initially a bank with around \$500 million in assets facing regulatory challenges, NBSC has grown into a \$60 billion regional bank as part of Synovus. Boyd is the South Carolina Wholesale Area Manager in charge of Middle Market Corporate Banking at Pinnacle Financial Partners. Pinnacle Financial Partners is a \$115-billion-dollar financial institution that merged with Synovus.

As Chairman of the SCBA Board of Directors for 2023-24 fiscal year, Boyd continued to integrate his faith into his professional life. At this year's Prayer Breakfast, he will share his beliefs and the role they play in his leadership. His journey illustrates that faith can enhance not only personal fulfillment but also professional success and positive community impact.

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Convention Registration

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 11, 2026

EVENT FEE
SUBTOTAL

MAIN REGISTRANT (\$1,145) Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____ \$ _____

☐ Golf (\$375) _____ Handicap or PGA Index

☐ Prayer Breakfast (\$120)

SPOUSE/GUEST (\$675) Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____ \$ _____

☐ Golf (\$375) _____ Handicap or PGA Index

☐ Prayer Breakfast (\$120)

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CHILD (\$275) Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____ \$ _____

☐ Golf (\$375) _____ Handicap or PGA Index

☐ Prayer Breakfast (\$120)

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TOTAL \$ _____

MAIN REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION: _____ \$ _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ CELL PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

REGISTRATION FORM SUBMITTED BY: _____

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EVENT REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Use the following information for the payment of your SCBA event registration fees:

☐ Enclosed is a check \$ _____ made payable to the South Carolina Bankers Association for my Registration Fees.

☐ Credit Card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card # _____

Expiration: _____

Security Code (Last 3 Digits) _____

Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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NOTE: Images captured at this event may be used to market next year's event, in the SCBA's Palmetto Banker magazine and/or on social media. I consent to the use of images that may contain my likeness for promotional purposes.

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 1483, COLUMBIA, SC, 29202

OR **FAX** to: 803.779.0890

OR REGISTER **ONLINE:** www.scbankers.org



Substitutions are allowed. If you have a disability that you wish to make us aware of, please attach a statement regarding your individual needs. We will contact you for accommodations.



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Credit Card # _____

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Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Your support of the South Carolina Bankers Association is appreciated!

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