

Mark A. Trowbridge currently serves as the president and CEO of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, a position he has held for the past fourteen years. He is the chief association executive responsible for the day-to-day success of the more than 1600-member organization, working with volunteer leaders engaged in the Chamber's long-term business development strategies and community initiatives.

The Coral Gables Chamber is ranked the third largest Chamber in South Florida, second largest in Miami-Dade, according to the most recent *South Florida Business Journal Book of Lists*.

Some of Mark's accomplishments at the Chamber include raising the profile of the organization in the community, while building robust programs centered on member growth and advocacy, small business, economic development and tourism. In addition, the Gables Chamber is a best-practice leader in such national movements as Small Business Saturday, our local Permitting Assistance Program, as well as heralded community events like Burgerliscious.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Mark was Deputy Executive Director for Business Development for the Miami Parking Authority in the City of Miami. Under his watch, the Authority engaged in an aggressive period of growth, with more than \$30 million in capital projects in the planning, development and construction phases. Mark also helped guide the formulation of the strategic plan for the Authority during his tenure and was the community liaison for its philanthropic efforts.

Mark also has provided consulting services regarding Volunteer Management and Leadership Development. He has worked with such organizations as the Orange Bowl Committee, the Sony Ericsson (now the Miami Open), Mayors' Summit of the Americas and International Pow Wow. Mark also previously served as an adjunct professor at both Barry University and St. Thomas University in their respective Sports Management programs for more than six years.

His community involvement includes Past President of the national board for the University of Florida Alumni Association, and is a Past-President of the award-winning Gator Club® of Miami. He served as Program Chairman of Leadership Miami, where he has been honored with the Bill Colson Leadership Award. Mark is an Executive Board Member for Seraphic Fire and serves on the boards of the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, where he is on the Steering Committee for the One Community One Goal initiative, as well as Actors' Playhouse, New World School of the Arts and The Children's Trust, where he is Vice Chair.

Mark received his Bachelor and Master of Education degrees from the University of Florida in 1990 and 1992.

Mark has lived in Miami Springs, Florida for the past 15 years, having moved to Miami eight weeks before Hurricane Andrew struck in August of 1992. Since then, he has developed a deep and abiding passion for his South Florida community.