

President

At each Annual Session, the Assembly elects the President of the Parliamentary Assembly who acts as the highest representative of the Assembly and presides over the meetings of the Assembly.

President Alcee L. Hastings (USA), July 2004 -



U.S. Congressman Alcee L. Hastings was elected President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in July 2004 at the 13th Annual Session in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was re-elected at the 14th Annual Session in Washington, DC.

He has been a Member of U.S. Congress since 1992, representing his native state of Florida and most recently re-elected in 2002.

Alcee L. Hastings graduated from Fisk University and earned his law degree from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. Appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, he became the first African-American Federal Judge in the state of Florida, and served in that position for ten years.

He has also served as OSCE PA Vice-President, Chair and Vice-Chair of the First General Committee, as well as two terms as Committee Rapporteur.

Alcee L. Hastings is a member of the House Rules Committee, and a senior member of the Select Committee on Intelligence. He also serves as one of only four House Democrats on the U.S. Helsinki Commission. He is Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Select Committee on Election Reform, and is Vice-Chairman of the Florida Delegation. As an attorney, judge and civil rights activist, he has championed the rights of minorities, women, the elderly, children and immigrants.