



John Warner

A state leader in innovation and entrepreneurship, John Warner of Greer, SC has recently been appointed to serve member of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC). Warner fills the unexpired term of Charmeka Bosket, which will expire June 30, 2014. Warner, Founder and Principal of InnoVenture LLC, has been appointed to serve as the business representative to the Senate Education Committee. Senator John Courson, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, made the appointment. Warner received his Master of Accountancy degree from the University of Georgia and his B.S. in Accounting from Clemson University. Since 2000, Warner has worked to connect entrepreneurs and those with “big visions” with the resources they need to create change. His work with InnoVenture also includes the website, www.swampfox.ws that has 200,000 annual visitors and a weekly radio update broadcast statewide on South Carolina Public Radio to 60,000 listeners. Recognized as a champion of entrepreneurs and informed solutions to issues, Warner is often called upon to publish and speak on education, leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurial success stories. He is a member of the Inaugural Class of the Liberty Fellowship, which promotes outstanding leadership in the state. He serves on the Board of Directors of the SC Governor’s School for the Arts & Humanities and the University Centers of Greenville. Since 2004, he has served as the Director of the Council on Competitiveness at New Carolina. He also currently serves as the Director of the South Carolina Venture Capital Authority, which was established by the SC General Assembly to increase the availability of equity, near-equity, or seed capital for emerging, expanding, relocation, and restructuring enterprises in the state. Active in community affairs, Warner served as the Director of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce from 2002 to 2007 and served as the Director of Artisphere, an annual event that celebrates the arts and the rich international heritage of Greenville. For thirteen years, Warner was a leader in Greenville’s Cub Scout Pack 260 and Boy Scout Troop 260. “Nothing is a more essential to the future of South Carolina than public education,” said Warner. “People do what is measured, so I’m excited about the opportunity to help measure the success of our children’s education.”