Between 1909 and 1914, there was no formal ‘Executive Committee’ as is known today – this structure had its origins in the reforming of the ILAE in 1935. In the first years, there was a board (of fluctuating membership) and a chair and secretary, but no treasurer. The chair changed every year and comprised variously Donáth, Tamburini, Marie, Weeks, and the secretary–general post was held by Donáth and then Muskens. An important post was that of rédacteur–gérant (editor–in–chief) of *Epilepsia* and this was held by Donáth throughout this period.

The ILAE also had a comité de patronage which comprised Hebold, Friedländer, Bekhterev, Raymond, Landouzy, Sommer, Weygandt and Tamburini.

When the ILAE was reformed in 1935, no such committee was thought necessary, and the executive committee now was formed of four persons only. Since then, every 4 years, a new executive is voted in. The constitution of the Executive Committee has changed slightly over the years and in 2005 it was also decided to limit membership of the Executive Committee to a maximum of 16 years.

### 1935–1939
- William G. Lennox, USA, President
- Louis J.J. Muskens, Holland, Vice–President
- Hans Iacob Schou, Denmark, Secretary/Editor *Epilepsia*
- J. Tylor Fox, England, Treasurer

### 1939–1946
- William G. Lennox, USA, President
- Karl Heinz Stauder, Germany, Vice–President
- Hans Iacob Schou, Denmark, Secretary/Editor *Epilepsia*
- J. Tylor Fox, England, Treasurer

### 1946–1949
- William G. Lennox, USA, President/Editor *Epilepsia*
- Bernard Christian Ledeboer, Holland, Vice–President
- Hans Iacob Schou, Denmark, Secretary
- Denis Williams, England, Treasurer

### 1949–1953
- Macdonald Critchley, England, President
- Hans Peter Stubbe Teglbjaerg, Denmark, Vice–President
- Frederic A. Gibbs, USA, Vice–President
- Bernard Christian Ledeboer, Holland, Secretary–General
- Antoine Rémond, France, Recording Secretary
- Denis Williams, England, Treasurer
- William G. Lennox, USA, Editor *Epilepsia/Hon. Pres.
- Jerome K. Merlis, USA, Assistant Editor

### 1953–1957
- A. Earl Walker, USA, President
- Henri Gastaut, France, President–Elect
- Denis Williams, England, Vice–President
- Paulo Niemeyer, Brazil, Vice–President
- Bernard Christian Ledeboer, Holland, Secretary–General
- Hans Peter Stubbe Teglbjaerg, Denmark, Treasurer
- Jerome K. Merlis, USA, Editor *Epilepsia*

### 1957–1961
- A. Earl Walker, USA, President
- Henri Gastaut, France, Secretary–General
- Jerome K. Merlis, USA, Treasurer
- Sir Francis Walhe, UK, Editor–in–Chief *Epilepsia*

### 1961–1965
- Francis L. McNaughton, Canada, President
- Bartolomé Fuster, Uruguay, Vice–President
- Albert M. Lorentz de Haas, Netherlands, Vice–President/Editor *Epilepsia*
- Henri Gastaut, Marseilles, France, Secretary–General/Editor *Epilepsia*
- Jerome K. Merlis, USA, Treasurer

### 1965–1969
- Albert M. Lorentz de Haas, Netherlands (died 1967), President/Editor *Epilepsia*
- Jerome K. Merlis, USA, President
- Heinrich Landolt, Switzerland, Vice–President
- Francis L. McNaughton, Canada, Past–President
- Henri Gastaut, France, Secretary–General/Editor *Epilepsia*
- David D. Daly, USA, Treasurer

### 1969–1973
- Henri Gastaut, France, President
- Jerome K. Merlis, USA, Past–President
- Karl–Axel Melin, Sweden, Vice–President
- Luis Oller–Daurella, Spain, Vice–President
- Otto Magnus, Netherlands, Secretary–General
- David D. Daly, Arizona, USA, Treasurer
- Margaret Lennox–Buchthal, Denmark, Editor–in–Chief *Epilepsia*