

### **Chartered Partners**

Q1. What are the requirements to be a charter partner? Are there any types of businesses that are off limits or not allowed to be a chartered partner?

**A1. The primary requirement to be a Chartered Partner to a Scouting unit is an agreement with the terms of the Charter Agreement. The partnership between the BSA and the Chartering Organization is typically based on alignment of the missions and purposes of the two organizations. If you have identified a prospective Charter Partner and have questions about the appropriateness of the organization to serve as a Chartered Partner of the BSA, please contact your District UMC Transition Representative with questions.**

Q2. If we have not identified a new Charter Partner by March 31, 2022, when our charter will expire, do we cease to exist as a unit until we find one? Could the Council serve as an interim Charter partner for units that are unable to secure a new Chartered Partner by the deadline?

**A2. Local units must have a Chartered Partner to remain chartered with the BSA. Units are encouraged to identify, meet with, and secure a new Chartered Partner as soon as possible. If you are having trouble identifying a prospective organization in your area, please contact your District UMC Transition Representative for assistance.**

Q3. Could the Council Attorney provide guidance/insight to Unit families creating LLC's to become a Chartered Partner for a Scouting unit?

**A3. No, the Council Attorney represents Quivira Council to provide advice and guidance to the Quivira Council leadership. The best protection a Chartered Partner can have is the liability coverage provided by the BSA to its Chartered Partners. Currently, the primary and excess liability coverage provides a defense to any covered claims and indemnity for any covered losses up to \$7,500,000 per incident and \$23,000,000 annually. Ask your organization's attorney or insurance agent for additional advice.**

### **Liability and Insurance Coverage for Chartered Partners**

Q4. Will the Charter Agreement be augmented by National BSA to remove liability from the Chartered Partner? Can we get an official legal copy of the BSA insurance policy or any other BSA insurance pieces?

**A4. No, the BSA insurance policy will not “remove liability from the Chartered Partner.” Liability insurance will provide a defense against any covered claims against the Chartered Partner and indemnify the Chartered Partner for any covered losses up to \$7,500,000 per incident. See the letter from the Quivira Council Scout Executive regarding liability insurance coverage for Chartered Partners and related documents.**

Q5. If anyone that wants to charter a troop crew or pack, would they still be subject to the same risk as UMC as far as possible lawsuits?

**A5. Yes, however, the Chartered Partner, upon completion of the Charter Agreement, would be fully covered. Nothing has changed in this regard due to the bankruptcy. Chartered Partners have been covered by the BSA's liability insurance policies since 1976.**

### **Charter Agreement**

Q6. Has BSA considered a revised Charter Agreement to reduce risk/liability to the Charter? Seems this would resolve other groups hesitant to say yes.

**A6. The Charter Agreement cannot modify potential liability. BSA is addressing the liability to the Chartered Partner by providing coverage to the Chartered Partners as insureds under its liability policies as the BSA has done since 1976.**

Q7. Can we get a copy of the old Charter Agreement to compare to the new one while presenting to new groups? This helps relieve tensions about what Scouting is doing to prevent future issues for Charter Partners. When you put comparable writing in front of people it helps them understand the issue is being addressed.

**A7. Yes, but the charter agreement does not address this issue. The BSA cannot relieve the Chartered Partner of potential liability. The BSA can, as it has done since 1976, provide liability insurance for covered claims. See the letter from the Quivira Council Scout Executive regarding liability insurance coverage for Chartered Partners.**

Q8. Is there a difference between the annual charter agreement and the initial charter agreement?

**A8. There is generally only one Charter Agreement. It is used when initially chartering a unit and annually thereafter during the charter renewal process (*i.e.*, recharter).**