

NEW CHARTER RENEWAL OPTIONS

We – and our unit charter partners – are facing challenges. The need for alternative unit registration procedures has been heard and action has been taken.

*The Traditional **Chartered Organization Method** remains the preferred option.* An updated Unit Charter Agreement has been implemented.

*A new alternative, **Council Unit Registration**, is now available* and offers two options: (1) Groups of Citizens, and (2) Council Unit Registration. (Note that units registered in this manner **do not** have the full rights and privileges that a Traditional Charter Organization maintains, specifically voting at the district and council level. They are represented in the council by the council board. Councils should designate a Board-level volunteer to serve as the institutional head of such units (e.g., commissioners, membership chairs, etc.). Councils may use a facility use agreement for those organizations that provide meeting space but do not serve as a charter partner.

If you believe this new alternative might enable us to retain a unit and its youth and adults, contact your local council staff, who can provide additional information, guidance, and support. These new options are intended to enable continuing delivery of Scouting and retention of youth and units while recognizing that our Traditional Charter Organization method continues to be the best **and preferred** option for starting and sustaining strong units.

As with any change, there will be questions and it may be necessary to adjust and adapt as we gain experience with the new procedures. Frequently Asked Questions are being developed and will be available as soon as possible.