

## Chartered Organization Survey Questions:

### 1. *The Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America, Article IX. Policies and Definitions (Policies) Clause 1 states:*

"The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. ... No matter what the religious faith of the members may be, this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before them.

The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training."

Please select the statement that best represents your organization's level of alignment/agreement with the policy stated above:

- A. This definition is fully in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.
- B. This definition is partially in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.
- C. This definition is not in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.

### 2. *Each year chartered organizations renew the registration of their Scouting units with the local council. A feature of that process is the Annual Charter Agreement. This document reviews what the chartered organization and the local council agree to provide for the success of the unit.*

The first bullet point for the chartered organization reads that the chartered organization will "Conduct the Scouting program according to its own policies and guidelines as well as those of the Boy Scouts of America."

The first bullet for the local council states that the local council agrees to: "Respect the aims and objectives of the organization and offer the resources of Scouting to help in meeting those objectives."

Please select the statement that best represents your organization's level of alignment/agreement with the points from the Annual Charter agreement above:

- A. These points are fully in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.
- B. These points are partially in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.
- C. These points are not in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.

### 3. *The current membership standards for the Boy Scouts of America read as follows:*

*The applicant must possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the Boy Scouts of America deems necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. The applicant must also be the correct age, subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle, and abide by the Scout Oath or Promise, and the Scout Law.*

*While the BSA does not proactively inquire about the sexual orientation of employees, volunteers, or members, we do not grant membership to individuals who are open or avowed homosexuals or who engage in behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the BSA.*

Please select the statement that best states how the current policy aligns/agrees with your organization's current policies or values:

- A. This policy is fully in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.
- B. This policy is partially in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.
- C. This policy is not in alignment/agreement with our organization's policies or values.

4. *If BSA maintained its' currently policy of denying of membership to open or avowed homosexuals would this policy, in your organization's opinion, be consistent with the values of Scouting?*

- A. We see it as consistent with the values of Scouting.
- B. We see it as a neutral to the values of the Boy Scouts of America.
- C. We see it as not consistent with the values of Scouting.

5. *Scouting has always relied on its chartered organizations in accepting youth members and selecting leaders consistent with BSA's policies and their organization's mission, principles, or beliefs. A proposed change to the membership standards of the Boy Scouts of America could remove the statement "we do not grant membership to individuals who are open or avowed homosexuals."*

If the national restriction on homosexuality were removed, religious chartered organizations would have the opportunity to select members and leaders that meet the values and mission of its organization, including permitting or not permitting openly or avowed homosexual individuals to be members or leaders according to the theological views on same-sex attraction of that chartered organization.

Please select the statement that best matches your organization's views:

- A. Our organization agrees that this change should occur and will positively impact our Scouting program.
- B. Our organization is neutral and with or without this change, our organization does not believe there will be any significant impact in our Scouting program.

C. Our organization agrees that this change should not occur and will negatively impact our Scouting program.

6. *Chartered organizations select and approve leaders. Scouting units chartered to local chapters of your organization have this role through a registered position for your units called the chartered organization representative (COR). How much understanding do you feel the local entities of your organization have in the responsibilities of the COR?*

- A. Our local entities have a full understanding of the role of the chartered organization representative.
- B. Our local entities have somewhat of an understanding of the role of the chartered organization representative.
- C. Our local entities have a very limited understanding of the role of the chartered organization representative.
- D. Our local entities have no understanding of the role of the chartered organization representative.
- E. As a national organization, we do not know the extent of the local entities understanding of the role of the chartered organization representative.

7. *Please review the following five statements and assess how a change in the membership standards of the Boy Scouts of America would impact the relationship between your organization and the BSA.*

- A. It would definitely strengthen our organization's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.
- B. It may strengthen our organization's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.
- C. It would not change our organization's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.
- D. It may negatively impact our organization's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.

E. It would end our organization's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.

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