



# Commissioner Technology Focus Group (CTFG) Status Report

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## Updated Distribution List

Please continue to send updates to the distribution list for this periodic status report to [rick\\_hillenbrand@alum.mit.edu](mailto:rick_hillenbrand@alum.mit.edu).

## Fee Changes

Effective August 1, 2020 **for new members**

- Effective October 1, 2020 **for renewing members (recharter)**
- \$66 fee for youth and participants in traditional program not including those in council paid units (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts)
- \$30 fee for youth and participants in council paid units
- \$42 fee for Explorers
- \$42 for all adult volunteers in paid positions for all unit and non-unit types
- STEM Scouts youth remain at their previously announced fees for 2020 and 2021

Unit Charter Fee effective August 1, 2020 for new and rechartering units

- \$75 fee for packs, troops, crews, ships, and posts
- \$40 fee for STEM Scouts labs

## On-line Registration Resources

Now is the time for commissioners to be familiar with where to find information about Online registration, especially for their units. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/> for a plethora of information for Council (District) and Unit Leaders. Included are several checklists, PDF files and videos such as how to update a unit's BeAScout pin.

## BeAScout Pin Set up

See attached document.

## Internet Rechartering

**Internet Rechartering** is being enhanced to bring improved features for the 2020-2021 application. Because these changes are being implemented in August and in October, there will be two new versions introduced at the appropriate times.

- As a reminder, Version 10 is currently being used by units in Councils for unit renewals that have expirations in June, July, and August. This version was released November 2019.
- Version 11 will be released in early August, after July month-end membership close, for unit renewals that are expiring in September, October, and November.
  - New BSA **Joining Fee** for youth members in Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships.
  - New BSA **Registration Fee** for youth members in Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships. New BSA Registration Fees for renewals is effective on October 1.
  - Council Fee calculation on the renewal if Council has a fee to be collected.
  - The change in BSA Charter Fee for renewing units occurs with Version 11.



- Version 12 will be released in early October, after September month-end close, for unit renewals that are expiring on December 31, 2020 and beyond. The changes made for Version 11 will carry forward to Version 12 with additions.
  - All Fee changes and the Councils Fees will carry forward to Version 12.
  - The release of the new Exploring Participants (EP) position for the 18 to 20-year old youth participant in Explorer Posts will be implemented.

#### PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS to Internet Rechartering

Important enhancements, unrelated to fee changes, will be implemented with new Internet Rechartering versions to assist the unit renewal processors with completing and submitting renewals. Following is a partial listing:

- The management of Boys' Life subscriptions for mass update (more than one record by single update) will be provided for units to add or remove BL subscriptions more quickly. The existing functionality will remain. [V11]
- The management of Multiple registrants for mass update (more than one record by single update) will be added so that units may add or remove the Multiple selection more quickly. Existing functionality will remain. [V12]
- The Electronic Check (ECP) entry will have improved Bank Routing Number and Account Number entry validation for Online Payment. [V11]
- A new feature for New Youth and New Adults will allow entry of a Member ID, if known, to be reported on the Renewal Roster Report for information of the Council and to assist with locating person records. [V11]
- Additional Sorting of Youth and Adults by other fields, including Name, Date of Birth, and Address will be applied for greater convenience in using renewal forms. There will be variations in forms based on unit type. [V11]
- Forms for person information data entry are being updated for logical order to provide greater ease of entry for new records. [V11]

#### **Mobile App Hack**

By now many of us are familiar with both the web and mobile version of the my.Scouting suite of applications. While the mobile MyScouting app has some neat features not available in the web version, by design there are some things in the web version you just can't do on the mobile app; such as run Commissioner Tools reports. Did you know that if you are using a mobile device and really, really need a feature only found on the web version of my.Scouting, and if you are willing to "put up" with the smaller screen size found on a mobile device (compared to a laptop or PC) you CAN open a browser on your mobile device and use the regular my.Scouting suite? Neat hack.

#### **Support**

Member Care Contact Center is available to offer support at 972-580-2489 Monday thru Friday between 7 am - 5PM Central time (new times during COVID-19 period), or by sending an email to [myscouting@scouting.org](mailto:myscouting@scouting.org). Please provide your name and BSA membership ID number in addition to specific details about your concern so that we can more quickly troubleshoot your issue.

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