

# Advantages for Unchartered States or Provinces Becoming Chartered

## QUESTER BYLAWS, revised 2010, relating to States or Provinces being chartered:

“The purpose of the State and Provincial Organization shall be to further the objectives of the Questers and to aid in its administrative functions.” (Article XVII, Section 1)

“When an Unchartered State or Province has ten (10) chapters or a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) members, it will be encouraged to become chartered under the direction of the State or Provincial Organizer, the International President and the International First Vice President.” (Article XVIII, Section 3)

## ADVANTAGES:

All chapters within a chartered State or Province have the advantage of:

- ✓ Belonging to a State or Provincial Organization, which is made up of officers elected by the State or Provincial Quester members.
- ✓ Establishing a valuable connection among chapters helping to unify, support, and strengthen The Questers Organization in their State or Province.
- ✓ Providing cohesiveness for helping chapters, and chartering new chapters to keep Questers thriving.
- ✓ Obtaining fundraising, preservation and restoration approval from State or Provincial Board instead of the International Executive Board

The financial benefits of becoming chartered and establishing a State or Provincial treasury are:

- ✓ Allows the State or Province to retain \$7.00 per member from the International dues of \$28.00 for administrative and other costs.
- ✓ Allows the State or Province to acquire funds through fundraising amongst members for awarding Preservation and Restoration Grants.
- ✓ To fund a State or Provincial Newsletter distributed to every member with information concerning State or Provincial meetings, events, chapter activities, programs, field trips, fundraising, and preservation and restoration projects.
- ✓ To aid a State or Provincial representative to attend the International Convention

State or Provincial Quester members have broadened opportunities for:

- ✓ Leadership training
- ✓ Learning managerial skills by serving as officers and chairpersons
- ✓ Obtaining informative materials
- ✓ Attending workshops and seminars at meetings.
- ✓ Serving on the International Executive Board by serving on a State or Provincial Board

Larger preservation and restoration projects can be achieved by:

- ✓ Collective financial involvement of the State or Provincial Quester members when chapters join and work together
- ✓ The State or Province awarding grants are to local Quester chapters promoting preservation or restoration projects in their own communities.
- ✓ Setting your own State/Provincial preservation and restoration guidelines

The scope of programming for individual chapters can be widened when:

- ✓ The State or Provincial Organization arranges the exchange of Quester speakers among your chapters.
- ✓ Chapters share a compilation of program ideas, field trips, and meeting venues
- ✓ The State or Provincial members share knowledge and the educational experience is multiplied

States or Provincial Organizations bring Quester members together:

- ✓ Providing the opportunity of acquiring Quester friendships in other parts of your state or province
- ✓ Expanding a member's chance to view many personal collections, gain additional knowledge
- ✓ Learning about historic sites, histories, and museums in additional areas of your State or Province.

State or Provincial Organizations provide:

- ✓ Guidance and assistance with record keeping, bylaws, policies and gaining new members
- ✓ Awareness within the membership of other chapters' preservation and restoration projects within the State or Province
- ✓ Communication with and act as liaison between the chapters and the International Organization.