

## Closing a Chapter

Circumstances may arise under which either a Chapter or National may choose to reconsider their relationship. These situations include but are not limited to:

- (i) a Chapter becoming inactive or ceasing operations,
- (ii) a Chapter choosing to adopt policies or pursue activities that are in conflict with or do not fulfill this Chapter Policy, and
- (iii) a Chapter deciding to terminate its certification as a Chapter of the National Audubon Society.

In such situations, it is the responsibility of the State Director or Chapter Services Office (in states without a State Office) to work with the Chapter to attempt to return the Chapter to full activity or to compliance with the Chapter Policy. The State Director or Chapter Services Office is encouraged to use whatever tools or resources are needed to restore the Chapter to full Chapter activity or to compliance; options might include formulation of a remedial plan, or designation of "reorganization" status for Chapters needing additional time with temporary suspension of dues share and access to the mailing list.

If the Chapter is not able or willing to return to full activity or to compliance, then the State Director, acting after consultation with the State Board, or the Chapter Services Office (for Chapters in states without a State Office) may recommend to the Vice President of Chapter Services that Chapter de-certification is warranted and request revocation of a Chapter's charter. If that recommendation is approved, the Vice President of Chapter Services will provide sixty (60) days written notice of de-certification to the Chapter President.

Any Chapter, by vote of its Board, may revoke its charter and cease to be a Chapter of National by providing sixty (60) days written notice of such decision to its State Director or the Chapter Services Office (for Chapters in states without a State Office).

In any case, each member of the Chapter will remain a member of National for as long as their Audubon membership is current.