

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE  
OHIO COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Proposed amendments to be voted upon by the membership in person at the  
2026 Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, March 21, 2026.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 9 – Privileges**

B. All Professional, Honorary, Retired, and Associate Members shall be eligible to vote.

**ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended at any annual business meeting or special meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting unless otherwise required by law.

*Amendment excerpts **redlined** from the current Constitution and Bylaws as amended March 26, 2022.  
Notice provided to membership beginning February 2, 2026.*

**ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association shall be to advance the interests and general welfare of court reporting, captioning, and other stenographic-~~related~~ **and voice writing technology related** skill applications by, including, but not limited to:

- A. Identifying, promoting, and disseminating professional education;
- B. Providing information and assistance to the public;
- C. Becoming the leader in developing and maintaining ethical standards;
- D. Advocating on behalf of the membership.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1 - Definition**

Membership in the Association shall be open to individuals who subscribe to and support the purposes of the Association and who meet the requirements for one of the classes of membership, as hereinafter provided.

For purposes of Article IV, voice writing technology means the use of speech-based reporting methods that produce a realtime or near-realtime verbatim record of proceedings through the use of a speech silencer mask or open microphone with speech-to-text integration.

**Section 3 – Professional Members**

- A. Any person who is skilled and primarily engaged in the verbatim stenographic reporting of proceedings by the use of symbols, manually or by stenographic machine, as an official court or legislative reporter, freelance reporter, and/or captioner shall be eligible to become a Professional Member. Any person who is skilled and primarily engaged in the verbatim reporting of proceedings by stenographic machine or by voice writing technology as an official court or legislative reporter, freelance reporter, and/or captioner shall be eligible to become a Professional Member.

#### **Section 4 - Student Members**

- A. Any student of verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting who is verified by a ~~verbatim stenographic reporter training program instructor or director~~member of the Association as having enrolled in a verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting ~~school program~~ shall be eligible to become a Student Member.

#### **Section 6 - Associate Members**

Applicants for membership who do not qualify for Professional, Student, Retired, or Honorary membership status may qualify as an Associate Member if they meet one of the following criteria:

- A. Any person who is not actively engaged in the practice of court reporting (either full or part time) and is a teacher of verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting, or anyone connected in an official capacity with a school or college conducting a verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting course, shall be eligible to become an Associate Member. Such persons need not meet the requirements for skill in the area of reporting proceedings.
- B. Any person who has been certified by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) as a Certified Legal Video Specialist (CLVS) shall be eligible to become an Associate Member.
- C. Any person interested in the preservation, support, and advancement of the field of verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting, but not in any way actively engaged in the verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting of proceedings, who is not otherwise eligible for membership, shall be eligible to become an Associate Member.

#### **Section 7 - Retired Members**

- A. Any member in good standing who has paid dues for a period of 20 years and is no longer engaged in verbatim stenographic or voice writing technology reporting shall be eligible to become a Retired Member.