

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

1. **Regular Member.** Any person who is skilled and primarily engaged in The Profession shall be eligible to become a Regular Member.
2. **Beginning Member.** Any person who has graduated from an NCRA or NVRA approved training program shall be eligible within twelve months of graduation to become a Beginning Member.
3. **Associate Member.** The following are eligible to become Associate Members:
 - (a) Any instructor of The Profession or anyone connected in any official capacity with a school or college offering courses in The Profession.
 - (b) Any person actively engaged in transcribing, scoping, or proofreading for Practitioners of The Profession.
 - (c) Any other person who is interested in the preservation, support, and advancement of The Profession.
 - (d) Associate Members shall not vote or hold office.
4. **Student Member.**
 - (a) Any student enrolled in a training program approved by NCRA or NVRA shall be eligible to become a Student Member. Such student shall file a written membership application confirming they have met the required qualifications and containing the written endorsement of the instructor or director of their program.
 - (b) Student Members shall not vote or hold office.
5. **Honorary Member.**
 - (a) Any person who has attained high rank in the reporting profession as a practitioner of the

art of verbatim reporting, broadcast captioning, and/or CART, as an author of verbatim reporting, broadcast captioning, and/or CART literature, or as a benefactor of the profession but who is not in the active practice of verbatim reporting, broadcast captioning, and/or CART, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and with the consent of the person recommended, may be elected an Honorary Member, by two-thirds of the Regular Members at the Annual Fall Business Meeting.

- (b) Honorary Members shall not vote, hold office, or be required to pay dues.

6. Special Lifetime Member.

- (a) Upon submission of a membership application, any Regular Member who has paid dues consecutively for a period of twenty years may become a Special Lifetime Member and receive without charge all communications which may be sent generally to members of the Association. A Special Lifetime Member may continue to be active in The Profession.
- (b) Special Lifetime Members shall not vote, hold office, or be required to pay dues.
- (c) A Special Lifetime Member may resume Regular Member status upon submission of a membership application and payment of dues at least two weeks prior to any regularly scheduled meeting.

7. Membership Application and Approval Procedures.

- (a) A candidate for membership as a Regular Member, Beginning Member, or Associate Member shall file a written application confirming that they have met the required qualifications specifically outlined and containing the written endorsement of one Voting Member.
- (b) The class of membership to which an individual is entitled shall be determined by the Board.
- (c) Each application for membership must be accompanied by the appropriate dues as fixed by the Board of Directors for such class, if any is required.

- (d) In the event an application for membership is rejected, the current year's dues shall be returned to the applicant.
- (e) A rejected applicant may appeal the Board's decision pursuant to Article XVI.

8. Privileges.

- (a) All classes of members shall enjoy the privileges of the Association except where certain privileges are specifically restricted in this Constitution and Bylaws.
- (b) All members may attend meetings of the Association and participate in any debates at such meetings. Only Regular and Beginning Members shall be eligible to vote or submit motions at such meetings.

9. Termination of Membership.

- (a) Membership in the Association may be terminated for cause. Sufficient cause for such termination of membership shall be the violation of this Constitution and Bylaws, any lawful agreement, rule, policy or practice properly adopted by the Association; conviction or final adjudication of liability for any violation of the antitrust laws; or any other conduct prejudicial to the Association. A terminated member may appeal the Board of Directors' decision pursuant to Article XVI.
- (b) A member may also be terminated without hearing for nonpayment of dues and/or assessments, as outlined in Article III, Section 3.