

# CALIFORNIA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

(Adopted October 11, 2009)

## ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the California Court Reporters Association, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).

## ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association shall be:

- a) To sponsor, promote, and execute policies, activities and legislative initiatives which further the profession of court reporting;
- b) To promote verbatim shorthand reporting technologies over alternative reporting methods;
- c) To engage in activities which will assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of proficiency and conditions of employment under which court reporters practice;
- d) To promote a broader understanding and acceptance of the verbatim shorthand reporter as an indispensable part of the judicial system;
- e) To promote lawful and professional conduct by court reporters and compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including antitrust laws.

## ARTICLE 3 – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- a) The current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall be the official parliamentary guide in all situations not provided for in these Bylaws or the Standing Rules of the Association.
- b) A parliamentarian may be appointed by the President or the Board of Directors to serve at any meeting of the Association.

## ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1 – Definitions

- a) 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 defined herein.
- b) The term “court reporter” as used in these Bylaws shall be defined as any person who is skilled and primarily engaged in the verbatim reporting of proceedings by use of shorthand symbols, manually or by stenographic machine.

- c) The term “voting members” as used in these Bylaws shall be defined as Regular and Participating Members as described in Section 2(a) and (b) of this Article.

### Section 2 – Classes of Members

The membership shall consist of six classes, defined as follows:

- a) Regular Members – Any person who holds a valid California Certified Shorthand Reporter’s license.
- b) Participating Members – Any person who has passed the State of California test for Hearing Reporter and utilizes shorthand to produce the record or is a non-licensed official court reporter appointed to an official position prior to January 1, 1983, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 8016. Participating Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except holding office, or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
- c) Student Members – Any person who is currently enrolled as a student of verbatim shorthand reporting who does not qualify for any other class of membership. Student Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except voting and holding office.
- d) Retired Members – Any member of the Association who has been a member in good standing for the last consecutive ten (10) years and who has permanently retired from the active practice of verbatim shorthand reporting. Such membership shall be granted upon approval of the Board of Directors. Retired Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except voting and holding office.
- e) Instructor Members – Any person who is an instructor of verbatim shorthand reporting at a school which conducts a verbatim shorthand reporting course and who does not qualify for any other class of membership. Instructor Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except voting and holding office.
- f) Associate Members – Any person not otherwise eligible for membership. Such membership shall be granted upon approval of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided in the Standing Rules. Associate Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except voting and holding office.