

2022 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS



The following serves as official notice that an amendment to NCRA's Constitution & Bylaws has been proposed and will be voted upon immediately following the next Annual Business Meeting of the membership, July 21, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orlando, Fla.

Voting on this amendment will be held electronically, and the voting period will be open for 24 hours. To vote, make sure that NCRA has a current email address for you in its database by July 8.

NOTES:

For your reading ease, the language to be added is *italicized*. Language to be stricken is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.

To review the full text and the changes, visit [NCRA.org/bylaws](https://www.ncra.org/bylaws).

Integration of CLVS as Participating Members

Constitution & Bylaws: Article III – Membership Section 3 – Participating Members

- a) Any person who is skilled and primarily engaged in the verbatim stenographic reporting and/or stenographic captioning of proceedings by the use of symbols, manually or by stenographic machine, as an official court or legislative reporter, freelance reporter, CART captioner, or broadcast captioner shall be eligible to become a Participating Member. *A legal videographer who has earned the Certified Legal Video Specialist certification shall be eligible to become a Participating Member, but cannot hold elective office.*

This amendment and the following rationale were proposed by Jo Ann Betler, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, CLVS, CPE; Nancy Varallo, FAPR, RDR, CRR; and Max Curry, RPR, CRI.

RATIONALE

“In Purpose 1, of the Purposes of this Association, un-represented CLVS members do NOT want to be seen as an alternative reporting method.

“In Purpose 3, the CLVS members want to be complementary to verbatim stenographic reporters in ensuring that the public good is best served.

“In Purpose 5, the CLVS members feel that they can assist in promoting the proper technical research that ensures the verbatim stenographic record and video record remain lawful.

“Purpose 8, to cooperate for the benefit of the public.

“CLVS members are not asking for a seat at the table. By requesting this change, CLVS members are asking to have a say in who sits at the table, to have a voice in their own governance.

“Currently, CLVS members are Associate Members with annual dues of \$179. As Participating Members, CLVS annual dues would be raised to \$300 annually.”

Consequential Amendments

Constitution & Bylaws: Article III – Membership Section 7 – Associate Members

- c) Any person seeking to become ~~or who has been certified by the Association as~~ a Certified Legal Video Specialist (CLVS) shall be eligible to become an Associate Member.

RATIONALE

“With the change to Section 3, the verbiage ‘or who has been certified by the Association as’ should be removed. When a person has not been certified as a CLVS, they shall remain an Associate Member with no privileges. When they have obtained their CLVS, they shall then pay as a Participating Member and can no longer remain an Associate Member.”

Constitution & Bylaws: Article III – Membership Section 9 – Privileges

- b) All Members may attend meetings of the Members and participate in any debates at such meetings. Only Participating Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners and Registered Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners, ~~as well as~~ Retired Members, Retired Lifetime Members and Honorary Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners, ~~as well as~~ **Certified Legal Video Specialist Participating Members**, shall be eligible to vote and/or make or second motions at such meetings or to vote by electronic mail or other means of electronic transmission as specifically authorized under Article IX (“Voting Members”).

RATIONALE

“With the change to Section 3, CLVS Participating Members should be added to item b. This allows CLVS Participating Members to be allowed to vote and/or make or second motions at such meetings.”