



To: All MAPCR Members

From: Bylaws and Procedures Committee

Re: 2010 Bylaw Amendments - Name Change

Date: July 27, 2010

Article XI, "Amendment of Bylaws" states as follows:

"These bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that previous notice has been given in writing to all members of the Association at least sixty (60) days prior to said meeting. Amendments may be proposed by the Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or any Participating member, if sent in writing to the Bylaws Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to said meeting."

The following Bylaw amendments will be discussed and voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting October 16, 2010.

Changes are in bold italics, underlined

Proposed Amendment #1

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the **Michigan Shorthand Reporters Association**.

Rationale:

The original name of our association (before 1945) was Michigan Court Stenographers Association.

Somewhere around 1945 the name was changed to Michigan Court Reporters Association.

As a result of a change in the bylaws at the annual meeting in the fall of 1974, the Association's name was changed to Michigan Shorthand Reporters Association.

In 1990 Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters was the name approved by the general membership at the annual meeting.

Given that most CERs in Michigan now refer to themselves as "court reporters" it is felt we need to distinguish ourselves as writers of shorthand, encompassing court, freelance, captioning, and CART reporters.