
The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by ctrptr - 2008/02/01 11:50

Your Board wants to hear from you to help us plan better to suit your needs.

What are your thoughts for letting voice writers into our association? Should voice writers be allowed in as associate members or as full reporting members?

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by ctrptr - 2008/02/02 06:37

Just my opinion, but I think voice writers should be allowed as full members. They are court reporters. They use a different part of their body to produce the record. We use our hands; they use their voice. That's the only difference.

Associate membership should be for the folks that are not actual court reporters such as vendors or a teacher of CR or even an attorney. But why even bother having voice writers join us if they can't be full members.

Lillian

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by Broderick - 2008/02/06 13:36

In my personal experience, most voice writers are experienced court reporters who have for medical reasons had to give up machine writing.

I feel a reporter who has paid their dues, so to speak, as a machine writer for part of their career absolutely deserves to be included in any organization that is beneficial to reporters as a whole.

That being said, I hope those who are new to the field and start their career in voice writing take any and all opportunities to expand their knowledge of the field and exude the responsibility and professionalism that it carries, thus making a wonderful addition to our profession.

Maureen Broderick, RPR, Philadelphia

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by ctrptr - 2008/02/06 17:20

Nicely said, Maureen!

Lillian

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by hansberc - 2008/02/10 12:33

Change is always painful - even positive change.

Overall, the court reporting profession has responded admirably to the challenges of technology. Most of us are proficient with computers beyond the mere editing functions of our individual software packages, and many of us are willing and able to provide realtime.

Yet we resist accepting the reality that the next step in the progression of technology - voice recognition software - exists and is being successfully utilized. It's too frightening to acknowledge that we have competent competition.

The ability to accurately memorialize legal proceedings and produce a transcript in a timely manner is what sets humans - whether pen, machine or voice writers - apart from analog and digital recording devices.

We are guardians of the record. Voice writers are guardians of the record. We consider ourselves professionals. I'm certain voice writers consider themselves professionals.

We share a common goal, merely a different way of achieving that goal. If we also share common values regarding the manner in which we perform our solemn duties to be guardians of the record, then we should extend to voice writers the privilege of full membership in our organization.

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by imacourtreporter - 2008/04/17 08:53

I am a voice writer and am new to the Philadelphia area. I was employed as an Official Court Reporter for the Honorable Neal W. Dickert for 5 years in Augusta, Georgia. I was wondering if your association has made a decision yet in reference to allowing VOICE WRITERS into your association? I am having a horrible time finding work here and wondered if anyone knew of any Court or firm that would hire a verbatim reporter?! Please feel free to e-mail me back with any info. I appreciate all of the responses to the initial inquiry. I think if we ALL come together, we can only get BETTER!!!

April Smith CCR, CVR
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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by Freiler - 2008/04/17 09:33

Hi, April and welcome to PA, especially to our forum!

To answer your first question: Not yet!
We'll be working on it in the very near future to get the bylaws changed.

And, yes, I know of a firm in PA who has mostly voice writers. It's Commonwealth Reporting. Talk to Craig and tell him I sent you! They are located in Harrisburg area, but have work state wide.

I will email you the contact info.

Lillian Freiler

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by imacourtreporter - 2008/04/17 09:44

Lillian,
Thank you SO much for your response. You have NO idea how much I appreciate the info and the contact person. You are a gem!!!!!! Have a Wonderful day
~April

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by hansberc - 2008/04/17 23:34

April, I'm curious what it takes to attain your CRR and CVR certifications and how they compare with NCRA's certifications.

Do you mind sharing that information with us?

Cheryl Hansberry, RDR, CRR, CCP

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by imacourtreporter - 2008/04/18 01:35

Hi Cheryl,

I studied for about a year under my mother who is also a court reporter. Living in Georgia I could have sat only for the Georgia Board of Court Reporting and been certified to only work there or I had the opportunity to sit for the National Board of Court Reporting. I chose nationally. So my NVRA (National Verbatim Reporters Assoc.) gives me the CVR and I automatically received my CCR once I submitted my test scores to Georgia. We study to speak/repeat into a mask at 200 - 225 words per minute. I also sat for a lengthy written test. I use a computer for notes, dictation and am training for Real Time now (just starting) which is A WHOLE different story ha ha!!!) I hope I have helped you out in some way?!

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Re:The Future of Court Reporting

Posted by Berardinelli - 2008/04/20 09:18

Hi, April.

I know Center County has at least one voice writer, and I heard there may now be two voice writers. I wish you luck with your job search.

Thank you for sharing your information with us.

I have one question: Do you have to get continuing education units for your CRR, and if so what is it?

Bernadette.

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