**MISSOURI COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION**

**2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE**

**To renew your membership in MCRA, please designate your membership status below, update your contact information, and mail this form, along with credit card information or a check made payable to MCRA, by January 1, 2017 to:**

**Gail Conaway, MCRA Treasurer, 13808 N.E. 187th Street, Holt, MO 64048**

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member $105 (Working Reporter or Firm Owner from Missouri or adjoining states)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member $35 (Instructor; Firm Owner (not actively reporting); Videotape Technician)

\_\_\_\_\_ General Member $35 (Vendor; Reporter not from Mo or adjoining state, administrative or non-reporter staff

 of court reporting firm)

\_\_\_\_\_ Retired Member (Voluntary Donation) *Progress* may be downloaded at www.mocra.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Member $35 (School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

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**ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION BELOW FOR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**:

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**Are you receiving monthly News4U bulletins? If not, please be sure we have your current e-mail address.**

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Note 1: Honorary & Retired Members: If you are listed in the last membership directory as an honorary member, please ignore this notice. If you wish to have “retired” status, please send your request to MCRA’s secretary, Robin Cox.

Note 2: MCRA Membership Renewals: Membership renewals are due January 1, 2017. Pursuant to Article III, Section 6(B) of our Bylaws, any member whose dues are four months in arrears shall be terminated after due notice has been given by mail at said member’s last known post office address that such action has been taken; but such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the dues then owing by such member. Any member whose dues are unpaid when due shall not be permitted to vote, hold office, or serve on any committee.

Note 3: MCRA-PAC Contributions: Do NOT include MCRA-PAC contributions with this payment! If you wish to make a contribution to the MCRA-PAC, please make a separate check payable to MCRA-PAC in the amount of your contribution and mail to: Linda Dattilo, MCRA-PAC Secretary, 2270 Buttercup Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.

Note 4: Accounting Crediting: In order for your account to be properly credited, please note on your check the **name** of the member(s) whose dues are being paid, particularly if another entity, i.e., a county or court reporting firm, is paying dues on your behalf. **If a county is paying your dues, please send this notice back with a note identifying the county that will be paying your dues**.

Note 5: Dues Deductibility: MCRA membership dues may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense but not deductible as a charitable contribution. A portion of your dues, however, is NOT deductible as an ordinary or necessary business expense to the extent that it represents the costs of MCRA’s lobbying activities. The estimated Non-Deductible portion of your 2017 dues is 52%. Therefore, the estimated deductible portion of your 2017 dues is 48%.

**MCRA’S POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE IS WORKING FOR YOU . . . PLEASE CONTRIBUTE NOW!!**!

The MCRA Political Action Committee (MCRA-PAC) supports candidates and legislative initiatives that support you in Jefferson City. MCRA-PAC collects contributions from members for selected state legislative activities. Contributions are voluntary, and your refusal does not affect your MCRA membership rights. Contributions are **NOT** tax deductible.

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MCRA-PAC DONATION \_\_\_$100 \_\_\_\_$50 \_\_\_\_$25 \_\_\_\_$10 \_\_\_\_$\_\_\_\_\_(other)

Check a donation amount above and enclose a separate check to “MCRA-PAC”. Return this form with your donation to:

Linda Dattilo

MCRA-PAC Treasurer

2270 Buttercup Dr.

Florissant, MO 63033

Membership Status Categories

**ASSOCIATE:** A teacher of court reporting, or anyone connected in an official capacity with a school or college conducting a court reporting course, or an owner or principal of a court reporting firm, or a videotape technician who has passed the Certified Legal Video Specialist Examination, but need not meet the requirements for skill in the art of verbatim reporting of proceedings.

**STUDENT:** Any student of court reporting shall be granted Membership as a Student Member, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, upon written application endorsed by a reporter training program instructor or director, and member.

**GENERAL:** A supplier of court reporter products or services. An out-of-state court reporter who is not eligible for membership under Article III, Section 1.a.

**RETIRED:** Any active member in good standing who has paid dues for a period of 10 years and is no longer active practice of court reporting shall, upon filing affirmation of retirement with the Secretary, become a retired member.

**Thank you for renewing your MCRA membership!**

**MCRA continues to work for you! Thanks to your continued support of MCRA we are able to:**

* **Offering continuing education**
	+ **Convention is April 22-23, 2017 in Kansas City. Sign-up is available on the web site. You can also attend remotely via our live stream.**
* **Legislative Monitoring and Oversight**
	+ **We are working on clarifying a statute this session and adding language to Court Operating Rules to protect reporters’ audio.**
* **Job postings, conference information, ability to pay dues and convention registration are all available online at** [**www.mocra.org**](MCRA%20Dues%20Renewal%20Notice%20%202017.docx)**.**
* **News4U and Progress keeps members updated on news and events from around the state.**

**MCRA employs a full-time legislative representative who looks after court reporters’ interest in the legislature, at the Office of the State Courts Administrator, and in the courts. NO OTHER ORGANIZATION looks out for the interest of reporters, both freelance and officials. Your support of MCRA is vital to retaining our lobbyist who works to keep our jobs and protect us from legislation that would negatively impact reporters.**

**Take a look at the agenda for the convention! We have an exciting line-up of speakers. The reporter who took the Boston Marathon Bombing case will speak on Saturday morning, followed by Chuck Motter speaking on technology. Project Innocence and Bob Ramsey (attorney for Mark Woodworth who was wrongly convicted of murder) will present on Saturday afternoon. The CRR exam will be Sunday morning, followed by software training. Also, plan on joining us for a Friday night social event and the Saturday night Happy Hour!**