

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHORTHAND WRITERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

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CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. The name of this organization shall be "The International Association of Shorthand Writers of the United States and Canada."

Art. II. The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the interests of the profession in all its various branches, and to bring it more prominently before the public.

Art. III. Any shorthand writer having been for three years practically employed in any branch of the profession, or who is able to write one hundred and fifty words per minute for five consecutive minutes, shall be eligible for membership under the by-laws hereinafter provided; and any shorthand writer may be elected an honorary member of the Association.

Art. IV. The officers of this Association shall be, a President, two Vice-Presidents (one from the United States and one from Canada), a Secretary and Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary, and an Executive Committee.

The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and shall audit accounts. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Executive Committee. The duties of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary will be those usually pertaining to these offices, and the Secretary shall, in addition, act as Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to approve all applications for membership. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Association, and pay all bills audited by the President.

Art. V. This constitution shall go into effect immediately after its adoption, and may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at any regular meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. In case of the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents at any meeting of the Association a member present may be elected as President *pro tem*. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. This Association shall hold an annual International Congress of Shorthand Writers of the United States and Canada on the first

Thursday of September, at such place as may be decided by vote at the preceding meeting, which all shorthand writers, whether members or not, are invited to attend.

3. Applications for membership may be made by any shorthand writer of good reputation who will forward to the Secretary the requisite fee and detailed account of his work, together with an approval of his application by the member of the Executive Committee residing in his resident State, Territory, or Province, *provided*, that in any State, Territory or Province, where there is no member of the Executive Committee, application may be approved by a member of the Executive Committee from any other State, Territory or Province; and the Secretary will forward to such applicant a certificate of membership. Honorary members shall be elected only at annual meetings of the Association.

4. The membership fee of this Association shall be two dollars, to be paid annually, on or before the 1st of July.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of one member from each State and Territory of the United States and each Province of Canada, whose duty it shall be to furnish the Secretary of the Association with the names and addresses of all shorthand writers in his State, Territory or Province, from time to time, and approve all proper applications for membership from his State, Territory or Province. He shall be present at each annual meeting or appoint a proxy.

6. The printing of the proceedings of each annual meeting shall include the constitution and by-laws as amended at said annual meeting. Contracts for said printing shall be under the control of the President and Secretary; the work of preparing copy, etc., for said printing, and the distribution of printed matter to be under the supervision of the Secretary.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We have a page of shorthand notes taken by Mr. T. J. Richardson, ex-contractor for the Canadian *Herald*, which we shall present in fac-simile soon.

The June number of Vol. I. is out of print. We will allow three months' current subscription to the WRITER for each copy sent us of that number, or of May, 1880.

Cos-mo-pol-i-tan — a rhythmic, euphonious word, meaning, according to Webster, "One who is nowhere a stranger, or who is at home in every place; a citizen of the world." The SHORTHAND WRITER is a cos-mo-pol-i-tan,—at home everywhere,—a stranger nowhere,—a citizen of the world,—a world of warm-hearted, steady-handed, firm-footed, fraternal, genial shorthand writers and students—a world where bickerers and backbiters are shown politely down the back stairway.