



## **Proposed Amendment to IRE's Articles of Incorporation**

The board of directors of Investigative Reporters and Editors Inc. unanimously passed a resolution on May 15, 2008, to submit to the membership an amendment to Section 5.01 of IRE's Articles of Incorporation at the annual meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on June 7, 2008, in the Sevilla Room, InterContinental Miami Hotel.

The proposed amendment, which was suggested to the board of directors by the IRE Member Services Committee, would open associate membership in the organization to those who are engaged in reporting or editing on a part-time basis. Associate members are non-voting members of the organization, *i.e.*, they participate fully in the educational activities and services of IRE, including conferences and IRE's Resource Center, but do not vote for directors or upon other IRE matters.

IRE's Board of Directors supports the proposed amendment, which it believes to be in the best interests of the organization and recommends its adoption by the membership. The board believes that the amendment would address the growing number of part-time journalists who are engaged in investigative reporting, particularly on the Web, and who would benefit from associate membership in the organization.

A vote by two-thirds of the members who attend the annual membership meeting in Miami is required to amend the Articles of Incorporation.

This written notice is provided pursuant to Section 10.10 of the Articles of Incorporation.

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### **ARTICLE 5 (Proposed Amendment italicized in bold and underlined)**

#### **Membership**

**Section 5.01. Classes of Membership.** The Corporation shall have five classes of membership. The classes of membership shall be entitled "Professional", "Academic", "Retired", "Associate" and "Student" respectively. The Professional class shall be limited to persons substantially engaged in reporting and/or editing. The Academic class shall be limited to persons engaged full-time in research or teaching in the field of journalism. The Retired class shall be limited to persons who formerly belonged to the Professional and or Academic class but have retired from their occupation. "Associate" membership will be available to former Professional or Academic members who are not retired, **individuals engaged part-time in reporting or editing**, plus individuals recognized by the Board of Directors for their contributions to this corporation to the field of investigative reporting and editing.

The Corporation shall recognize as "Student" members those college students pursuing a degree, who subscribe to the Corporation, in order to be entitled to receive the benefits of its educational activities. Neither Associate or Student members shall be eligible for the voting rights which are reserved to the other classes of members.

**Section 5.02. Voting Rights.** Each Professional, Academic or Retired member of the Corporation who is present in person shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon each question voted upon at all meetings of the members without regard to his or her class of membership.