

Media Workers Association of Dominica
Dominica Press Corps
Roseau,
Dominica

January 26, 2018

DECISION ON MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITHIN ACM

Dear Colleagues,

I want to thank you for making your respective organisations – the Media Workers Association of Dominica and the Dominica Press Corps - available for discussions with the ACM Executive Committee on January 13, 2018.

We consider the exchange of views and information to have been valuable in determining a way forward with respect to the relationship between the ACM and Dominican media workers. In our judgment, there were several key points to consider:

1. The legal standing and official recognition of the organisations;
2. The representative spread of the respective membership bases;
3. The independence of the organisations to play the role of defender of press freedom;
4. The current operational status of the organisations.

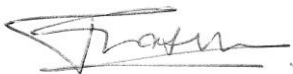
It is our considered opinion, following our discussions with you and examining other information we had at hand, that neither organisation satisfactorily meets all of these requirements. We are prepared to discuss this in greater detail at a later date, if you so desire.

But we have decided to propose the following position for purposes of our General Assembly on March 3, 2018:

1. MWAD's membership status as a full-fledged national association is now suspended pending regularisation of its operations. Focal Point status will now be accorded Mr Carlisle Jno Baptiste.
2. The Dominica Press Corps will be permitted representation at the Assembly bearing Observer Status.
3. Both organisations will be given the opportunity to re-submit an expression of interest in becoming a full-fledged member organisation by September 30, 2018.

We will meanwhile make arrangements for the participation of both bodies at the Disaster Symposium and the Assembly on March 2 and 3, 2018.

Yours truly,



Jabari Fraser
First Vice-President