

AFRICAN MARITIME JOURNALISTS ELECT FOUR-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In line with one of the resolutions adopted at the just concluded inaugural Africa Maritime Journalists Conference (AMJOC), held 29 and 30 January 2016, in Accra, on the need to establish a continent-wide association or forum for maritime journalists in Africa, delegates resolved and elected a four member executive committee, that will promote the objectives and benefits of the conference across the continent, at regional and national levels.

Delegates at the first day of the conference endorsed the recommendation that such an executive team should reflect the pan African nature of the conference, pending when other necessary arrangements are put in place.

The four offices considered were President - allotted to Nigeria; Vice President allotted to Southern Africa; General Secretary allotted to Eastern Africa; and Treasurer allotted to the host country Ghana.

Participants met on the second day of the conference to consider and adopt the following nominees as proposed:

- President - Nigeria – Mr. SesanOnileimo, Publisher of Shipping Position Daily Newspaper(print and online), and Producer of Shipping Position Live on Radio
- Vice President - South Africa – Ms. Colleen Jacka, Editor of Maritime Review Africa
- General Secretary - Kenya - Mr. George Sunguh, Editor of Our Ports Magazine and Communication Executive for Port Management Association for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Treasurer - Ghana - Grace Nana EsiBoateng, Presenter of Maritime and Port News on Radio

All the nominees were unanimously endorsed and duly elected for the respective offices.

The Convener of AMJOC, Mr. LanreBadmus, was advised to issue a press statement accordingly. A date and venue for the inauguration ceremony would be made public in due time.

Editor's Note:

The African Maritime Journalists Association (AMJA) will operate as a non-governmental, not for profit organization, open to all practicing maritime media journalists based in Africa.

AMJA will represent members' interests at the continental level, while the establishment of national bodies will be encouraged in all AU member countries, to advance the goals of AMJA at that level.

AMJA will promote the interests and welfare of its members, encourage information and knowledge sharing as well as foster goodwill between the media and other stakeholders in the maritime sub-sector.

Signed:

LanreBadmus
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