

The Guyana Press Association elected a new executive council on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at its General Members Meeting held at Theatre Guild in Kingston, Georgetown.

Journalist Iva Wharton was elected as President, Editor Ariana Gordon as Vice President and Journalist Svetlana Abrams and Editor Oluatoyin Alleyne were elected Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer respectively.

Four persons were elected Floor Members: Editor Gordon Moseley, veteran journalist Miranda La Rose, journalist Royston Drakes and journalist Shervin Belgrave.

Ms Wharton in her remarks called for media workers to get involved in the work of the association.

“I want to make it clear; we are the GPA, not just this executive, all of us; all must be involved. So, I want to thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of this organisation which was founded 80 years ago. It is a great responsibility and I promise you that with your support we will continue our tradition of providing credible public information and public awareness to the people of Guyana”.

Ms Wharton said the new executive will prioritise amendments to the body's constitution that would assist with broadening its membership among other issues.

Sunday's meeting was attended by more than 60 members of the Guyana Press Association. 61 full members of the GPA cast their votes. The election process was conducted by Attorney-at-Law Dela Britton who served as Returning Officer.

The election was preceded by reports from the treasurer Mrs Abrams and President Nazima Raghubir. Mrs Abrams provided members with a financial report covering the past two years. She also announced that the Association's 2023 audited financial statement is now a public document after being filed with the Deeds and Commercial Registry.

Sunday's meeting and elections was observed by representatives of the British High Commission, Canadian High Commission and United States Embassy.