

The Media Association Jamaica Limited (MAJ) has re-elected its Executive en-bloc to serve a second year in office.

Mr. Gary Allen, who is Managing Director of the RJR Communications Group, has been re-elected Chairman with Messrs. Brian Schmidt (IRIE FM/ZIP FM) and Ed Khoury (Jamaica Observer) re-elected to the positions of Vice-Chairman. Ms. R. Christene King (Sunday Herald) is Secretary, Ms. Hyacinth Anderson (RJR) is Treasurer and Ms. Tanya Burke, Legal Advisor. The Executive is completed by Dr. David McBean (CVM TV), Mr. Christopher Barnes (The Gleaner Co.) and Mr. Newton James (Power 106 FM).

The new Executive reiterated its commitment to continue an agenda of:-

- 1) securing modernization of the defamation laws in the country;
- 2) increasing the provisions and efficiency under the Access to Information Law;
- 3) supporting through public education campaigns, meaningful and sustained improvements to law and order in the country and improvements in the business and regulatory environment for media.

The new Executive called on the government to re-commit to amending legislation particularly in the areas of Defamation and Access to Information, where progress was made in the past year.