

Malawi: MCM elects new governing members

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The Media Council of Malawi (MCM) has elected new members for its National Governing Council who will be in office for the next two years. The elections were held during its Annual General Assembly (AGA) earlier this month at the National Bank Training College in Blantyre.

MCM acting executive director, George Dambula said this was the second AGA following MCM's resuscitation in 2007.

Issues tabled

"Among many other issues tabled on the day, delegates at the assembly adopted the Council's Annual Operating Plan for 2010/2011 and Audit Report for 2010," he said.

Rev. Patrick Semphere retained his chairperson position and will continue leading the new NGC which comprises Mudziwathu Community Radio representing community media houses while ABC Radio will be representing religious media houses.

The other NGC members include the Blantyre Newspapers Limited (BNL) and the Nation Publications Limited (NPL) both of whom will be representing commercial print media houses.

Likewise Zodiak Broadcasting Station (ZBS) and Capital Radio will both be representing commercial electronic media houses.

Public represented

"Furthermore, in line with the council's constitution, the public will be represented in the NGC by three appointed representatives from each of the following institutions; Public Affairs Committee (PAC), Council for Non-Governmental Organisations (CONGOMA) and the Malawi Law Society," said Dambula.

During the assembly delegates also adopted a constitutional amendment on the composition of the National Governing Council (NGC) from a maximum of seven to eleven members.

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