

## **Minutes of MEPA's 2nd Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

A meeting of MEPA was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at the conference hall of Dubai Media City. Fifteen (15) representatives from various publishing organizations such as SRPC, SRM, EPPDC, Motivate publishing, Master Mind, Reflex Publishing, Khaleej Times, Barson Media, Asiatic PP etc. were present

The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. Azzam; Chairman of the association. He gave a key note address by expressing his sincere greetings to all the participants. Chairman called upon Dr. Jacob Cherian, to proceed with the presentation.

The contents of the presentation were as follows.

### **Decisions of the Last Meeting (28th March 2005)**

1. Announcement of title of the Association
2. Purpose of the Association:
3. Geographical coverage
4. Criteria for the selection of Founding Members
5. Criteria for the selection of Steering Committee Members
6. Future Plans of Steering Committee
7. Appointment of Full Time Staff

### **Discussion on "By-Laws of Middle East Publishers' Association"**

ARTICLE FIRST – Name, Nature and Geographical Coverage

Section 1: The Name:

Section 2: The Nature:

Section 3: The Geographical Coverage

ARTICLE SECOND - Purposes

ARTICLE THIRD - Members

Section 1: Eligibility:

Section 2: Dues

Section 3: Definition

Section 4: Annual Meeting

Section 5: Other Meetings. Voting and Quorum

Section 6: Place of Meetings

## ARTICLE FOURTH - Board of Directors

- Section 1: Powers
- Section 2: Number and Composition
- Section 3: Election and Terms
- Section 4: Meetings
- Section 5: Vacancies
- Section 6: Removal
- Section 7: Resignation of Directors/Officers
- Section 8: Annual Meetings
- Section 9: Regular Meetings
- Section 10: Special Meetings
- Section 11: Notices
- Section 12: Action at Meetings
- Section 13: Participation by Telephone at a Meeting
- Section 14: Special Action
- Section 15: Committees

## ARTICLE FIFTH

- Section 1: Chairman
- Section 2: Vice Chairman
- Section 3: Treasurer
- Section 4 : Secretary
- Section 5: Other Officers

## ARTICLE SIXTH - Inspection of Records

## ARTICLE SEVENTH - Checks, Notes, Drafts and Other Instruments

## ARTICLE EIGHTH – Seal

## ARTICLE NINTH - Fiscal Year

## ARTICLE TENTH – Amendments

## ARTICLE ELEVENTH - Transactions with Related Parties

## ARTICLE TWELFTH - Indemnification of Officers and Directors

## ARTICLE THIRTEENTH - Personal Liability

## ARTICLE FOURTEENTH - Assets of the Association

## ARTICLE FIFTEENTH – Affiliation

## ARTICLE SIXTEENTH – Miscellaneous

Section 1: Liability

Section 2: Bylaws

Section 3: Notices and Notification

Section 4: Adoption of the Bylaws

### **Discussion on Membership Campaign**

- ✦ What to do?
- ✦ Where to do?
- ✦ How to do?
- ✦ When to do?
- ✦ Who is to do it?

### **Discussion on New Office of MEPA**

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### **Discussion on Website of MEPA**

[www.mepa.cc](http://www.mepa.cc)

### **Decisions of the meeting**

It was decided to approve the bylaws by September 2005, meanwhile, the members can give their suggestions through feedback form in the website of MEPA. Bylaws will also be inserted in the website for the future reference of members.

It was decided to concentrate on print media publishers' in Middle-East and later electronic media publishers will be included in the Association.

It was also suggested by the participants to set a brain storming session and everybody has to contribute their ideas.

The difference between founding members and steering committee members was also clarified. Those who publish in the specified region and those who offer AED 50,000/-

can become founding members. In the case of steering committee, only founding member of the Association and those who can actively participate in the committee can become members of steering committee.

Some participants expressed that the market of the UAE is very complex and multiethnic, so MEPA has to formulate rules to cope up with the situations. . It was suggested to classify the publishers in three levels i.e. Higher / Middle / Lower and charge the membership fee according to their status.

**Conclusion:**

Dr Azzam, Chairman of MEPA concluded the session by worth mentioning that Dr. Jacob will work on the issue of formulation of by-laws of MEPA and he will wait for the feedback of the participants, if any. In addition, the website allows everybody to submit their remarks. He also informed that the date of the next meeting: will be announced in the website of MEPA.