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Press Statement

AIP announces new leadership and membership awards

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The Association of Independent Publishers (AIP) is happy to announce that we have elected new leadership.

Anetta Mangxaba will be taking over as our new Chairperson, bringing her wealth of experience and vision to the role. Additionally, Johannes Makgate has been elected as our Deputy Chair. Mangxaba is the publisher of Dizindaba Media, a company that owns a small commercial newspaper, Dizindaba Iphephandaba lesiXhosa, launched in February 2010 to service the under-served isiXhosa community in the Western Cape. Makgate, launched Glimpse Magazine in the North West in 2007 to address issues affecting the Ngaka Modiri Molema community.

Our veteran publisher, Mbali Dhloomo stepped down in June after three years at the helm. Dhloomo took on the role of chairperson for a second time in 2021, at the tail end of Covid. Dhloomo states, "This was a particularly difficult time for AIP and its publishers. AIP's chairperson, Wandile Fana passed away during this period". Dhloomo worked tirelessly to rebuild AIP. We thus extend our heartfelt gratitude to her for her dedicated service and leadership.

In other important news, a number of AIP members were selected in June to participate in the Amplify South Africa Programme. Amplify was launched by the Media Development Investment Fund (MDIF) to provide mentoring, capacity strengthening and grant funding to help media businesses build their revenues, audiences and innovation.

Congratulations to the following outstanding publishers:

- Slindile Khanyile, owner of Likhanyile Group
- Dunisani Ntsanwisi, owner of Nthavela Newspaper
- Moipone Malefane, owner of Vutivi Business News
- Shirley Govender, owner of Xenor Projects
- Anton van Zyl, owner of Zoutnet CC

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We are also proud to announce that three of our publications have been shortlisted for the prestigious Federation of Community Journalists (FCJ) Awards: Limpopo Mirror, Zoutpansberger, and Pondoland Times.

Limpopo Mirror has been nominated in the categories of “Writing - Hard News”, “Investigative Reporting”, “Sport” and “Paid Newspaper of the Year”. The Zoutpansberger has been nominated in the categories of “Writing - Hard News”, “Investigative Reporting”, and “Sport”. Pondoland Times has been shortlisted for “Writing – Vernacular”.

We congratulate our members on their achievements and look forward to their continued success.

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Note to Editors:

The Association of Independent Publishers (AIP) is a vibrant national organisation for advancing the interests of the local grassroots independent print and online media sector in South Africa.

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