



# ABMW BYLINES



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## President's Note

**D**esire, dedication and determination. These are life-giving sources for the Association of Black Media Workers. On behalf of ABMW members, I welcome you to learn more about our organization. Twenty-five years ago, African-American journalists in Maryland gathered with the mission of uplifting and supporting each other. They also wanted to enhance career development for minority journalists. They formed ABMW.

In December 1975, ABMW became a chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). Today, we continue to strive to uphold the principles of NABJ. As the Baltimore chapter, we are committed to training students in the fields of journalism and supporting their studies through scholarships. We are also committed to the professional development of ABMW members through seminars, lectures and presentations.

We thank you for your interest in the Association of Black Media Workers.

Sincerely,

**Barry Simms**

Barry Simms,  
ABMW President

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## Congratulations to all of our 2000 Media's Choice Awards Recipients

The ABMW held its 2nd Annual Media's Choice Awards in July 2000 at Maryland Public TV. There was also a joint



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reception in honor of *Baltimore Afro-American* newspaper editor Stephen Cupid Theodore and *Baltimore Sun* editor Bill Marimow. The Media's Choice Awards are presented in recognition of noteworthy achievements in the local media's coverage of African Americans, and to honor local media workers.

It is the task of the Media Watch Committee of the ABMW to monitor the coverage and portrayal of African Americans in all forms of media. Award recipients were selected from several entries judged by the Richmond Chapter of the NABJ.

## About The ABMW

**T**he Association of Black Media Workers is a non-profit organization consisting of print, broadcast, public relations, other media-related professionals and students.

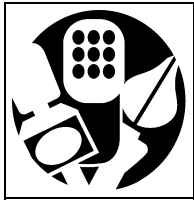
The ABMW is also one of the oldest affiliate chapters of the National Association of Black Journalists and played a key role in the founding of that organization. The purpose of the ABMW is to bring about the union of blacks in the media in metropolitan Baltimore, dedicated to truth and excellence in the news and full equality in the industry.

The members of the Association of black Media Workers are convinced that black media professionals in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area should join in an effort to increase the number of blacks in decision-making positions in the media. Additionally, we strive to encourage and educate young blacks interested in media careers. We also monitor and sensitize media management and the public to the obligation of electronic, print and cable operations to present fair images of blacks and other minorities.



To learn more or if you are interested in joining the ABMW, log onto our Web site at

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## ABMW hosts 4th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration

*"Join ABMW and our distinguished honorees for an evening that will feature dinner and dancing as a part of the evening's festivities."*

**T**he Association of Black Media Workers (ABMW) will hold its fourth annual Kwanzaa Celebration to benefit the ABMW Scholarship Fund and to celebrate ABMW's 25th anniversary. The millennium year Kwanzaa

Honorees are: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, U.S. Congressman; Mr. Harlow Fullwood, entrepreneur and philanthropist; The Honorable Richard N. Dixon, Maryland State Treasurer; Mrs. Helen Dale, political activist and President of the Maryland Chapter of the Council Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO); Dr. Levi Watkins, physician and civil rights activist; Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, pastor, New Psalmist Baptist Church; Mrs. Mary "White" Clayburn, pioneering broadcaster. These seven distinguished individuals were selected by ABMW for their contributions

to the community that exemplify each of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The millennium year 2000 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of ABMW and the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). Award winning journalist, DeWayne Wickham (*USA Today*), John White, Director of Public Relations for the NAACP, and Marie Cook, founder the ABMW in Baltimore, MD in May 1975.

Join ABMW and our distinguished honorees for an evening that will feature dinner and dancing as a part of the evening's festivities. ABMW's Annual Kwanzaa Celebration will be held at The Forum Caterers, 4210 Primrose Avenue, Baltimore on Friday, December 29, 2000 from 9pm to 1 am. Tickets are \$40 each and a table of 10 may be purchased for \$400. For tickets or to become one of our corporate sponsors, call (410) 837-2269. For more information, contact ABMW fundraising chair Penny McCrimmon at [pmccrim@bellatlantic.net](mailto:pmccrim@bellatlantic.net).