

## Historic Capital Press Club elects new president, leadership team

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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Award-winning journalist Hazel Trice Edney, editor-in-chief of the Trice Edney News Wire and President/CEO of Trice Edney Communications LLC, has been elected president of the historic Capital Press Club (CPC).

Capital Press Club leadership Team are pictured, left to right, President Emeritus Derrick Kenny; First Vice President Robyn Wilkes; President Hazel Trice Edney; and Second Vice President Sherrie Edwards-Lassister. Not pictured are Treasurer Joan Davion and Immediate Past President Nyree Wright.

Edney, a veteran reporter, who is also former editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service and BlackPressUSA.com, was elected by the CPC board April 19. She took office May 1.

"I nominated Hazel Trice Edney because she is able to be the proactive advocate for communications professionals of color needed in the (Washington) D.C. area," said CPC President Emeritus Derrick Kenny, owner of Bold American Marketing. "She boasts a stellar track record as a seasoned journalist and has earned numerous awards. In addition, she has the proven ability to manage a non-profit communications organization, educate young communications professionals, motivate volunteers and establish partnerships with valued corporations and newsmakers. She is ideal for this office. She has the vision, strength, integrity

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and faith that are needed to move CPC forward into the future."

The new leadership team also includes First Vice President Robyn Wilkes, Director of Communications, Greater Washington Urban League; Second Vice President Sherrie Edwards-Lassister, Senior Account Manager, Campbell and Company; Treasurer Joan Davion of The Davion Group; Immediate Past President Nyree Wright, Senior Vice President, MSLGROUP Americas; and Kenny, who is also Digital Media Manager, Montgomery County Office of Cable and Broadband Services.

"Newsrooms across America are shrinking. That means the numbers of Black journalists in the newsrooms are diminishing while the numbers of injustices facing African-Americans are increasing," said Edney, who has reported for the Black Press for more than 25 years. "In addition to the destructive forces of racism in our communities, we also see its economic impact on our media outlets. This climate reveals that this organization of Black media professionals is just as necessary and just as relevant as ever. The Capital Press Club will not shrink from the front lines in the war for justice and equality for others as well as ourselves."

It was 68 years ago - in 1944 - that the Capital Press Club was established; as the National Press Club refused to accept African-American members. The CPC has a diverse membership of journalists, marketing, public relations, advertising and communications professionals from all disciplines, and is dedicated to maintaining superior standards of ethics, promoting cooperative business competition and addressing the recruitment and retention of qualified minority communications professionals.

For more information on the Capital Press Club, visit [www.capitalpressclub.org](http://www.capitalpressclub.org).