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St. John's, Antigua W.I.



April 11, 2025

Mr. Patrick Johnson
President
Antigua Steelband & Pan Players Association
Antigua
West Indies

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Re: Antigua Steelband & Pan Players Association

Issue: The Continued failure of the Central Executive to function in accordance with the provisions of the legally established Constitution of the Association and to complete the process of filing for Friendly Society Registration

We, the undersigned Members of the Antigua Steelband & Pan Players Association, hereby wish to express our salient concern regarding the following:

1. The Central Executive has continued to demonstrate a serious lack of interest in upholding the provisions of ***Rule 2. Aims and Objectives*** - of the Association's legally established Constitution –

Rule 2. Aims and Objectives

- (a) To function as the representative Body of Steelbands in the State.
- (b) To promote the development of the cultural and business aspects of the Steelband Movement.
- (c) To present, manage, conduct, arrange and organize concerts, competitions, festivals of music and tours and to offer, grant or contribute towards prizes, awards and distinctions.
- (d)
- (e) To establish a healthy climate of relationship between member bands and the general public.
- (f) –
- (g) –
- (h) To advance and protect the welfare and interest of members of steelbands;
- (i) To do all such things that are conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

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2. The Central Executive has continued to demonstrate a serious lack of interest in upholding the provisions of **Rule 8. Audit** - of the Association's legally established Constitution.

Rule 8. Audit:

The accounts of this Association shall be audited by an Auditor appointed by the Central Executive, each and every year.

The Central Executive shall, on or before the 31st December of each year, see to it that all books of the Association are sent to the appointed Auditor for Audit.

3. The Central Executive has continued to demonstrate a serious lack of interest in upholding the provisions of **Rule 11. The Rules** - of the Association's legally established Constitution.

Rule 11. The Rules:

The Rules of this Association can only be amended, rescinded or repealed by the Biennial Convention of the Association or a special Convention called for the purpose.

A special Convention shall be called by the Executive or upon the request of not less than two-thirds of the membership giving twenty-one days' notice by the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer. The matter or matters for discussion must be placed on the agenda and decisions arrived at are final and binding on the Association.

4. Subsequent to the last elections of the Central Executive held in May 2019, the Executive Body has failed to convene elections in accordance with **Rule 4. Elections**, of the Association's legally established Constitution –

Rule 4. Elections:

1 - At the Convention of the Association which shall be held every two years, the following shall be elected to the Central Executive – a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary/Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, a Public Relations Officer, an Education Officer and two Trustees.

2 – At least ten days before the Convention of the Association, election of Representative to the Association by Member bands shall be held and they shall serve as their band's representatives for two years with bands having the option to change any or both delegates.

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In view of the above mentioned, it is undoubtedly clear that the blatant overt actions of the Association's Central Executive in its refusal to convene Elections in accordance with the Association's legally established Constitution, despite continued requests from its **"financial members"**, is deemed a contravention of the Association's Constitution.

On this premise, we hereby request that the Association's Central Executive establish a date before the end of April 2025, to convene Elections in accordance with **Rule 4. Elections**, of the **legally** established Constitution of the Association, to elect a new Central Executive of the Association.

With reference to the Central Executive's failure to complete the filing for **Friendly Society Registration** on behalf of the Antigua Steelband and Pan Players Association, a process which has been ongoing for approximately two or more years, and despite the Intellectual Property and Commerce written request to the Central Executive to submit pertinent information to its office in order to advance the filing process, the Central Executive has chosen to sit on its laurels, which has resulted in the Association not being registered as a Friendly Society. It is undoubtedly clear that the actions of the Central Executive would have declared it an illegitimate Body and thus resulting in the Central Executive having no **"locus standi"** to represent the Antigua Steelband and Pan Players Association at any level.

Additionally, in accordance with **Rule 10. Inspection of Books** – of the **legally** established Constitution of the Association, we are requesting that the Association's Books be made available to us for the purpose of inspection.

Rule 10 – Inspection of Books

The books of this Association can be inspected by any financial member giving forty-eight hours' notice to the Secretary/Treasurer

Should the Association's Central Executive fail to establish a date before the end of April 2025, to convene Elections in accordance with **Rule 4.** of the **legally** established Constitution of the Association, to elect a new Central Executive of the Association, we shall deem it your desire for us to approach the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission to commence discussions with the Association's Member Bands that are committed to selflessly maintain and preserve the Steelband and other cultural artforms, and desirous of participating in 2025 National Panorama and other related activities.

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Prudence dictates that the Association's Central Executive honour matters of principle.

Sincerely,


Member Band

CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra:


Keithley Athill Jr. (Mr.) - Captain

11-04-2025
Date

Panache Steel Orchestra:


Maurisha Potter (Ms.) – Captain

11th April, 2025
Date

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