



International Academy of Mediators

IAM Response Policy Report

Board Meeting - January 14, 2021

A few days ago, I received an e-mail from a member suggesting that we put something on the website about the assault on the American Capital. You will recall that we did put a message on the website concerning George Floyd and Black Lives Matter. I raised the issue with the Executive and we have had several e-mail and telephone discussions on the issues.

There is a larger issue here. A decision needs to be made as to what the IAM is, and what does it want to be. Is it an association of like minded people who are looking to become better mediators through our programs and congeniality, or are we an international voice for peacekeeping in the world. If the later, which causes do we take up. Without trying to minimize what happened in Washington, I can't help wonder whether there would be a request to put this on the website if it happened in Ottawa, London or Mexico City. For instance, we have been silent on the events in Hong Kong.

Attached to this is a report prepared by President-Elect Michel Kallipetis expressing his personal view.

Please give this some thought. Thanks.

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