



**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Second Vice President
Board of Governors 2017-2018**



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As members of the world's best press club, we've been lucky to have had good boards for the last few years putting our financial, constitutional and even physical structures in order, while championing of course, the freedoms and rights that we all joined the FCC to support.

However, despite raising monthly subscription fees and making necessary changes to the club's subsidized memberships, our finances are so stressed that a significant deficit looks likely. This is one of the top issues the board you are electing will deal with, and I believe that we must examine our costs first rather than raise fees again.

I joined the FCC when I first arrived in Hong Kong as a finance reporter for Bloomberg News in 2004. Almost two years ago, like many of our members, I decided to try to take what I'd learned as a hack for two decades and make a living elsewhere; in my case, editing financial analysis. My appreciation for what the FCC represents and stands for has only deepened since.

As a correspondent member, it was only when I was privileged to be President in 2012 that I more fully understood the interests of some of our associate members. I came to think, like many who have served in that position, that all FCC members should elect the President. As an associate now, I am honored to ask all of you for your support as second vice president.

I continue to be committed to an effective board, transparent decision making, succession planning and outreach to our counterparts in Hong Kong and beyond, to make the FCC's voice heard and to give our members the best network of sister clubs to visit.

This year I have a simple platform: to help ensure that the less- and more-experienced governors you elect work well together for the long-term future of the FCC. And to make the club's affairs more fun than frustration.

Whoever you vote for, please speak to all the candidates offering to buy you a drink and tell them your ideas. These elections are every member's opportunity to have a say on the challenges that face the journalism we cherish and the home away from home we treasure.