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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
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As Asia news editor for AFP, I've been a member of the FCC for seven years and in the past year have served as a correspondent governor, seeing at first hand the huge amount of work that goes into running the club and its activities - both by the tremendous staff, and the members who volunteer their time.

The FCC may have the best bar in town but its role as a press club remains the core of the institution. On the press freedom committee I have worked to build the club's bold stance on free speech and amplify its voice as the global environment grows ever more hostile to these values.

The Human Rights Press Awards, one of the club's marquee events, has also been a priority and we're very pleased to have attracted a record number of entries for the 2018 edition.

When I was AFP's news editor in Bangkok I served on the board of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand for two years, primarily working on the programs committee, and I have also now joined the FCC's professional committee whose work to ensure a stream of engaging and news-making events is such a strong feature of the club.

I look forward to your support so I can continue contributing as a correspondent governor.

About me: I joined AFP in the '90s in Sydney, where I had been working for the Australian Financial Review. After that I was posted to the agency's regional headquarters in Hong Kong, then to Bangkok as news editor of the Indochina patch, and on to Malaysia where I was bureau chief. Now back at AFP's Asia HQ, I manage a multimedia newsroom that coordinates the production of 26 bureaus regionwide.