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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2017-2018**



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Anna is a former President of the FCC (2010-11 and 2011-12) and is up to date with Club affairs, having served on the Finance and F&B Committees for several years. Her lengthy career has spanned newspapers and radio stations from BBC Radio 4 in London to The Irish Times, London Times and The Sun, to the South China Morning Post, RTHK, Monocle and the Daily Telegraph.

She also edited Travel Retailer International (TRI) for Euromoney and was News Editor and Asia Correspondent for Duty Free News International, (DFNI). She has also specialised in shipping and is a former correspondent for Lloyd's List in Hong Kong.

After a two-year break studying for a Master's Degree, Anna is now returning to freelance writing and broadcasting.

**Policy Statement**

Since joining the FCC in 1991 three weeks after arriving in Hong Kong, I've seen the Club's fortunes fluctuate from prosperity to uncertainty with an exodus of members at various points. From the heady early 90s to the post-97 hangover when the first financial crisis and then SARS hit, I've watched the Club's financial fortunes weather several storms. We've hung in there, so far. But it has looked precarious at times.

So the prevailing attitude among many members (with short memories) that we're set fair to occupy our unique Central location in perpetuity seems naive. Reality is we're in good shape now and the Associate membership waiting list is long, but history shows the dangers of complacency. Rent and operating costs are rising, but our membership numbers are capped, so we need to be financially savvy if we want to stay in this building long term.

I love the FCC. I am in the Club most days. In the interest of keeping it that way, if elected I would promote:

1. Sound prudent financial management with strict controls on unnecessary spending.
2. Staff wellbeing and retention. No staff, no Club.
3. Relevant speakers talking on diverse topics.
4. Remembering that we are not just a city centre bar and dining club, we are first and foremost the world's leading media club and journalism comes first.

5. Building on the success of our recent charity event to have more Club-focused fund raisers which connect us to the wider community.
6. Replacement of the disturbing green-yellow lighting in the Main Bar with something more comfortable.

**Please vote for me. New blood is great but we also need a few old hands who remember why we do what we do too.**

**Anna Healy Fenton**