



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



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**My experience** – As a former BBC television journalist and news producer, I believe passionately in press freedom and in the role of the FCC as one of the world's pre-eminent meeting places and discussion forums for journalists and correspondents. Now as a lawyer, and as an Associate Governor, I have developed and furthered members' interests through co-convening the *House, Communications, Finance* and more recently *F&B* committees, and through my membership of the *Constitutional* committee, bringing a fresh perspective to many of the Club's key decisions.

**Why I am right for the role** – In the *House* committee, I fulfilled my manifesto commitment to revitalise and reinvigorate the Club's music programme, completely revising the payment structure for music and working closely with Allen Youngblood to introduce vibrant new acts such as the *Red Stripes* and *Miriam Ma & Hippogroove*, now firm Club favourites. I also fulfilled my commitment to make sure that more people know about these events through better, more targeted publicity. In *Communications*, I worked with my colleagues to appoint our new Social Media editor, freshen the website and oversee a redesign of *The Correspondent*. Since being asked to join *F&B*, I work closely with colleagues to make sure we present good quality, value for money offerings while keeping range and quality. This is all the more important given the financial challenges facing the Club because of the loss of revenue during the renovations and a challenging economic climate. As a member of the *Constitutional* Committee, I have protected members' interests by playing an active role in some of the more mundane yet vital constitutional decisions that are important to get right.

**My platform** – We should make more of the Club's unrivalled reputation for hosting world class live music. I would like to bring back the *FCC Jazz Fest* as a regular event in the Club's calendar. Many members have commented favourably on the way the Main Dining Room and Verandah which have recently been transformed into a busier yet more friendly "*brasserie*" like venue. We should seize the opportunity to capitalise on this and consider a simplified menu throughout the Club whilst retaining a selection for those who prefer fine dining. We should consider increasing the number of associate members to help address the operating deficit while encouraging others to join. The introduction of a minimum charge on F&B spend is also ripe for further consideration.

I continue to commit to serving the needs of all members through active engagement and participation in all areas where I know I can continue to make a difference. If you have liked what I have done this year, please remember to vote for me. Thank you!