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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
Board of Governors 2018-2019**

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Dear Fellow Members,

I am seeking your vote to elect me as a Correspondent Governor.

If elected, I would like to start a new series of workshops drawing on the expertise of both local and international technology experts. Reporting in this part of the world has many challenges, chief among them: How to protect sources when everything has a digital footprint and governments are becoming savvy at intercepting communications. The goal would be to help educate and equip reporters with the tools needed to keep our sources and notes safe.

I would also like to bring my experience reporting on some of the most successful female business professionals to help shape the events we offer. The FCC has always had an outstanding lineup of speakers on a diverse range of topics but we can do more to expand the list to include voices that are underrepresented. For example, I would like to bring in some female entrepreneurs from China to speak, as well as those trying to make it in China.

Recruiting younger members and a more diverse group of reporters is also a priority. Some of this can be done through more active social media outreach but I would like to look into what initiatives have worked in the past, build on those and also propose some new ones to expand our membership base.

The FCC has long been an advocate for press freedom in Asia. We must maintain this role as media in this region comes under increasing pressure from authorities. I would like to play an active role in furthering these efforts.

About me: I write about business in China and China's growing financial and economic power. Before moving to Hong Kong from New York, I covered the world of high finance and its dark corners. I have also reported from New Delhi and London for the Financial Times. Originally from Canada, I lived in Thailand as a child and later returned to Asia to study in Singapore and China, where I got my start as a reporter. I have been at the New York Times for almost five years.