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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Associate Member Governor
Board of Governors 2019-2020**



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Our Club has become too much a news maker in the past year, unfortunately. Chartering uncertain and potentially turbulent waters in the years ahead, I stand to offer my experience and a dose of local insight.

I fully understand the importance and value of press freedom. Before leaving journalism and becoming an independent public affairs consultant, I spent more than two decades working in many newsrooms including *Apple Daily*, *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, *Sing Tao Daily*, and the *South China Morning Post*, in various editorial and managerial capacities. I served as the chairman of the Hong Kong Journalists Association and continue to serve as a judge of the SOPA Awards. I am proud to have been both a former winner and a former judge (not at the same time) of our own Human Rights Press Awards.

After serving on the Board as a Journalist Governor for a few years immediately after the handover, I have remained an attentive member. Whenever the occasions arise, I recommend speakers (never my clients) for the Professional Committee's consideration – with the Club Lunch featuring Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Liu Heung Shing on April 1st as the latest example. And our two daughters always enjoy dining with their parents in our Club.

If you give me the privilege of serving you on the Board again, I would be interested in getting involved in three committees: 1) Membership – to try to attract more local people, journalist or not, to join; 2) Press Freedom – to try to fight the battles in smarter ways; and 3) Professional – to try to diversify and broaden the breadth and depth of the events we are hosting. Not a supporter of any quota system, I do, however, believe that it would be helpful to have more members of the Board who can speak the local language.

Born in a former hospital just a stone's throw away from our current club premises and still living in the same Sai Ying Pun flat in which I was growing up, Hong Kong is my only home. I have spent all my life here except for some years first as a college student in the American West and later as a foreign correspondent in Washington, DC. I am here to stay. And I want to make sure that the FCC, the only club I belong to, is here to stay, too.