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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Journalist Member Governor
Board of Governors 2022-2023**



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It's an honour to run for a second term on the Board. If elected again, I will work hard to ensure the club continues to be a beacon of press freedom in the region, and a welcoming place for our members to work and relax. All while remaining financially sound.

In my first year on the Board, I have been an active member of the press freedom committee. As journalism in Hong Kong and the region is under pressure, it's important for the FCC to continue to speak up on behalf of journalists and defend the freedom of the press.

Also, I represented the Board at a dinner with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. We are working hard to develop relationships with government officials and to ensure the renewal of the building's lease.

I and the rest of the Board have had to run a tight ship this year to ensure the club is financially sound. The COVID restrictions of seating limits, 6pm closures, and suspension of events have meant a loss of revenue. We try to trim costs where possible while ensuring our staff are gainfully employed.

And we continue to provide a multitude of online and offline speaker talks, and in-person dinner programs, movie nights, and quiz nights when possible to remain a home for vibrant, intellectual discussions, and conviviality.

Last but not least, I am proud of what we have accomplished as a Board, and steered the club during these tumultuous times in Hong Kong. And I look forward to serving our community, representing our journalist members, and leading the club in this pivotal 40th anniversary year at our current historical home on Lower Albert Road, and 70th year in Hong Kong.

About me: I believe I am the first person from TVB, Hong Kong's flagship broadcaster, to join the Board. I report on new business trends for the prime-time, weekly program, "Money Matters," which airs on TVB's English channel, Pearl. Prior to launching "Money Matters," I reported for TVB's documentary program "Pearl Magazine." Last year, I received two awards from Mind HK for my report on mental health during the pandemic. And recently, I co-authored a book, *The Stories Women Journalists Tell*.

Hailing from the U.S., I have an undergraduate degree from Duke University. I started my career at the CNN headquarters in Atlanta, and later joined CNN in Hong Kong. And I received a master's degree in journalism from the University of Hong Kong.