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**Bio & Policy Statement from
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Dear fellow members,

I have been frankly astonished at what we have been able to achieve in the past year.

Our new website, shepherded by the Communications Committee for which I am co-convenor, is nearly ready to be unveiled. It features a modern, user-friendly design incorporating many social media elements. There is a dedicated space for members, where you can upload your own profile to connect with other members. It includes a public directory of particular use to Correspondent and Journalist members, especially freelancers. And, of course, a dedicated and thorough page for the beloved Correspondent magazine.

With support from the Correspondent's stalwart editors and contributors, the magazine has vowed to stay current and relevant to our diverse membership by spotlighting the dynamic political environment in Hong Kong, especially if news is being made at the FCC! Our club video of Sir David Tang's recent speech has gone viral, and provided a timely cover story for the Correspondent.

In the current fiscal climate, the Communications Committee has also succeeded in cutting costs whilst actually improving what we do. As part of this effort, we have brought in a new club videographer, a long-standing member, who has made welcome changes in the way we record our VIP guests and events.

At the Food & Beverage Committee, which I co-chair, we have been listening to your responses in the last membership survey, and have striven to give you what you want more of: Indian food. We are launching a weekly Indian buffet dinner at Bert's Bar at a value price. And we hope you can help make it a success.

To be more responsive to our vegetarian and vegan members, we have reformatted our menu to highlight the more plentiful offerings, including symbols that shed more light on what exactly is in the food.

The beverage sub-committee, ably led by Cammy Yiu, has succeeded spectacularly in more than doubling the revenue earned from wine takeaway in 2015. We hope to continue that success. Beverage sales overall will probably continue to drive earnings from F&B. To that end, we have also introduced a refreshed line of cocktail offerings

mixed by the talented bar staff. And have added new beers to the menu, including the popular Gweilo Pale Ale.

But much more needs to be done.

Bert's Bar and the Main Dining Room remain underused, compared to the Main Bar. A recent food survey has offered many suggestions for improvement. The Club is gearing up for a disruptive, but extremely necessary, overhaul of the kitchen.

We must build on all the momentum that has been generated to improve services for all members.

I ask for your kind support in order to continue to give back to the FCC.

Thank you!

About Juliana: I began my journalism career as a student reporter and editor for the Stanford Daily. In 2001, I joined Reuters as a graduate trainee, based in London, Singapore and Colombo, where I covered the civil war. Then I spent three thrilling years in Beijing writing about politics, general news and technology. Eventually, I caught the broadcasting bug and joined BBC News, based in Singapore. There, I traveled throughout Asia as a business reporter and did several stints in London and New York. I became Hong Kong correspondent in 2012. Covering Occupy Central whilst 8.5 months pregnant has been my most memorable assignment so far.