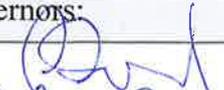
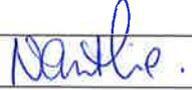


**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG
2015-2016**

ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 10 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	
President (Chairman):	Neil WESTERN
First Vice President:	Tara JOSEPH
Second Vice President:	Kevin Barry H EGAN 
Correspondent Governors:	
Carsten SCHAEEL 	Florence DE CHANGY
Angie LAU 	Juliana LIU
Nicholas GENTLE 	Nan-Hie IN 
Natasha KHAN 	
Journalist Governors:	
James GOULD	
Associate Governors:	
Simon PRITCHARD	Timothy S HUXLEY
Douglas WONG 	Elaine PICKERING 
Apologies:	CB, KB
Non-Members by invitation:	
Gilbert CHENG (GM)	Joanne CHUNG (JC)
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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

2. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd January 2016:	
Proposed by TH	Seconded by DW
For: TJ, JG, INH, CS, KE, EP, SP, FDC, JL, NK	Against:
Abstain: AL	Motion carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NW reported:

1. Town Hall Meeting

It was agreed to discuss this item under the Finance Report.

2. Journalism Day

NW told the Board that a Journalism Conference would be held on 23rd April 2016 and he would circulate details around the Board before announcing to the membership. A rundown of the day was outlined. It would cost \$395 and be open to correspondents and journalists first before other members and their guests.

(NG arrived 11:10 a.m.)

3. Diplomatic Cocktail

John Tsang had been invited, but no reply has been received, a follow-up email would be sent.

4. Appoint Election Committee

The same Election Committee would be re-appointed and the process was explained briefly. Appointing scrutineers would occur later.

It was resolved to appoint the following members to the Election Committee for 2016: Chairperson – Anna HEALY-FENTON Committee members: Jake VAN DER KAMP, Walter KENT, Martin MERZ, Enid TSUI, Steve VINES	
Proposed by NW	Seconded by NK
	Unanimously Accepted

5. Somalia case

NW reported that the Press Freedom committee were trying to organise a lunch with the Somalian journalist and invited Board members to contact NW if they wanted to meet or help to find work for him.

6. Charity update

TH reported that he was in the process of finalising the documentation for the charity team to conform to Section 88 of the Charities Ordinance. TH was dealing with the lawyers' questions arising after the initial search and the matter would be finalised within the next couple of weeks. Trustees would then be appointed and a separate Events team. So far, there had been many good offers to assist.

It was agreed to hold a Charity Committee meeting in March and to decide on Event Committee members in order to organise events this year.

It was resolved to approve the President's Report	
Proposed by TH	Seconded by CS
	Unanimously Accepted

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CONVENERS

FINANCE

TH reported:

Finance Committee meeting on 23rd February 2016

Members attending: Tim Huxley (Convener), Florence De Changy, Anna Healy Fenton, Elaine Pickering, Jake van der Kamp, Douglas Wong, Wyng Chow, Connie Bolland, John Whitcomb

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Alex Lee, Joanne Chung

Apologies: Neil Western, Simon Pritchard, Keith Bradsher, Carsten Schael, Tara Joseph

1. Meeting called to Order

Treasurer called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

2. Financial Controller's Comments on January 2016 Financials:

Revenue & Surplus – January 2016

Total revenue for the month of January was \$3,226,183, which was below last year by \$148,276 and ahead budget by \$98,579. Net deficit for the month of January was \$102,355 against budget deficit of \$404,065 resulting in a favourable variance of \$301,710.

Food & Beverage Cost

Food costs for the month were \$686,982 or 33.1% against sales, which were 0.9% lower than the budget. Beverage costs for the month were \$402,428 or 36.6%, which were 1.4% lower than budget. After Add-in wines take away & wine home delivery, the total cost will be \$428,309 or 37.23%.

	Revenue	Cost	Cost%
Beverage Sales	1,099,122	\$402,428	36.61%
Wines take away	\$29,964	\$12,163	40.59%
Wines home delivery	\$21,464	\$13,719	63.92%
Total	\$1,150,550	\$428,309	37.23%

Other Income/Other Item

Subscription income and Entrance fees for the month were \$1,991,465 and \$410,000 respectively, this was below budget due to lower number of Associate members admitted who had paid their joining fees, but it was felt this would be rectified in the coming months. The Club was running at a small overall surplus for the year, solely down to joining fees and F&B income remained in deficit.

Catering Expenses and Administration Expenses

Total catering expenses were over budget by \$13,905; new rent and rate take effective Jan 2 2016.

Total administration expenses were over budget by \$17,383; more entertainment due to Board dinner with British MPs, farewell to Hoi-Lo; more legal fees were incurred relating to a disciplinary matter.

Current month revenue – February 2016

F&B revenue budget for the month of February 2016 is \$2,752,869. F&B revenue up to February 21 2016 (Sunday) was \$1,971,453, which was over last year by \$41,130 and behind budget by \$22,004.

3. Audit fee

2015/16 Audit fee will increase from \$180,000 to \$190,000, which is about 5.5%. Committee discussed and agreed to recommend the proposal from the auditor.

4. Member's bill credit

The Treasurer pointed out that there was a potential and growing risk to the Club due to the extensive credit facilities we provided to Members. At present, current arrangements allow Members to effectively have 105 days' credit before their account is suspended. This was primarily due to the long period between bills being sent out and the payment, whether by cheque or autopay, being due. The schedule of payments for Members is enshrined in the By-Laws and the Committee agreed that the Board be requested to review this in order to reduce the credit period during which Members can run up substantial debts. The total number of members not on autopay was now limited to just 27, but there were numerous cases each month of autopay payments being rejected.

5. Correspondent magazine Ball issue

All outstanding items regarding the Charity Ball had now been settled but there remained a dispute with the former Ball Committee regarding the amount apportioned to the Charity Ball for the issue of the Correspondent covering the Ball. The Ball Committee maintained that they should not be charged for editorial or for writer's fees paid in the form of F&B credits. The Committee unanimously agreed that the fees charged for the Ball edition of the Club magazine were reasonable and in line with what had been previously charged (with the exception of the 2014 edition, which was a separate issue).

6. Proposed increase of monthly subscription-fee

The Treasurer updated the Committee on the discussions, which had taken place regarding options available for increasing revenue for the Club. Whilst efforts were being made to utilise available facilities for revenue generation, this would not generate the required recurrent revenues to meet the increased rent, projected wage inflation and increased costs of F&B. JVDK stated that this issue had been raised consistently over the past twelve months and whilst TH stated that we had managed to hold this off through increasing the membership number and some success on corporate memberships, now was the time to finally act, particularly as we had now secured the extension on the lease. TH advised that a wide range of options had been investigated, but items such as a spouse fee required a change to the M&A and a minimum spend was felt by Club management as likely to put over-due pressure on the kitchens and dining outlets. The Committee recommended that the

Board consider a straight increase of monthly subscriptions, with a due advice and notice period conveyed to Members.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 1425hrs

Discussions at BOG meeting:

TH reported that the audit fee had been revised.

It was resolved to accept the revised audit fee from \$180,000 to \$190,000 for 2015/16	
Proposed by SP	Seconded by FDC
	Unanimously Accepted

TH explained that members currently had 105 days' credit before membership was suspended, but as there were increasing numbers of members leaving HK due to the economy, the Finance committee thought the length of credit could be a risk. CS explained that freelancers could have cash flow issues due to when they received payments for work. Therefore, there was a proposal that credit-signing privileges be removed if an autopay was cancelled with no change to the 105-day window.

It was resolved that in the event that an autopay bouncing and a member then being in default that credit-signing facilities are withdrawn, but the member can continue to use the Club with chits bought in cash.	
Proposed by TH	Seconded by SP
For: TJ, JG, INH, KE, EP, FDC, JL, NK, AL, DW	Against: CS
	Motion carried

TH explained the reasoning behind the proposed increase of monthly subscription fee. Many good ideas for increasing revenue had been received and investigated, but an increase was necessary. TH proposed a motion to increase the fee with two months' notice, but after a Board discussion he withdrew the motion and it was agreed that there should be a Town Hall style meeting where the Board would actively engage with the membership to explain the reasoning behind the increase. NW would send out a letter about the rising costs of the Club to explain why the increase was necessary with the Town Hall meeting serving as an advisory meeting with the membership

(JL left the room 11:28 a.m.; NK left the room at 11:31 a.m.; JL returned at 11:32 a.m.)

The Town Hall meeting would take place on Tuesday, 5th April. AL suggested that every committee convenor to further look into ways to mitigate costs.

(NK returned 11:36 a.m.)

Regarding the Ball issue of The Correspondent magazine, the Board agreed that costs should be paid by the Charity Ball committee.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Finance Committee	
Proposed by TJ	Seconded by AL
	Unanimously Accepted

PROFESSIONAL

TJ reported:

Minutes for Professional Committee Meeting, Monday, 15th February 2016

Board members: Neil Western, Nan-Hie In, Keith Bradsher, Florence De Changy

Committee member: Eric Wishart

Invitees: Gilbert Cheng, Clement Li, Hilda Wang

Minutes of 8th January 2016 meeting - Approved

Speaker Issues/ Proposed Speakers:

Event Review/Host Confirmation

DATE	SPEAKER	HOST
<u>2016</u>		
<u>February</u>		
Thurs., Feb. 18 lunch	Sir David Tang, “Hong Kong’s Future”	Tara
<u>March</u>		
March (TBD)	Matthew Marsh, Formula One	Tim/Eric
(With increased lunch fees of HKD220 for members and HKD350 for non-members Note: Price includes glass of champagne and improved menu, and Tim/Eric to host.)		
Thurs. March 3 lunch	Ajahn Brahm, Bodhinyana International Foundation “How to deal with difficult people”	Nan-Hie
Mon., March 7 dinner	Mike Chinoy, Assignment China screening “Tremors”	Keith
Tues. March 8 lunch	Professor Peter Piot, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Topic: Zika virus	Keith/
Mon. March 14 lunch	Mark O’Neill	Nan-Hie/

	“How China’s Art Treasures were saved from the Japanese Invasion and the Red Guards”	Keith/Tara
Wed. Mar 23 lunch	Sir Max Hastings "Spies, Codes and Guerrillas: From World War II to the Falklands to Today" (Reserve 20 C&Js, 2 people per membership account)	Neil
March 29 lunch	For International Women’s Day: Diana Cesar, CEO, HSBC	

April

April 23	Journalism Day	Neil
Evening or Sat morning	Chris Buddle, Tutorial on court reporting (further discussion on this event.)	
Mon. April 18 (tbc)	Mike Chinoy, Assignment China, “Contradictions”	Keith
Tues. April 26	Dr. Megdi Fakheri, “The re-emergence of Iran - its implications for Hong Kong and East Asia”.	

April, May or June

June 8.14.21 (tbd)	Diplomatic Cocktail
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Upcoming Events

Proposed Speakers/Events:

1) For the 22nd February 7:30 p.m. or 23rd February, David Holbrook breakfast to discuss his film about his father, Richard Holbrooke.

1. Continental Breakfast: Member HK\$150, Non-member HK\$220
(the same menu for Club Breakfast - Mr. Ei Sun Oh on 15th December 2015)

Fresh Fruit Platter

Selection of Bread:

Croissants and Danishes

White or Brown Toast

Coffee or Gourmet Tea

2. American Breakfast: \$175 per person

Fresh Orange Juice

Fresh Cut Fruit

Scrambled Eggs with Bacon and Sausage
Grilled Tomatoes, Hash Browns and Baked Beans

Croissants or Danish Pastries

Coffee or Gourmet Tea

-Committee thought the timing was too tight for this event.

2) Nan-Hie suggests:

~~This is a landmark year for Iran with its opening up to the rest of the world. Iran's consul general Dr. Megdi Fakheri would like to do a talk about "The re-emergence of Iran - its implications for Hong Kong and East Asia".~~

His bio is: Dr. Mehdi Fakheri received his MA in International Relations from Tehran University and Ph.D. in Political Science from Universidad Complutense de Madrid (1988). In addition, he pursued advanced studies on trade policy and international affairs management. His research focuses on trade studies, political economy and foreign relations, with several books and articles on the aforementioned issues. He was an Associate Professor and Acting Dean of the School of International Relations in Tehran. He also served several diplomatic missions in Geneva, Madrid and Mexico. Since 2015, he has been appointed as the Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Hong Kong and Macao.

- Committee approved for April 26 or 27. Speaker ultimately chose April 26.

3) Nan-Hie: speaker proposal from Econitors: Vinod Saighal. Speaker will be in town in April (exact dates not confirmed yet).

Vinod has done extension research and lectures on the following subjects:

- China South Seas issue, and India's involvement.
- Denuclearization of the Himalayas
- Crisis of the Environment and Ecosphere
- Relationship of Chinese and Indian Government, now and in the future.
- The importance of Religious groups getting together to work on world Environment Issues.
- Global Security, dealing with future planetary threats, including nuclear disarmament, nuclear terrorism, and UN Interventions of the 21st Century.

If the FCC has any preference of talk topic, Econitors will inform Vinod.

His bio: General Vinod Saighal retired from the Indian Army in 1995 from the post of Director General Military Training. He has held an assignment with the UN peacekeeping forces as well as a tenure in Iran. He had served as the country's Military Attache in France and BENELUX, also overseeing Spain and Portugal.

Currently he is the Executive Director of Eco Monitors Society a non-governmental organization concerned with demography and ecology. After retirement, he founded the Movement for Restoration of Good Government. Vinod was invited to join the 'Institutional Advisory Board' of the US Federation of Scientists and Scholars in 2000. He is international consultant since 1995 with the prestigious French think tank Centre d'Etude et de Prospective Strategique as well as on the Institutional Advisory Board of an Italian Publication Geopolitica. He was a special invitee of the Chinese Medical Association as keynote presenter for the final plenary session of the 16th World Conference of International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War in Beijing in 2004. He is the

author of books including Third Millennium Equipoise; Restructuring South Asian Security; Restructuring Pakistan; Dealing with Global Terrorism: The Way Forward; Global Security Paradoxes: 2000-2020; and Revitalising Indian Democracy.

-Declined by Committee.

4) Nan-Hie's suggestions for speakers for Women's Day:

Helen Wong, the CEO of HSBC Hong Kong, Taiwan and Greater China. She has worked up the ranks since joining the bank in 1992. She is also the chairman of Hong Kong Association of Banks since March 2015. Wong also sits in the Currency Board Sub-Committee of the Exchange Fund Advisory committee and she is also council member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

Gigi Chao is an executive director at Cheuk Nag Holdings, a luxury property developer. She is also founder of charity Faith in Love Foundation to help alleviate poverty in Hong Kong. Chao is also a LGBT activist and very much involved in the Big Love Alliance, a gay rights group. She is also a helicopter pilot and president of the Hong Kong Aviation Club.

Nan Hie further suggests that if Helen Wong doesn't work out, to consider Chief Executive of Hong Kong .

Her bio:

Diana Cesar is HSBC's Chief Executive for Hong Kong and a member of the Executive Committee for The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. Ms Cesar is also a Director of Hubei Suizhou Cengdu HSBC Rural Bank Co Limited and EPS Company (Hong Kong) Limited.

During her career with HSBC, Ms Cesar has held leadership roles in Marketing, Cards and Loans, Mortgages, Distribution Strategy and Consumer Propositions in Hong Kong and across Asia-Pacific. Before being appointed Chief Executive for Hong Kong in September 2015,

Ms Cesar had been Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management for Hong Kong since 2011. She will continue to oversee this business in her new position until her replacement is on-Board.

Ms Cesar first joined HSBC in 1999 and was appointed Head of Distribution and Product Development in 2003 with responsibility for establishing retail distribution infrastructure throughout Asia-Pacific. She was named Head of General Banking in 2007, managing all general retail banking portfolios including deposits, mortgages, credit cards and consumer assets in Hong Kong.

- Suggested speaker Diana Cesar approved by Committee.

5) March 20 -23: Working with Roger Garcia on potential speaker: Abderrahmane Sissako, a Oscar nominated African film maker.

- Roger Garcia had first updated that the speaker may not come through Hong Kong, then he updated that the speaker will be in Hong Kong and will do a screening at the Asia Society, arranged by the French Consulate. Committee declined potential invitation to co-participate in the screening.

Any Other Business

1) Florence suggested that she talk about her new book on MH 370, which has been published in France. – **Committee approved Florence as lunch speaker on her book when the translation is completed and the work comes out in English.**

2) Florence suggests as speaker, winemaker Veronica Sanden, whose wine was rated a 100 by an independent industry source – **Approved by Committee.**

3) Nan-Hie suggests a evening social during Art Central, and Art Basle, which takes place March 21 to 26. – **Committee approved Nan-Hie to obtain more information on artists who will be available to attend.**

1) Confirmed date of the next meeting - 12:30 p.m., Monday, 7th March 2016.

Discussions at the BOG

TJ reported that the committee was on track with its mission to do fewer but more high profile lunches. The David Tang speech had gone viral garnering many views and a lot of press. The next big event was Max Hastings on 23rd March and a senior figure from HSBC, Diana Cesar, on 29th March. Justice Bokhary also wanted to attend to refute Henry Lytton's claims.

The committee were trying to entice younger people to attend the Club with a different style of events and INH had invited artists from the Arts Festival to hold an evening cocktail in Bert's. Unfortunately, some events proposed by members had been declined due to financial reasons. NW said that the Press Freedom committee would be holding a panel on the booksellers situation.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Professional Committee	
Proposed by NG	Seconded by FDC
	Unanimously Accepted

MEMBERSHIP

SP reported:

Membership Committee Meeting On Monday, 22nd February 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Members attending: Simon Pritchard, Nan-Hie In, James Gould, Tim Huxley, Douglas Wong, Elaine Pickering, Wyng Chow and Marilyn Hood

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung and Carman Chung

Apologies: Neil Western and Kevin Egan

1. Resignations, Absent Member Applications & Reactivations

There were 11 Absent Member applications, 6 resignations and 5 reactivations for the month of January 2016.

2. New Membership Applications

We currently have 243 applications on hand this month and the number of active members with subscription fee charged is 2,197 as of 16th February 2016.

3. New Members

3.1 Considering the possible membership movements including absentees and resignations, the

Committee recommended to accept a total of 16 new applications including (3) Correspondent applicants, (10) Associate applicants, (1) Diplomatic applicant and (1) Corporate applicant with (2) nominees.

There are (3) replacement applications under Corporate membership.

3.2 In total, 5 Correspondent and Journalist applications were received for the month of February 2016. The Committee recommended to approval total of (3) Correspondent applicants under the standard monthly fee, a total of (1) Correspondent applicant was preliminary approved to apply for the discounted scheme and will be considered at the Sub-Committee Meeting in March 2016.

3.2a New application received for Correspondent membership under the standard monthly fee. The Committee recommended accepting the application this month, February 2016.

3.2b New application received for Correspondent membership under the standard monthly fee. The Committee recommended accepting the application this month, February 2016.

3.2c New application received for Correspondent membership under the standard monthly fee. The Committee recommended accepting the application this month, February 2016.

3.2d New application received for Correspondent membership under the C&J discounted scheme. The Committee suggests he provide more links to his journalistic work to support his application and check with his Introducer about his proposing date. The Committee had approved the application under the discounted scheme.

3.2e Reviewed a Journalist application, which was presented in January 2016. The Committee suggested more articles be provided to support his application for Journalist membership. He replied by email to further describe his job role and articles were provided. Having considered his business background and his job role, he does not qualify as a C or J member, the Committee suggested that he apply for Associate Membership under normal procedures.

3.3 Received new application from a 1st Nominee for Corporate Membership. The Committee recommended accepting his application this month, February 2016.

3.4 Received new application from a 2nd Nominee for Corporate Membership. The Committee recommended accepting his application this month, February 2016.

3.5 Received new application from a 2nd Nominee for diplomatic membership. The Committee recommended accepting his application this month, February 2016.

5. Suspension Record (February 2015 – January 2016)

The Committee reviewed the suspension record for the past suspended members. A7076 was posted 3 times within the past 12 months. A reminder letter will be sent out and informing him that a direct debit account is required to be set up.

6. Review of Membership Status Change by Finance Committee

1 member's account was suspended in January 2016 and 4 member's accounts have been suspended in February 2016.

6.1 A8705 was suspended on 28th January 2016. His membership will be terminated on next posting day at the end of February 2016 unless the outstanding amount is settled by 29th

February 2016. The committee suggested further checking his company details and to follow normal procedures.

- 6.2 A6490 was suspended on 15th February 2016. He paid all dues by credit card on the afternoon of 22nd February 2016 and his membership was reactivated on same day.
- 6.3 A7751 was suspended on 15th February 2016. The Committee suggested that his membership should follow normal procedures.
- 6.4 A7837 was suspended on 15th February 2016. The Committee suggested that his membership should follow normal procedures.
- 6.5 SC5718 was suspended on 15th February 2016. The Committee suggested that his membership should follow normal procedures.

7. Absent Membership Status Change Report

In total, 40 absent members have visited the Club in the month of January 2016. No member has been charged the monthly subscription fee during a visit of over two weeks.

8. Report of Silver Membership

New Silver Membership Criteria Policy was effective from January 2016. As of February 2016, reports of those who qualified for applying for Silver membership by reaching 30 years' membership and 65 years of age was presented.

9. Application for Silver Membership

- 9.1 A2188 joined the club in July 1976 and she is now 74 years old. She has been an active member for 39 years and 7 months. The Committee recommended accepting her application to be a Silver Associate member.
- 9.2 A3299 joined the club in March 1981 and he is now 67 years old. He has been an active member for 20 years and 3 months. The Committee was unable to accept his application as his active status is less than 30 years as of January 2016.
- 9.3 The Committee reviewed the application for Silver Membership by A5107, who was presented in January 2016. A letter was received for re-applying Silver Membership was fulfilled in December 2015. In view of the new Article for Silver Membership, the Committee was unable to accept his application as his active status is less than 30 years as of December 2015.

10. Application for Spouse Member

Spouse's application received under A8580 who joined in September 2003. The applicant can only provide joint address proof from Canada due to not being resident in HK and does not have a marriage certificate yet. The Committee suggested he provide the Hong Kong address proof to be the same as the main cardholder's residential record in order to get approval.

11. Deceased Member

A7884 joined the club in March 2001 and passed away on 15th May 2015. His first wife had been his nominated spouse, until her death some years ago. The member then married again in December 2011, but before his death did not nominate his second wife as his spouse member. Letter received from Kevin Egan, requesting that his second wife be granted Honorary Widow status. This application was referred to the February 2016 Board Meeting.

12. Corporate Member

The Committee reviewed a request from a Corporate member (1st Nominee), whose membership application was approved by the Board on 23rd January 2016. He needs to relocate to London and has requested withdrawal of his membership and a refund of the joining fee of HK\$250,000. The Committee agreed to the refund on condition that a handling charge of HK\$5,000 be made.

13. Induction Ceremonies

No Induction Ceremony in February 2016.

14. Date of Next Membership Sub-Committee Meeting

The next Membership Sub-Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 10th March 2016 at 18:30 p.m. to:

- (1) review applicants applying for the C&J discounted scheme
- (2) review all new associate applicants on the waiting list since September 2015
- (3) review policy for payment of members' accounts through direct debit
- (4) review suspension of members' accounts when direct debit rejected/non-payment

15. Date of Next Membership Committee Meeting

The next Membership Committee Meeting is scheduled on Monday, 14th March 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Discussions at BOG meeting:

SP went through the membership list and gave details. A corporate member had to be refunded as he was moving to the UK, but two new corporate members had been added due to TH's efforts.

It was resolved to accept the new members as follows on pages 7-9 <i>A total of 16 new applications including (3) Correspondent applicants, (10) Associate applicants, (1) Diplomatic applicant and (1) Corporate applicant with (2) nominees.</i> <i>There are (3) replacement applications under Corporate membership.</i>	
Proposed by SP	Seconded by KE
	Unanimously Accepted

It was confirmed that three applicants for the C&J scheme had waived the discount.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Membership Committee	
Proposed by INH	Seconded by JL
	Unanimously Accepted

PRESS FREEDOM

NW reported

Press Freedom Committee

Wednesday, 17th February 2016, 7:30 p.m.

1.Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attending: Co-convenors: Neil Western and Florence de Changy ;

Committee members: David Kwan, Francis Moriarty, Ben Richardsom, Geoff Crothall, Edward Chin

Board Member: Douglas Wong.

By invitation: Joyce Lau, Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung

Apologies: co-convenor Natasha Khan.

2. Minutes of previous meeting approved

3. HRP Update

274 entries for professional entries (139 Chinese, 80 English, 55 photographs). Same level than 3 years ago, a little less than last year but this was intentional and related to the new limit of number of entries per candidate. Consistent with the target of « quality rather than volume ».

Amnesty International has taken care of the other entries.

Youth essay context: This is the FCC « baby » and the participation level is a bit low. The category needs more promotion. It requires a 400 words essay. The age group targeted is 18-25 as the winner needs to be able to travel to Italy by him/herself to attend the Far East Film Festival in Udine.

Judging: This year, the whole exercise will take place in one single day. Morning at FCC, afternoon at Amnesty.

Donation: Ann Marsden has been a special donor to the awards for a long time. This year her contribution was increased from 50K to 60K. The Committee needs to brainstorm about how to best acknowledge this beyond the usual bunch of flowers etc.

Wall exhibition: Expected date of the exhibition: 1st March 2016.

About 10-12 pictures out of the 20 selected by the wall committee are ready at this stage. Joyce mentioned the enormous amount of work for the assistant and herself in retrieving and sourcing the former winning pictures, then contacting the photographers, have the pictures printed etc.

Committee suggested that the list of unidentified photographers or pictures be circulated among committee members who could help locating/identifying them.

6 MAY: There will be 2 events on May 6.

- The FCC Luncheon will be run by the professional committee, and will be a normal paid Club lunch open to all members. Reminder to alert Prof Com about Fergal Keane and to include him on the program.

- The second event, the cocktail at the Maritime Museum, is by invite-only. Catering and venue have been given. An extra HK\$15,000 is needed to finance a production team for event coordination (sounds, light system etc.)

Speaker: Fergal Keane, OBE, an acclaimed author, documentary filmmaker and BBC correspondent since 1989, has agreed to fly to Hong Kong to be the keynote speaker for the 20th anniversary gala of the Human Rights Press Awards on May 6. He is currently reporting from the

front lines of the Ukraine. Keane won a Human Rights Press Award during its very first year, 1996, for a BBC TV report on street children in Mongolia. He went on to cover other major news stories in Asia, including Hong Kong's handover to Chinese rule in 1997. He is best known for his work in Africa, where he covered the end of South African Apartheid and the 1994 Rwandan genocide. He will travel to Hong Kong with his wife 4-9 May.

Francis M. is working on sponsorship for his ticket and his stay. FM approached Peninsula who offered a modestly discounted rate. FdC approached Mandarin who declined to help. Bishop Lei may be best option.

Interviews should be facilitated and offered in advance. (SCMP or Post Magazine?)

4. Somalian journalist case:

Neil and one or two other members of the Press Freedom committee will try and have lunch with the Somalian journalist who is seeking refugee status in Hong Kong. The FCC granted him free use of the club. A piece about him in The Correspondent would be a good way to raise attention to his situation.

5. Kevin Lau statement: The committee will issue a statement on 26 February (written by GC) on the second anniversary of Kevin Lau's brutal attack to remind the importance of identifying the real backer of the two men arrested and jailed for his attack.

6. Booksellers statement: The committee will issue a statement written by DK on this very odd and alarming event. (Done 24 February).

7. Journalism day will take place Saturday 23 April. 20 people on different panels. Main Dining room and Bert's will be used. HRPAC should have a table and some info on display.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next PFC meeting date changed from 9 March (both NW and FDC absent) to **16 March 2016**.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

NW reported that arrangements for the HRPAC were proceeding and two statements had been issued regarding the missing booksellers and Kevin Lau. NW explained that it was best to make it a committee-only decision to draft and send out statements as it would be too bureaucratic and cumbersome to seek Board approval beforehand. Regarding the Kevin Lau statement, it had been sent out as it was the two-year anniversary of his attack and to raise awareness that the perpetrator hadn't been caught.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Press Freedom Committee	
Proposed by FDC	Seconded by INH
	Unanimously Accepted

COMMUNICATIONS (includes Archive)

AL reported:

FCC Communications COMMITTEE Minutes
Friday, 19th February 2016 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Angie Lau, Nan-Hie In, Jonathan Hopfner, Terry Duckham, Paul Bayfield,

Absent:

Natasha Khan,
Juliana Liu
Laurence Witherington

By Invitation:

Gilbert Cheng
Joanne Chung
Gary Ling (NEW Multimedia Contributor)

- **GARY LING, FCC's multimedia contributor:** noted space constraints and height issues during shoots of speakers & lighting. Resolution: he will be working directly with Gilbert to get step ladder and adjust lights.
- **WEBSITE/ ONLINE:** Speaker Sir David Tang, YouTube online, 3400 hits in 24 hours
- January: 26,000 page views. Clicks in order: FCC Homepage, About, Events, Events Calendar, Membership
- **THE CORRESPONDENT:** Somali refugee story for cover fell through, Terry and Paul wanted to feature Sudanese refugee Wall Exhibit photographer. Committee felt better cover option would be to address ongoing tensions in Hong Kong, especially in light of missing booksellers and Mongkok riots. Group decided to revise cover to address Hong Kong issues, David Tang remarks. Asiapix will search for Mongkok riot photos and use for cover.
- **DATABASE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY DESIGN:** Decided to defer to Feb. 25th to ask BlueCurrent for advice
- **ONLINE SECURITY:** Joanne will be sending details to entire committee to review ahead of next meeting and decision.
- **CLUB BROCHURE:** Paul will provide draft of amendments to Joanne

NOTE: We are meeting with BlueCurrent on the redesign, requested working link: 25th February, 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 11th March 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Discussions at BOG meeting:

AL reported two meetings had taken place and congratulated the Professional committee for bringing David Tang into the Club where his speech had generated over 65,000 hits on the Club's website. It also helped to add content to The Correspondent where David Tang was featured on the

cover and the committee recognised it needed to maintain vigilance on HK issues. AL also thanked INH for acquiring some free photographs at the last minute.

(NW left the room at 11:46 a.m., TJ took the chair)

AL explained that members could securely update their own information on the database and it would resemble Facebook or Google+. A good meeting had been held with BlueCurrent regarding the redesign and everything was on track.

CS reported that the next Archive committee meeting would be on 9th March at 12:30 p.m. and invited Board members to attend.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Publications Committee	
Proposed by TH	Seconded by INH
	Unanimously Accepted

HOUSE

CS reported:

House Committee Meeting on 23rd February 2016

Members attending: Nick Gentle, Tim Huxley, Carsten Schael, Robin Howes, Walter Kent, Viswa Nathan

Apologies: Nan-Hie In

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung, Allen Youngblood

1. Bert's, Entertainment and Event Matters

1.1. Special Performances - AY reported that the 23rd of January performance of the band T4 was successful. Sybil Thomas & The Blues Boys will perform on 25th February. TH commented that notice of this was given too late to members. Orlando Bonzi is scheduled for March 5. The Happy-Go-Lucky Big Band will perform in Bert's in May (date to be confirmed).

1.2. New Year's Eve - The DJ was very good and will already be booked for the next New Years

1.3. Open Mic Night - AY will identify three musicians/bands to perform one set each on a Thursday night

1.4. Quiz Nights - Fifteen tables are booked for the next quiz showing the continued popularity of this event.

2. Members

2.1. Super Bowl Broadcast Cancellation - To answer a member's query, because the broadcast took place on the first day of the Chinese New Year, the Board decided in the interest of staff welfare not to have this event this year.

3. Health Club

3.1. Hygiene - Complaint about a member's lack of consideration and personal hygiene when using the gym. Staff will put up reminder notices.

4. Building, Maintenance and Facilities

4.1. Kitchen To Do List - The committee resolved to commission a contractor for the lining of the kitchen drainpipes. To ascertain the hydro-vent system required repair or possible replacement works, a contractor will be contacted by staff before the next meeting. Other contractors will also be asked to check the condition of the electric wiring, fire prevention equipment, gas installation and plumbing. WK suggested that the utility companies could be contacted for advice on upgrading kitchen equipment, staff will follow up.

4.2. MDR Air-conditioning - After the supplier meeting three suggested options of relocating the air-conditioning system below the stage area were discussed. This showed that the MDR stage could be removed. Restaurant designers will be contacted for suggestions on a redesign.

4.3. Garbage Area - A contractor will repair the back exit concrete service channel.

4.4. Club License - Staff has submitted all required documents.

5. Staff

5.1. Incident Report - An Indian chef has injured himself during the holiday break. He is expected to return to work soon.

5.2. Second Incident Report - A member fell on a Friday night but is fine now.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Members Suggestion - After consultation with female Board members, it was decided that a dispenser for sanitary towels in the ladies toilet is not required.

6.2. FCCT Request - An FCCT Board member requested advice on setting up a quiz night for their club. The committee recommends Marilyn Hood for a follow up.

6.3. Live Boxing Broadcast - The fight between Manny Pacquiao and Timothy Bradley will be shown accompanied by a breakfast buffet on April 10, starting at 8 a.m.

6.4. Reciprocal Club - A member suggested contacting the Naval and Military Club in London to establish a reciprocal relationship. The committee agrees and recommends it to the Board for consideration.

6.5. Rat Trace - After a rat sighting by a member in the club, staff investigated and found a hole in the exterior wall, which was then sealed.

6.6. Point-of-Sale System - A new system will be purchased to replace the current outdated one.

6.7. Vegetarian Menu - The club already provides many vegetarian meal options that will be labelled more clearly in the menu.

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 6:45 p.m..

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

(NW returned at 11:48 a.m.; TJ vacated the chair)

CS reported that the committee had had an extended discussion on the kitchen upgrade and had decided to get contractors to look at the various utility supplies and whether any equipment needed to be upgraded over the coming weeks. Suppliers had also been contacted to acquire quotes on equipment identified as needed for the upgrade. Another meeting had been held with the contractor regarding the air-conditioning in the Main Dining Room, as to whether to move the existing units and move the stage. Three quotes had been received and designers would be consulted over the redesign.

The Naval and Military Club in London were seeking a reciprocal relationship and it was agreed to accept. JL spoke of a gym hygiene issue and CS said advisory posters would be posted.

It was resolved to accept the report of the House Committee	
Proposed by TH	Seconded by INH
	Unanimously Accepted

F&B (note: Includes WINE)

JL reported:

F&B Committee Meeting: Thursday 18th February 2016 at 1 p.m.

In attendance: Juliana Liu, Nick Gentle, Nan-Hie In, Chester Grucza, Walter Kent, Cammy Yiu, Ilaria Maria Sala, Glibert Cheng, George Cheng, Joanne Chung, Alan Law, Clement Li, Alex Lee

1. Review of January sales report

- Bottom-line: total F&B gross in Jan at 3.23 mil vs 3.37 mil, down 4.2% year on year, but up 3.3% compared to what was budgeted. Financial controller Alex believes this may be because there were 6 days of public holidays this year, compared with 5 last year.
- Bright spot is beverage takeaway, up 32% due to extremely popular, extremely good value Portuguese home delivery, thanks to excellent choices by beverage sub-committee. Applause!
- Year to date gross profit (April 2015 to Dec 2015) is pretty flat.
- Berts had a good night on Saturday 23 Jan with a special artist.

2. Review of beverage sub committee

- Cammy Yiu reports wine team will update wine menu, including adding premium selections and offering more pairing options.
- Team is also finalising samples for next year's house wines.
- Wine takeaway 2015 at 867K vs 347K in 2014. Applause!

3. Upcoming promotions –

- Review of upcoming food and beverage promotions – Stews and Ragouts (good feedback), St Patrick's, new cheese selection, Asparagus, Easter Buffet, Ca' Del Grevino wine dinner, Correspondent's Choice Wine Social, Publisher's Choice Wine Social, Richel Rolland wine dinner (highly anticipated)

4. Comments

- Complaint that hot chocolate is not sugar free. Action: will flag up it is Cadbury's drinking chocolate with sugar pre-mixed)
- Comment that several soups/starters seem vegetarian but not marked with V. Action: will correct this.
- Comment that Thai eggplant out of stock, would it be possible to replace with okra. Action: none. Will endeavour to keep Thai eggplant in stock

- Six emails from extremely happy and satisfied banquet/events customers. Applause!

5. Other business

- Committee agrees to hold Manny Pacquiao/Tim Bradley fight breakfast.
- Committee agrees to weekly Indian lunch (Tuesday) and dinner (Wednesday) buffet. Timing TBC, possibly March as one of the Indian chefs has broken a leg.
- Discussion of how to highlight vegetarian food options.

Wine Committee Meeting on 2nd February 2016

Members attending: Cammy Yiu, Marcel Thurau, Nan-Hie In, Walter Kent, Joel Leduc, Adrian Peirse, Zeb Eckert, Philip Nourse, Robin Howes,

Apologies: Juliana Liu, Nic Gentle, Anthony Beaurain, Chester Gruzca, Gilbert Cheng

FCC Staff Attending: Alex Lee, Clement

By Invitation:

Agenda - 6:30 p.m. - start

Review of sales figures and other issues

Review of remaining samples received for Premium Wines

1. Review of Minutes from last meeting – 5th January 2016

1.1. Minutes approved.

2. Review of Recent Events / Tastings

2.1. **25 January 2016**, Kings of Piemonte Wine Dinner Host: Marcel. Turnout - 34 pax.

2.2. 26 January 2016, Premium Wine Social Part II. Turnout - 36 pax.

3. Review of Wine and Beverages Sales

3.1. Review of New Correspondent and Publishers choice (2015-2016 series), January sales are good - 684 bottles.

3.2. Kings of Piemonte Wine Dinner - total sales 22K.

3.3. WOM January - Portuguese wines - Excellent sales 637 bottles including home delivery

3.4. Review of WOM total sales for all of 2015 - \$867K / compared to total sales all of 2014 - 347K.

3.5. Review of all beer sales. Low selling beers will be deleted once stocks are used up.

3.6. Samples for Correspondents and Publishers choice received. Final list from Alex. **Cammy & Chester** to review and short list.

Wine & Beverages Events Schedule

February 2016 - WOM - German & Austrian wines to go with CNY menu

March 2016 - WOM - English or Italian White to go with Asparagus promotion

14 March 2016 - Ca Del Grevina Wine Dinner, Host: **Zeb Eckert**. Standby Host: **Cammy /Joel**

21 March 2016 - Correspondents' Choice Wine Social, Hosts: **Wine Committee**

25 April 2016 - Publishers' Choice Wine Social, Hosts: **Wine Committee**

May 2016 - South African wine dinner

May 2016 - French may wine dinner

May / June 2016 - Riesling wine dinner

5 Other Business

5.1. **Walter** recommended Ports and Whiskies. Whiskies and well as other spirits, for possible addition to menu, to be further reviewed and finalised by **Walter & Nanhie** in future meetings.

5.2. Wine menu wording, description and organisation being reviewed – **Zeb**

5.3. Beer menu wording, description and organisation being reviewed – **Adrian**

5.4. Domaine Barons wine dinner proposal not accepted.

5.5. New Japanese whiskeys - Hibiki 12 & 17 years available as of 1 February.

5.6. 14 new premium cocktails will be available.

Schedule for meetings, sample delivery, tasting & WOM

Date	Detail	Tasting	Wine Of Month
July & Aug 2015			Rose
24-24 Aug 2015	Champagne sample delivery to FCC		
Tues - 1 Sept 2015	Committee Meeting	Champagne	
15 Sept 2015	Wine dinner -Tim Adams, Australian Wine,Host: Zeb . Standby Host: Joel		Rose
September 2015			
9 Sept 2015	Beer Sub Committee Meeting		
8-22 Sept 2015	Premium wines samples delivery to FCC		
15-22 Sept 2015	Correspondents choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 1		
Tues – 6 Oct 2015	Committee Meeting	Premium wines / Correspondents choice- Round 1	Champagnes
Wed – 28 Oct 2015	Wine dinner -Basile Guibert of Mas de Daumas Gassac from Languedoc, France Wine. Host: Adrian . Standby Host: Chester		
Wed – 4 Nov 2015	Committee Meeting	German wines workshop	Champagnes
Thurs– 5 Nov 2015	Argentina wine gala, Host: Juliana		
23-27 Nov 2015	Publishers choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 1		

Tues – 1 Dec 2015	Wine Dinner - Marchesi Lamberto Frescobaldi Italian Host: Phil . Standby Host: Tony		
Tuesday – 1 Dec 2015	Committee Meeting		Argentinian wines
26 Dec 2015	Premium Wines Social		
28-31 Dec 2015	Correspondents choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 2		
Tues – 5 Jan 2016	Committee Meeting	Portuguese wines / Port	
25-30 Jan 2016	Publishers choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 2		Portuguese wines
Premium Wines Social - Part II	Wine Dinner - Kings of Piemonte Host: Marcel . Standby Host: Adrian		
26 Jan 2016	Premium Wines Social - Part II		
Tues – 2 Feb 2016	Committee Meeting	Publishers choice- Round 1 & 2 Correspondents choice- Round 1 & 2 review	German & Austrian Wines (to go with CNY menu)
Tues – 1 Mar 2016	Committee Meeting		
21 March 2016	Wine Social: to short-list Correspondents choice – top 3 red & 3 white to be WOM for April		Italian Whites (to go with Asparagus menu)
Tues – 5 Apr 2016	Committee Meeting		
12-15 April 2016	Rose Wines samples delivery		
25 April 2016	Wine Social: to short-list Publishers choice – top 3 red & 3 white to be WOM for May		
April 2016			Correspondents choice – top 3 red & 3 white
Tues – 3 May 2016	Committee Meeting	Choose Rose for July, Aug, Sept WOM	
May 2016	South African wine event / French May event		Publishers choice – top 3 red & 3 white

May / June 2016	Riesling wine dinner		
June / July 2016	New Correspondent & Publishers choice introduced		Rose for July, Aug, Sept

Discussions at BOG meeting:

JL reported that January sales were slightly down from last year, but up compared with the budget. Beverage takeaways had more than doubled. The committee had agreed to hold a special breakfast for Manny Pacquiao’s last fight in Las Vegas.

It had been suggested to hold a weekly media lunch on a Tuesday and a dinner on Wednesday evening. However, it would be confirmed once the Indian chef had returned to work on 17th March after recovering from his injury, but it would probably be held in March or April. NW suggested trying one event and evaluating its success to help review how to use the facilities in the Club. The food menu was being amended with different options and prices, which would be sent out as soon as possible.

It was resolved to accept the report of the F&B committee	
Proposed by TH	Seconded by NG
	Unanimously Accepted

CONSTITUTIONAL

KE reported:

Constitutional Committee
Minutes

Date: 17th February 2016

Time: 6:47 p.m.

Present: Kevin Egan (Chair), Neil Western, Cliff Buddle, Simon Pritchard, Doug Wong, Nick Gentle and Florence de Changy.

Staff: Gilbert Cheng (GM), Joanne Chung

- Business:
1. Meeting called to order.
 2. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.
 3. The outstanding “Policy document” contributors were reminded to comply by next meeting. Time is of the essence here.
 4. The only real topic of discussion was the proposed amendments to the Club’s AoA to incorporate the new disciplinary regime, modelled upon that of the Hong Kong Football Club, as recommended by the Club’s legal adviser Colin Cohen.

5. Much discussion took place and although no unanimity was reached the following principles were “formulated” in the loose sense of the word –
 - (1) that a further amendment to the AoA was to be avoided if at all possible;
 - (2) that since the BOG had the power to create further committees that the BOG should consider the creation of a “Disciplinary Committee” whose task it would be to –
 - (a) formulate policy guidelines and procedures for the processing of disciplinary hearings;
 - (b) to “vet” all incoming complaints to make sure that they were duly processed in accordance with those guidelines;
 - (c) in order to achieve consistency of approach;
 - (3) that the FCC being a club where harmonious, mutual enjoyment of the facilities was the aim it was stressed that at all levels – General Manager, Staff, President, Board Members and member friends of any parties whose behaviour gave rise to the possibility of disciplinary proceedings – the aim should be to resolve such differences by CONCILIATORY means; and
 - (4) that disciplinary proceedings should be the remedy of last resort.
6. The membership of such “Disciplinary Committee” as well as its format to be the subject matter of discussion by the BOG as a whole.
7. The date of next meeting was fixed for Monday, 14th March 2016.
8. There being no other business the meeting stood adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

KE explained the proposed amendment to the Club’s Articles of Association to incorporate the new disciplinary procedure and read it out to the Board. It was hoped that all matters be finalised in a conciliatory fashion with disciplinary measures only used as a last resort.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Constitutional Committee	
Proposed by SP	Seconded by JL
	Unanimously Accepted

JG reported:

Wall Committee Meeting on 16th February 2016

Members attending: Jim Gould, Carsten Schael, Robin Moyer, Becky Gaunt, Nic Gaunt,
Cammy Yiu
Apologies: Bob Davis, Joyce Lau
Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung, Jamie Cheng

1. Current Exhibition

“Fractured State”, by Dominic Nahr. The additional printing cost was approved. A closing cocktail will be scheduled in late February. Two images were selected for the FCC Collection.

2. Upcoming Exhibitions

- 2.1. MAR - Retrospective of HRP A Winners
The prints are in production.
- 2.2. APR - tbc
- 2.3. MAY - Leong Ka Tai “Cuba”
- 2.4. JUN - 2016 HRP A Winners
- 2.5. JUL - tbc
- 2.6. AUG - tbc
- 2.7. SEP - Mr. Niu - “Prison or Miners Series”
- 2.8. OCT - tbc
- 2.9. NOV - tbc
- 2.10. DEC - Pyle

3. Exhibition Proposals

3.1. Fischbeck - “Hong Kong - People of the 1960’s”. The committee approved the proposal for exhibition in April. RM will follow up.

4. Any Other Business

- 4.1. The display case for the Lap Sap Chung figurine is being produced now.
- 4.2. Harry Harrison has not yet delivered the original drawing for the 2014 “Drawing The Line” exhibition. CS will follow up.

5. Date for Next Meeting

Tuesday, 8th March 2016 at 12:30.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

CS reported that the closing cocktail party for Dominic Nahr would be held on 29th February. The Fischbeck “Hong Kong – People in the 1960s” exhibition would be held in April and was anticipated to be a crowd-pleaser. The display case for the Lap Sap Chung figurine was now ready and an unveiling could be arranged.

It was resolved to accept the report from the Wall Committee	
Proposed by NG	Seconded by FDC
	Unanimously Accepted

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NW advised that he would be away 4th to 13th March and TJ should be contacted for any urgent issues with any issues in his absence.

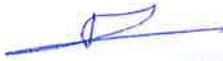
The extra document bundle would be discussed in the next meeting. As TH, TJ and SP couldn't attend the next meeting, TH will submit a report for EP to disseminate to the Board.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

It was resolved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on 19 th March 2016 at 10 a.m.	
Proposed by NG	Seconded by SP
	Unanimously Accepted

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Consent By the Board,


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Authorized Signature

Date ; 19 MAR 2016