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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Journalist Member Governor
Board of Governors 2023-2024**



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It's an honour to run for a third 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 time 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 am passionate about recruiting young journalists to join the club, and selected our Clare Hollingworth Fellows this year. We are actively investing in the future of the industry and our club.

Since our lease has been renewed, the Board will be renovating and upgrading the club facilities to make it a more comfortable place to congregate. We will also launch a search for the new general manager to replace Didier Saugy. As it will take time to find the right person, the Board will work closely with the interim general manager to ensure the club continues to run smoothly.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, it's been wonderful to host numerous sold-out events and overseas visitors at our club again. You can also listen to the speakers in our newly launched podcast, which I helped produced. And we 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 how we steered the club in the last couple of years. And I look forward to serving our community, representing our journalist members, and leading the club from our historic home on Lower Albert Road.

About me: I believe I am the first person from TVB, Hong Kong's flagship broadcaster, to join the Board. An award-winning journalist, I report for TVB Pearl's weekly, prime-time documentary program "Pearl Magazine." And I have spent many years producing business features, most recently with the program "Money Matters." Earlier this year, I received an award for my report on the Shanghai zero Covid lockdowns affecting the global economy.

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.

In addition to Board matters, I am often at the club hosting events in my capacity as the Executive Vice President of the Asian American Journalists Association's Asia chapter and Chair of the Duke Hong Kong alumni association.