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



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Like all of us, I'm delighted that our lease on our historic building has been renewed, and offer my congratulations to the outgoing President and Board for seeing the lease renewal process through.

But it's like the painting the Golden Gate Bridge -- now that we've finished, it's time to pick up our brushes and buckets and start all over again. As of this writing, we've got just over two and half years left on the new lease, and before we know it, we' ll be once again waiting to hear from our landlord about our fate. Over the coming year, we need to develop robust and workable contingency plans.

Post-NSL Hong Kong presents unique challenges to a Club whose central mission is, was, and always should be about supporting the media. The discussions and debates over the form and substance our commitment to press freedom should take have been invaluable. But that commitment remains at our core, and needs to be maintained.

In the near term, we need to rebuild our finances, and -- with some urgency -- we must recruit a new General Manager to lead that process. These are critical immediate priorities. But we must also continue our long-term planning, despite the challenges imposed by a short-term lease.

Among its other interesting clauses, our lease with Government also makes us responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of our historic building. We are therefore obliged to begin some long-discussed renovations, which are likely to be disruptive, time-consuming, and expensive.

Managing these many challenges will require not just a committed Board, but the support of a committed Membership. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Christopher Slaughter was twice elected President of the FCC. He joined the Club in 1991 as a Journalist Member, later became a Correspondent, and is now an Associate Member. He has been elected to the Board in each of those membership categories during his thirty-plus years of FCC Membership. He has most recently been Co-Chairman of House: Building and Maintenance Committee.