



**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2024-2025**



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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Dear FCC members, I am running for re-election after joining the board last October following a by-election to fill a vacant seat.

I welcome the opportunity to serve on the board for a full term, and I hope to continue to contribute to the club's mission of supporting "journalism of the highest standard," defending press freedom, and making the club a welcoming place for all members.

Over the past several months, I have served as the convener of the FCC's Journalism Conference Sub-Committee, scheduled for May 4. The all-day event is returning this year following a five-year gap due to the Covid pandemic. This event is for all members, but we are especially targeting early career journalists in an effort to equip them with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in their work.

I also sit on the FCC Constitutional Committee and the Membership Committee.

If re-elected, I will also join the Professional Committee, which oversees the club's speaker events, film screenings, and other events. These programs are among the most important popular functions of the club. During the two decades in which I have been an FCC member, the club has hosted Hong Kong chief executives, members of the Legislative Council and District Councils, and Hong Kong's last British governor, as well as diplomats, scholars of Chinese history, scientists and researchers, and notable journalists, writers, and filmmakers.

The role that the FCC plays, as a setting for engagement, dialogue and open discourse encompassing a variety of political, economic, social, and cultural issues, is crucial in our current era. At a time when A.I. and social media are rapidly changing the form and flow of information, organizations like the FCC provide a necessary space for thoughtful dialogue for policymakers, businesspeople, public figures, the general public, and journalists.

I also support the FCC's determination and dedication in adding young journalists to its membership, particularly with its outreach programs and its lower membership rates and monthly fees, without which many would find joining cost-prohibitive. The club regularly holds events for early career journalists and encourages them to join.

**BIO:**

I am a staff editor at The New York Times international edition. I moved to Hong Kong from California in 1993 to work as an editor at The Asian Wall Street Journal and have lived here for most of the past 31 years. After I left the WSJ in 2015, I spent several years with Nikkei Asia in Hong Kong. In between full-time positions, I have written freelance for the BBC, Al Jazeera and other publications.

In the early 2000s, I spent roughly 18 months with The WSJ in New York. In 2002, my colleagues and I shared a Pulitzer Prize in breaking news for our coverage of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

I have a master degree in journalism from HKU (2022). Last year, I participated in a six-month study program with the Oxford Climate Journalism Network.

I have been a member of the FCC since 2003.