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



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As a young hack, one of the maxims I was encouraged to live by was “Love your deadline.” And while it’s not exactly as though there is a ticking clock at the FCC, we definitely have an deadline in sight – our lease at this iconic site will be up again at the end of next year.

In the meantime, we’ve got a lot of work to do.

We’ve recently welcomed David Brightling as our new GM, and not only is he tasked with leading our outstanding staff (best anywhere, by the way!), but he’s also charged with restocking our membership larder, putting the house back in order, and helping manage our finances for the future. Should you return me to the Board, I’ll do everything I can to help him with these and the many other tasks that come with his management role.

We’re hip-deep in preparations for exterior renovations that are not only quite expensive, but have also been a long time coming – and the scaffolding will be up before you know it. I’ve been quite involved in the planning process for this project through the Building and Maintenance Committee, and if re-elected, I would continue to make that Committee’s work one of my priorities.

I’m quite sure it’s going to be a year of challenges ahead with regard to our core mission of supporting the media. Crafting our public statements of late has taken a lot of discussion and required tremendous delicacy, but we’ve managed to both state our case and manage the complex environment in which we operate. That process of balancing what we *want* to say with what we *can* say isn’t going to get any easier, and if I’m elected, I’ll add my perspective to the debate.

And while I’m asking you to return me as one of the Board’s Associate representatives, perhaps unsurprisingly, I have strong views about all our Membership categories. We’re long overdue for some rectifications, but even though it makes me sound like the grumpy old man at the table, I think any future-proofing we engage in also needs to fully respect our legacy.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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 most recently been Co-Chairman of House: Building and Maintenance Committee.