

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

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What a great time to be at the FCC: A strong set of new members are joining, the events calendar is packed, we have an outstanding new General Manager in David Brightling and the Main Bar is buzzing every night of the week. We've come so far after the challenges of the past few years, and I look forward to building on that to help the Club reach even greater success.

As First Vice-President for the past year and a bit, I've been focused largely on building our membership, with a special emphasis on early-career journalists. Our open house nights for aspiring journalists or those who are just starting out in the field have been a real highlight and a promising source for the next generation of Club members.

In addition, I served as co-convenor of our Professional Committee, helping to organize and frequently hosting our engaging program of Club Lunches and other events including the Club's upcoming journalism conference, which is returning in May for the first time since before the pandemic. I also helped launch the Club's podcast (available at <u>fcchk.org</u> and on Apple, Spotify and other platforms), worked with our Clare Hollingworth Fellows, and supported the important work of the Press Freedom Committee.

In the next year I'd like to continue membership work especially, working on recruitment and making sure our members know all the different ways they can get more involved in the Club. I think it's also time for a thoughtful look at our membership categories and structure to make sure they reflect changes in journalism and make the Club accessible to the most vibrant, diverse membership possible.

I'm also still interested in establishing a mentorship program matching members in journalism and other fields, as well as creating opportunities for journalists to learn from senior professionals through "Meet the Editor"-type events.

About me: As Asia digital editor at NBC News, I coordinate coverage of Asia news for NBCNews.com. Before that, I spent 10 years as an editor at The New York Times, all in Hong Kong, where I also attended HKU's graduate journalism program. I'm originally from Arizona.

I was a Correspondent Governor from 2017-2019 and have been back on the Board as a Correspondent Governor or First Vice-President since 2021.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you soon at the Club!