Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Second Vice President
Board of Governors 2016-2017

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Being FCC Treasurer this past year has probably not won me many popularity contests. What with the silver membership debate, rethinking the evolution of our charity activities and putting in place plans to secure our financial future, it’s been a challenging year. Rent and running costs continue to rise but our membership numbers remain capped, so we have had to face the unpalatable fact that the FCC’s future in this wonderful location cannot be taken for granted. If we want a secure future here in Ice House Street, we need to make long term provision now.

Many key issues came to a head this past year, and I have been happy to help steer the debate on matters which affect our long term financial health, way beyond when I am no longer involved.

I now seek your support for the position of Second Vice President. I believe we need first hand business experience to ensure that the Club can continue to play its pivotal role as a world-famous media centre and important social hub, whilst remaining the much loved ‘home from home’ for our members.

The lively debate on term limits showed an appetite for new faces on the Board and real competition in Club elections. By choosing to run for Second VP this time, I have vacated one of the four Associate seats and ensured a contest for Second VP.

The membership consultation on our finances showed just how much people care about the FCC and I certainly count myself amongst that number. Whilst we are tackling the bigger issues, we still need to ‘sweat the small stuff’ and my active involvement in both the House and Membership committees means that we have been able to link the financial needs of the Club with the discussions about our facilities and the make up of our membership.

Looking to the future, I believe passionately that the FCC must keep its reputation for diversity and good value, so that we continue to be the ‘go to’ place for the media and the broadest possible group of Associates. That requires good housekeeping and attention to budgeting, expenditure and revenue. The views of our membership on how to make this happen are paramount and I have put in considerable time and effort to canvas, discuss and represent those views.

We are also embracing our role as responsible corporate citizens. To this end, exciting plans are afoot to ramp up our community outreach and charity activities. I am committed to taking an active role in this and if elected, I pledge to make the FCC contribution to local society a big success, not just in terms of impact, but also in terms of welcoming all members of the club who are keen to get involved.

I hope I can rely on your support.

Tim Huxley is the CEO of shipowner Wah Kwong Maritime Transport and the Chairman and founder of Mandarin Shipping Limited. He is a Director of the One Sky Foundation, which provides innovative child welfare throughout China and is the Chairman of the HK Port Welfare Committee.