

Date: April 11, 2025
 To: Board of Directors
 From: Wayne Hunter, General Manager
 Subject: FPIJ Financial Support

Motion	
TBD.	
Objective	
To determine whether FPIJ members who are not FCCJ members should be charged a fee to help offset club costs.	
Background	
<p>The FCCJ has borne the cost of administration for the FPIJ since the FPIJ was founded in 1964. Of the approximate 130 FPIJ Members, just 25% are FCCJ Members and therefore contributing through monthly dues towards the cost of staff time and other expenses incurred for FPIJ. Staff time is estimated at between a half to a full individual's time/salary every month. Other costs include transportation to attend advance briefings and to pick up materials, documents and tickets etc., making copies of documents etc.</p> <p>FCCJ BYLAWS Paragraph 18-1 The Club will act as patron and sponsor of the Foreign Press in Japan hereafter the FPIJ and give it all reasonable and necessary support.</p> <p>Paragraph 18-2 1. The Club's support of FPIJ shall include the following: a. The FPIJ may use Club premises as its headquarters and may have reasonable use of Club facilities for meetings, mail, reception, and distribution of notices, telephone service, office work, and logistical support, as well as a reserved place on the Club's bulletin board. b. The Club will pay reasonable stationery, reproduction, postage, and similar charges incurred by the FPIJ on behalf of its membership, subject to Board approval.</p> <p>2. The Club reserves the right to require individual FPIJ members who are not FCCJ members to pay a reasonable fee to defray the Club's FPIJ-related expenses.</p> <p>3. For liaison purposes, the President of the Club and the Chair(s) of the Club's Professional Activities Committee are ex-officio officers of the FPIJ.</p> <p>Paragraph 18-3 However, the Club shall have no control over, nor be liable for any act of, the FPIJ or its elected officers or members as such. Should questions arise involving relations between the Club and the FPIJ, the decision of the Club Board shall be final.</p> <p>Paragraph 18-4 As provided for in Article 5 of the Articles, the Club shall not act as a regulating or allocating agency for any form of news or press coverage or access to news outside the Club premises. All such matters shall be referred to Regular members and the FPIJ.</p>	
Pros & Cons	
<p>PROS: ➤ Reduces the cost to the club associated with the administration of the FPIJ.</p> <p>CONS: ➤ FPIJ members who are not FCCJ members may resign from the FPIJ.</p>	

Financial impact				
As determined by the FCCJ Board.				
RACI Matrix	Responsibility	Authority	Consult	Inform
	Management	Board of Directors	FPIJ Officers	FPIJ Members
Consult Committee & Date	Comment:			