

公益社団法人 日本外国特派員協会

## **The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan**

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### **FCCJ ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**6:30 p.m. June 29, Thursday, 2023**

**We are still accepting nomination for Kanji among Regular members**

**Our absolute deadline would be when voting begins in five days, if the board is able to persuade anyone to run.**

Dear FCCJ Regular Members,

I hope this message finds you well. A new election for the board, kanji and other matters is upon us again. This letter is the formal notice that a **General Meeting of Regular Members will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023** in accordance with Article 16 of the Articles of Association. A complimentary dinner will be served from 6:30pm and the meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. Your participation and votes will determine the smooth running of the club, so please pay attention!

#### **The agenda for the meeting will be:**

1. Report by the treasurer
2. Resolution to approve Annual Report on the General Welfare of the Club and Annual Financial Report including Balance Sheet, Revenue & Expenditure Statements and Register of Assets for FY 2022 (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)
3. Amendment Bylaws (Paragraph 9-5-3)
4. Report by the Kanji
5. Election of Directors and Kanji

Please find attached documents for details.

As always, it is critically important that at least half of the Regular Membership takes part in the voting process for the General Membership meeting to reach a quorum. The FCCJ has had repeated problems establishing this threshold, which requires us to hold additional elections and causes disruptive delays to the business of the club.

Whether or not you attend the meeting, you can participate by:

- a. Voting online: the club has transitioned almost entirely to a web-based ballot. On Monday, June 19, you will receive an email from "FCCJ" with the subject line "Vote now: FCCJ Annual Membership Meeting June 29" from electionbuddy.com. This email will contain a link to your own personal ballot page, which will list all of the candidates and other items for the election. This is by far the quickest and easiest way to vote. Make your choices, click "Submit" and that's it, you're done.
- b. Filling out the ballot by email, fax, post or in person in advance of the meeting (do not vote by any of these methods if you have voted online!).
- c. Assigning a Proxy to another Regular Member or to the Chair of the meeting. NOTE: Proxies cannot be used to vote for candidates in Board Elections.

Absentee Ballot Sheet/Proxy statements should be sent to [gmm2023@fccj.or.jp](mailto:gmm2023@fccj.or.jp)

The board for the 2023-24 term will consist of 6 directors from among Regular Members and 3 directors from among Professional/Journalist Associate Members. The kanji among Regular members for the 2023-25 term will consist of 1 kanji from among Regular Members. In accordance with the club's by-laws, those with the largest number of majority votes will be chosen, although you may vote for up to 8 Regular Member candidates and 4 Associate Member candidates for Directors and 1 Regular Member candidate for Kanji.

To reiterate, we need at least one-half of the Regular membership to participate for the meeting to reach a quorum. *The best way to achieve this quickly and efficiently is by voting online.* Please make every effort to attend the meeting, vote online or send either your Absentee Ballot or Proxy Statement by fax (03-3201-0677), or e-mail to [gmm2023@fccj.or.jp](mailto:gmm2023@fccj.or.jp)

Best regards,

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