

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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### VOTE & PARTICIPATE!

#### **FCCJ Extraordinary General Membership Meeting for second run-off vote 7 pm, Monday, Aug, 22, 2022**

To all Regular Members:

We are holding a third election this summer, two weeks from now, to install a board of directors, because not enough candidates have yet collected sufficient votes to install a full board.

The shift to online voting has streamlined our elections, made it easier to cast ballots and achieve a quorum. That's the good news. The bad news is that directors aren't winning enough votes. It's easy to debate the reasons why, but what we need from you, as you cast your vote, is to keep in mind that we need a full board of directors to ensure the smooth running of the club.

This means that all candidates should proactively campaign to set forth their views and attract votes. This means that all voters should proactively seek to install a board. Volunteering for the board is a significant time commitment; so please do your best to acknowledge their willingness to serve and vote accordingly.

The Agenda is as follows:

#### **(1) Election of Directors (1 from among regular member candidates, 2 from among associate member candidates)**

We urge you to get involved, either by attending in person or submitting an absentee ballot. As you may already be aware, if we fail again to choose enough candidates, yet another run-off election will have to be held. Please vote with this in mind!

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

A. Voting online: the club has transitioned to a web-based ballot. You will receive on Aug. 12 an email from "FCCJ" with the subject line "Vote now: FCCJ Extraordinary General Membership Meeting run-off election Aug. 22" from [electionbuddy.com](http://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. Request a ballot to fill out to submit via 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 [gmm2022@fccj.or.jp](mailto:gmm2022@fccj.or.jp)

The board for the 2022-23 term will consist of 6 directors from among Regular Members and 3 directors from among Professional/Journalist Associate Members. In accordance with the club's by-laws, those with the largest number of majority votes will be chosen.

The club's leadership and election committee urges everyone to participate in the voting process. Otherwise, the FCCJ will be stuck in a Forever Election!

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 [gmm2022@fccj.or.jp](mailto:gmm2022@fccj.or.jp)

Best regards,

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