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FCCJ 2026 Election Nomination Process

Dear Regular Members,

This notice is as an official invitation to Regular members of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan to stand for election to serve as Directors on the Club's Board of Directors. This is the thirteenth election under the Club's status as a Koeki Shadan Hojin organization. Procedures are laid out as below:

A Regular member wishing to nominate herself/himself should send an e-mail with name, affiliation, and current job title to the Election Committee (gmm2026@fccj.or.jp) stating their intention to run for election to the Board **no later than noon on Wednesday, June 3rd.**

Any member running has to have been a member of the Club for at least one year. Per our bylaws (10-09), candidates must "show proof of their employment or journalism work."

Nominees must include the names of two Regular members who support their nomination. The two Regular members are also required to separately e-mail the Election Committee confirming their support of the candidate.

Regular members are allocated six Director positions on the Board. In addition, Associate and Professional Associate members are allocated three Director positions and one Kanji position.

Any tie in votes will be decided by cumulative length of time of Club membership. For example, in the event of a tie between a person with 10 years of cumulative membership and a member with 11 years of cumulative membership, the latter wins.

Beside the six Director positions, a further two Board positions will be assigned to the two Regular members in the election who come in at seventh and eighth place in number of votes. These two members will act as alternate Directors to replace Directors who cannot complete their term(s) of office.

The term of office for a Director is one (1) year. Under Koeki Shadan Hojin status, those elected will be appointed "Directors" on the Board, not as "Officers".

The Directors shall select the Club's President and Vice President(s) from among the Regular member Directors on the Board.

As with previous elections, nominees are encouraged to write a platform statement. The statement is limited to one (1) A4 page, one side only, and should be sent to the Election Committee at the e-mail given above. The Election Committee will arrange for the statements to be posted on the FCCJ website, displayed on FCCJ premises and sent out to members.

All questions are welcome.

Thank you.

Election Committee