



Candidate name	Position Elect	Status	Proposer	Second
LEVIN, Martha (F-0032) Ref# CM-01	Chair	Re-election	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)	BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027)



I am running for another term as chair so we can build on the significant momentum we've established over the past year. Our goal is clear: to position ourselves as Hong Kong's top oceanfront venue for families and food and beverage, as well as being the leading ocean water sports club.

We now have an effective General Manager and a solid team in place, we've tackled many of our immediate legal requirements including addressing our land lease issues and can transition from being reactive to a more proactive strategy that will enable us to thoughtfully plan for future improvements.

We must enhance our programs and services, develop junior programs, and make continued upgrades to our facilities such as the EMB kitchen and clubhouse and making our premises more environmentally friendly. These actions are essential to delivering the club that members expect: a vibrant family-oriented space for socializing and relaxation and a dynamic and competitive sporting club. We need to balance this with continued and stringent focus on our fiscal sustainability, given the expected financial burden that 2027 will bring.

As your incumbent chair, I am determined to bring our club to the next level. If elected, I pledge my unwavering commitment to collaborate with the GC and GM team, and you, the members, to successfully achieve this vision.



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BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027) Ref# DC-01	Deputy Chair	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



I became a member of the VRC in 2008 and since then have been actively involved in water sports including surf ski paddling, outrigger paddling and coaching. I am also the owner of a global boutique design company that specializes in creating customized in-room accessories for luxury hotels.

This past year, my second term on the GC, I served as the Deputy Chair, supporting the Chair and providing general assistance wherever needed. I collaborated with GC members to achieve the club's overall goals by ensuring that we listen to our members. I was also responsible for adjudicating the rare disputes that occur in any Club of this size.

If elected, I hope to continue working with the Chair and the GC bringing up the level of the VRC as a club for families, a place where members can socialize and relax with friends and a competitive sporting club. I am passionate about upholding the Club's mission to become the premier ocean water sports club in Hong Kong. To me, this means promoting elite performance in all sports offered by the club, further developing our youth program, and creating an inclusive environment where individuals of all cultures and backgrounds, regardless of age, can enjoy everything the club has to offer.



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ARBOIT, Bruno (A-0050) Ref# HT-01	Hon Treasurer	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027)



I am a proactive member and supporter of the VRC paddling community, with my respective firms having been the principal sponsor of the VRC Race Series for the last nine years. I am also the current Treasurer of the VRC. As a qualified chartered accountant with considerable experience in owning and operating various businesses. I consider I can continue to make a worthwhile contribution as an active member of the VRC committee.

By way of background, I am a managing director in the Hong Kong office of Kroll, a global business advisory firm. I began my accountancy career in Australia and have lived and worked in Hong Kong over 26 years.



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BENNETT, Nichole (Niki) (A-0026) Ref# HS-01	Hon Secretary	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



I have been a Hong Kong resident for 24 years and a VRC member for 16 of those years. I initially joined the VRC as a Hong Kong Island Paddle Club dragon boat paddler and now enjoy the VRC with family and friends, relaxing and socialising in the dual sanctuaries. After the many years of participating in various sporting and leisure activities, I welcome the opportunity to give back to the VRC as Secretary. If elected, I feel I can support the team and the many projects and initiatives that will benefit our Club as a whole.

During my past career as an IT Business Analyst in Investment Banks, I developed my listening skills and successfully brought together strong and varied client perspectives, fostering cooperation and ways of working to deliver results and meet goals in a timely yet respectful manner.

I treasure the stunning physical beauty and views of both VRC clubhouses, and their landscapes and I am passionate about their maintenance and developing club leisure and sporting experiences for current and future VRC members.

The VRC has a special place in my heart, and I will contribute on behalf of our members and community to incorporate inclusivity, good governance, safety and service.



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BACON, James (B-0069) Ref# GC-01	General Committee	New Nominee	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027)



I have 18+ years' experience in Marketing, Sales & Operations for Automotive brands such as BMW and Nissan. Originally from the UK, I moved to HK in 2013 and developed a passion for Dragon Boating, representing Great Britain at the World Championships.

I joined VRC paddle section in 2017 and quickly became a club member. On weekends I enjoy creating happy memories with my wife and two young children at Emerald Bay, and weekday mornings I paddle my OC1 out of Deepwater Bay.

Following on from the great work and improvements by the current Chair and GC I hope to support the club by using my marketing and sales operations skills to further enhance its revenue organically by growing membership, encouraging increased utilization and expenditure on F&B. My aim is to improve profitability and create an ongoing sustainable business model (and to avoid fee increases where possible).

I would also like to grow our relationships with our current reciprocal clubs and explore additional reciprocal opportunities in Hong Kong and overseas.

As both a family user and paddler of the club I can provide a balanced view of members' needs. Please seek me out with your ideas and requests!



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CHIU, William Chi Fai (C-0244) Ref# GC-02	General Committee	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



As a member, I use the Emerald Bay clubhouse as a base for my paddling activities, a hideout for remote working and a place to inspire my young children to love nature and water sports. I do not take these privileges for granted and want to work with the GC to protect what we have, but also to build an even better Club for all of us. I want to run for election to the GC and join the successful team and pledge to:

- Ensure that our Club is family-friendly with great service for all members and with sport/recreational activities that appeal to everyone;
- Develop the Club as a socially and environmentally responsible member of the wider community, through carrying out sustainable practices and supporting HK's sports development;
- Enhance membership communication and build a participatory and transparent culture where members have a strong sense of belonging.

Professionally, my experience in running philanthropic projects with HSBC and HK Jockey Club enable me to help the Club build stronger community relationships and drive members participation in services.



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CAMERON-HUFF, Sally (C-0247) Ref# GC-03	General Committee	New Nominee	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



As an outdoor enthusiast, recreational paddling is one of my favorite pastimes; as early as I can remember I have been on the water; portaging between lakes in Northern Canada, paddling in Washington’s San Juan Islands, and, after moving to Hong Kong nearly ten years ago, exploring Hong Kong waters. I was fortunate to translate my passion for the natural world into my professional life; working as a geologist and educator has instilled in me a deep appreciation for the natural world. As a GC member, preserving the club’s natural atmosphere is a priority.

As a GC member I am committed to promoting the club’s mission to ‘become Hong Kong’s premier ocean sports club’. To me, this means supporting elite sporting sections alongside recreational activities. During my time as a member, I have participated in numerous introductory courses and appreciate the many recreational sports and activity offerings. If elected, I will focus on promoting family and youth activities; ensuring that our club remains a welcoming outdoor recreation space encourages involvement.

I feel fortunate I am able to enjoy the stunning surroundings of our Clubhouses and I look forward to working with the GC team to preserve our unique sport and recreation space.



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DI CLEMENTE, Vicente (D-0064) Ref# GC-04	General Committee	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



I joined the VRC in 2018 where I discovered my passion for paddling and fast became an active member of the paddling community. I contributed to the Paddle Section EC as Boat Master and Captain for several years, and I have represented the Club in local and international competitions at top levels, including winning ATIR, the premier local outrigger race, in 2021 and 2022. In 2023, I continued to manage the VRC race series, a monthly small craft race with up to 100 participants per race that has become the mainstay race for Hong Kong paddlers and a source of revenue and recognition for the Club.

Professionally, I am a Financial Engineer with 20+ years of experience and have worked on the Equity Derivative desk for Citibank for seven years. I hold a PhD in High Energy Physics with a Research tenure in Oxford, UK. I have lived in HK for 12 years.

If elected, I look forward to expanding the status of the club as the best water sports club in HK and hope to draw international recognition and expand the fame of the club beyond HK. When not paddling, I enjoy leisure time at both Clubhouses, eating and relaxing with friends.



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LOH, Mee Fun Josephine (L-0162) Ref# GC-05	General Committee	New Nominee	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



I am LOH Mee Fun Josephine and I joined the Victoria Recreation Club in 2010, partly due to my wedding party and also to participate in water sports.

I am now a retiree, but I worked in China for the last 20+ years in the fitness and beauty industry, mainly in marketing and operations roles.

My family is based in Hong Kong and I have relatives in Vancouver, Singapore and Malaysia and often travel to these places.

But I always look forward to returning to Deep Water Bay where I regularly swim and relax on the iconic balcony with the good VRC food and drink. I also enjoy BBQs parties and hotpot dinners with family and friends.

I was invited to join the General Committee as an ad hoc member several months ago and I am interested in being voted onto the GC so I can work with this team and continue to help build on the many improvements made this year.



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POULIOT, Bernard (P-0068) Ref# GC-06	General Committee	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027)



I have been a member of the Club since the early 80's and am impressed with the quality of the Club in the recent year and the enthusiasm from new members to join.

Having been on the GC for the last year, I can see the improvements that have happened and the degree of dedication from the GC committee members.

Still much needs to be done and therefore I seek a new term on the GC.

We will need to address the issues of funding as all our facilities are getting older and need more tender loving care and thus money!

We need to further activate the social activities of the Club and get closer to the community.

Our assets are under-utilised, and it is strongly suggested that, in the downtime, we make available some of the facilities to our surrounding schools/NGO's.

So much needs to be done but certainly much progress has been achieved in the last year and thus continuity is essential in keeping the Club vibrant and attractive to our membership.

I hope to be part of these changes...if you elect me.



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TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061) Ref# GC-07	General Committee	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027)



Hello, fellow members of the Victoria Recreation Club! My name is Vlad Tanasescu and I am excited to be a candidate for the General Committee for a second year. For the past seven years, I have been a proud member of the VRC and have developed a deep passion for our community and the sports we celebrate together. I have had the privilege of organizing and racing in various events, including the signature Deepwater Bay Regatta and the South Side Challenge. I am driven by a vision to enhance our club's sporting activities and aim to introduce new events, streamline our existing races, and create an environment where everyone regardless of age or skill, feels encouraged to participate and excel. I believe that together, we can elevate the VRC to new heights, making it a vibrant hub for sports and community spirit. When not racing or organizing races you can find me at either DWB or EMB enjoying the facilities, indulging in the VRC new food options or cooking up a BBQ feast with friends. I would be honoured to serve on the GC and contribute to the continued success of our beloved club. Thank you for your support!



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WU, Gary Tsz Kei (W-0135) Ref# GC-08	General Committee	Re-election	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	BAEHR, Tatjana (B-0027)



My name is Gary T.K. Wu. Join VRC since year 2008, I am dedicated with the VRC sport session including paddling and swimming. I spend more time in VRC than any other hobby I have in 16 years. VRC are big family to me and I am so much enjoying here. I joined the GC on last year 2023, help and give advance as a team of GC to both DWB and EMB sites. I mainly in charge of new membership interviews. As many members can see, the VRC are now improved a lot and we are in the right track. I am manufactory factory owner and an active member of Chinese Manufacturers Association of HK. My social networking may help the connection to Government and many organizations. Please vote for me and I can be able to continuously contribute to VRC.

親愛的VRC會員,

我的名字是 Gary T.K. Wu。自 2008 年加入 VRC 以來,我專注於 VRC 運動,包括划船和游泳。我在 VRC 上花費的時間比這 16 年裡我的任何其他愛好都多。VRC 對我來說是大家庭,我在這裡非常享受。我於去年 2023 年加入 GC,作為 GC 團隊幫助並推進 DWB 和 EMB 網站。我主要負責新會員面試。正如許多成員所看到的,VRC 現在有了很大的改進,我們正走在正確的軌道上。我是工廠的老闆,也是香港中華廠商聯合會的活躍會員。我的社交網路可能有助於與政府和許多組織建立聯繫。請為我投票,我可以繼續為VRC做出貢獻。



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PEÑALOZA, Philip O. (P-0101) Ref# GC-09	General Committee	New Nominee	LEVIN, Martha (F-0032)	TANASESCU, Vlad Andrei (T-0061)



I wish to contribute to VRC my experience in finance and sports administration. I was previously HK Triathlon Association, president and executive committee member, 2006-2012; Asian Paratriathlon committee chair 2010-2012; RHKYC sailing & racing member, 2007-2020; USA Masters Swimming & USA Triathlon member 1997-2007. VRC has two HK gold medalists para athlete members: A.J. Samuel (paraplegic, triathlon & rowing), and Benny Chu (vision impaired, triathlon), both were introduced and proposed to VRC by me. I'm also investment manager and banker and can help in the Club's finance and investments committee. In my spare time, I enjoy swimming in the clear waters of DWB, and enjoy the environment of the Clubhouse.