

# SHANGHAI BOARD ELECTION 2020

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Dear Members.

Every two years, the German Chamber of Commerce in China | Shanghai renews its leadership by electing a new Board of Directors. As we approach the 2020 elections, 14 outstanding individuals from various industries and backgrounds have presented their candidacy as board members this year. Today, it is my pleasure to present you with this brochure, containing the necessary information for you to reach an informed decision on the composition of the future Board of Directors of our organization.

In order to cast your vote, you will have the option to either vote online; vote in person during the General Meeting on 21 May 2020; or vote by assigning a proxy to do so on your behalf. As stipulated in our Statutes, the Board of Directors will serve a two-year term. Among the nominees, eight will be elected directly; an additional member of the Board is the Delegate of German Industry and Commerce, who will serve as the Executive Director of the German Chamber Shanghai. The newly elected Board will then assign a Chairperson of the Board, a Vice-Chair, a Treasurer, and if necessary – other elected representatives.

A seat on the Board is a prestigious opportunity to provide leadership and expertise to the German community, and to make significant contributions to the future of the GCC and of the Sino-German business relations. I hope you will use this brochure and the candidate videos as a resource to acquaint yourself with the candidates.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the current Board of

Directors for their commitment, trust, and fruitful cooperation. Their tireless efforts in ensuring that our organization supports Sino-German and international business ties, especially in times like these, have helped our organization to be strongly recognized in China, Germany, Europe and across the worldwide AHK network as an essential contributor to Sino-German economic relations.



In closing, I encourage you, dear members, to make use of your right to vote. Your voice and vote are an invaluable resource for us.

Thank you for your support of the German Chamber network.





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#### **Martin Broda**

Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg, Shanghai Representative Office

#### Position

Chief Representative – Head of China

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

China is at a crossroads in its development, re-balancing its economy. At the same time, competition by increasingly dynamic and technologically-advanced domestic competitors is further taking off. However, I am convinced that the fruitful cooperation of China and Germany will continue to grow. New opportunities may arise out of industries across "Industrie 4.0" with significant complementarity to China's objectives under "China 2025", the service sector, and other selected growth areas such as medical and environmental technologies.

My vision for the role of the Chamber is that of an "enabler": a strong platform for the analysis and realization of market opportunities, matching relevant business contacts, offering guiding principles and orientation, as well as a basis for the systematic and speedy exchange of information and experiences across all relevant industries.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

With 20 years of international professional experience in Corporate Banking, and an additional nearly seven years of financial advisory expertise with KPMG, I can offer extensive 'Know-How' on financing, financial markets, and financial advisory for SMEs and multinational clients. From 2013 to 2016,

I held the position of General Manager of Commerzbank Beijing Branch and joint Country CEO China, being responsible for the bank's operations in Northwest China.

I have continuously held several honorary positions, sharing my expertise and professional network with the represented bodies. In Beijing, I had the great honor to be elected for two terms as Member of the Board and Treasurer of the German Chamber, as well as German National Representative in the Supervisory Board of the European Chamber.

Since May 2019, I've been serving as the Chief Representative and Head of China of LBBW; as such, I am responsible for the current activities and particularly for the intended expansion of the bank's presence in the country.

For a successful representation of the interests of the Members of the German Chamber, I would wish for the Board to cover all relevant aspects of the successful operations of their Members; I trust that my background will add value at a time of significant change in the business environment, particularly with further liberalization of the financial markets in China.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

Moving things forward and working with motivated people across

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

China has grown over the past three decades into a powerful economy, playing a significant role in the German industry. With its constant growth, China is predicted to account for over 50 percent of global chemical sales by 2030. These amounts to massive numbers, considering that chemicals are the building What motivates you in your daily work life? blocks of manufacturing. I strongly believe that the more mature and globalized the Chinese market will become, the more essential an effective public advocacy will be for German companies - and the role of the German Chamber as our representative will become all the more important.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

I grew up in Shanghai, and have studied and worked in the US for two decades. I have later spent ten years living and working in Italy, the Netherlands, and Germany. In 2012, I repatriated to China in order to take on the role of CEO Greater China for LANXESS, and by 2018 I accepted additional responsibilities as president of the Asia-Pacific region. Over the course of these years, I have been involved in licensing and overseeing business operations. I have learned English and German alongside my native Chinese. But let's not dwell on the dry facts: what I want to express by listing the stations of my life is that, aside from all

my experiences in the business world, I see myself as having an international identity with a strong understanding of China and Germany. Therefore, I believe I can make a real contribution to the Chamber's success by being an advocate for Germany and its industries here in China.

I am a curious person by nature. Contributing to the growth of our organization in China fills me with pleasure, for several reasons: firstly, I believe that one of the most important responsibilities of a leader is to make his or her people successful - and growing our operation goes hand in hand with our employees' personal growth; secondly, I believe in LANXESS and enjoy contributing to its successes; last but not least, by bringing high-quality solutions to China, we support the country in its development, and help improve the standard of living for many people.



**Ming Cheng Chien** 

Company LANXESS Chemical (China) Co., Ltd.

Position President Asia-Pacific Region



#### Clas Neumann

Company SAP China Co., Ltd.

#### **Position**

Senior Vice President, Head of Global SAP Labs Network, Head of Fast Growth Market Strateav Group

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

The German Chamber in Shanghai should help its members from businesses of all sizes to succeed in China through advocacy. information, networking, and support. The Chamber should provide a cooperative framework for government-to-government interaction with industry participation.

The German Chamber should be a platform for dialogue and the source of reliable information on business conditions in China. It should participate in discussions with government associations on regulators and policies, and collaborate on issues of mutual benefit to its members, as well as strengthen the bilateral Sino-German relationship. The Coronavirus situation has just shown how valuable this network is - many companies contributed and everyone benefited from the Webinars, discussion rounds, and information in WeChat groups managed by the Chamber.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

I have been working my entire professional life in the area of IT, focusing on China and other Asian countries for the past 20 years. China's main challenge - and opportunity alike - is the digital economy, which is not only creating new, powerful technology companies in China but also fundamentally changes

many other sectors, such as automotive and manufacturing. I believe my experience with SAP, as one of the key drivers of this change, will help to bring an additional focus on topics like the Industrial Internet in China, opportunities in Industry 4.0, and the challenges/regulations in the area of cybersecurity. I trust that this will benefit all members of the business community alike.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

What inspires me is working with teams in China and across the globe and generating new ideas with them. In my line of work, success means that something has changed - for example, in the way we got access to a new market or by developing a new product - that solves customers a problem in a better way than before. It is all about escaping routine, trying to include many different and diverse views and making decisions that really change something - and ultimately improve somebody's life somewhere. This also connects to social engagement - where I provide my experience and expertise to a variety of projects.

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

My - or our - vision for the Sino-German business relations is that we strengthen the cooperation between the German companies located in China and increase the social activities for German and the Industry." Our vision is to strengthen the partnership between German companies in different provinces (Yangtze River Delta Germany and deepen the cooperation and business relationship and industry. with Taicang companies.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

Out of 23 years of work experience, I have over 20 years' experience working in China. I have been living in China for the past seven years, serving as General Manager for special machinery companies from Germany in China. I have had my own company as a consultant and served in times of interim management, as well as turnaround management. I have also served as chairman of the TRT for two years. Due to these roles, I had regular interaction with government officials, and know the problems German companies face in China.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

First of all, my family motivates me in my daily life, which in turn supports me also in my daily work life. Other motivational forces include the company's success and the measures we could take to make the company more successful and efficient. international companies with events such as "The Long Night of A further motivation is the winning of tender contracts to bring the company forward in the market. Finally, I am motivated by the development in China, where things are always moving Integration) and support in the execution of position papers in and improving, and where our contribution as an automation 2020. Finally, we hope to strengthen and deepen the cooperation company helps increase the efficiency of our Chinese customers. between AHK and Taicang City as well as in between China and We wish to be one of the leading companies in our specific area



Sven O. Otten

Company Tünkers (Jiangsu) Automation Technology Co., Ltd.

Position General Manager



#### **Veli Polat**

Company Lufthansa German Airlines

Position Senior Director Sales Greater

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

Every day, I witness China progressing in business, innovation, and IoT at such a high pace - whereas Germany lacks the understanding of these dynamics. I am a strong believer in communities, be it social or professional, and believe that joint power and solidarity will help us close these gaps together. Every single German business in China, from small to big, counts - and contributes to the German business community. I am confident that only with a strong German Chamber of Commerce can we truly raise awareness in China. I want to work towards this goal as a board member and help share the "pain" so we can celebrate the "gain" together.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

In 2019 I completed my 25th year with Lufthansa, out of which 20 years were spent working abroad in various management roles. My experience in six different countries with diverse cultures and different levels of market maturity allows me to view the events and dynamics in China thoroughly and professionally. Through my job at Lufthansa, I am closely connected with the German business community and work closely with leading figures in the

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

The biggest motivation for me is the power and ability to create and change things. I choose to question the status quo and look for ways to make processes and solutions different and better. I see myself as a creator rather than an administrator.

Chinese business sphere.

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

The Chamber has the challenge of being and remaining relevant and provide added value for its members in a society and country that is increasingly complex and dynamic.

The Chamber will become an increasingly important conduit and facilitator between German business and local, provincial and national governments, as well as between German and Chinese governments, on relevant issues. This is in an environment where the historically favorable relationships between German and Chinese companies in various long-standing joint ventures are likely to become more complex due to the rise and promotion of Chinese "Champions."

Digitization of the Chamber's processes and interfaces with its various stakeholders should be an important agenda item for the next few years.

The ongoing trade dispute - and the resultant business tension between the US and China - presents a set of potential opportunities for German businesses in China. The Chamber should work with its members to identify and unlock these opportunities.

Finally, the German Chamber should aspire to be regarded as the benchmark for business chambers in China.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

I was born in South Africa and am a qualified Chartered Accountant. I have been working for the VW Group for the past 20 years, serving as a Group Senior Manager. I served on the finance board for ten years in South Africa and Brazil and as President and CEO for the last 11 years in South Africa and South America

I have lived and worked in South Africa, Germany, Brazil, and now China at a Senior Executive level, acquiring extensive global and multicultural experiences. I believe my global executive work experience enables me to provide added value to the Board and to the German Chamber's members. Furthermore, given the significant size, scale, and impact of SVW, I believe a Board Member coming from our company can be a great asset to the Chamber's Board.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

The desire to leave something behind, which is better than what I assumed responsibility for at the beginning of all my assignments, is what motivates and inspires me. The excitement and challenges that come with new cultural and business environments also inspire me.



#### **David Christian** Powels

Company SAIC VOLKSWAGEN Automotive Co., Ltd.

**Position** 

First Vice President and Commercial Executive Vice President





## **Pietro** Scattarreggia

Company Demag Plastics Machinery (Ningbo) Co., Ltd.

Position Managing Director

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

The Sino-German business relations developed very well in the past three decades, but there is still a long way to go. I have previously noted that there is still a big gap between both cultures. In the future, we need to improve our collaboration and become more transparent and trustworthy in both directions, which will finally strengthen our relationship. This will help both cultures to face future challenges and manage them together in a strong and reliable partnership.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

Due to my degree in electronics and business administration, and with more than 15 years of working experience in international business, I had the opportunity to accumulate a large amount of experience and expertise in the world of international business development with many different cultures. I would like to share this experience as a GCC Board Member with our members and

partners.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

I think that high-end technologies can contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future for humankind. In our industry, I like to be a driver of the further development of such technologies.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

panel discussions on the most relevant issues. The Chamber

builds communities of like-minded people and helps raise and

China and towards Chinese authorities in the country. Such a network is especially important when the situation becomes

increasingly dynamic and challenging: digital transformation,

strong regulatory hurdles, trade conflicts, lack of IT-skills, a

slowdown in the global economy, high efforts needed to make

the next technology steps, and last but not least - challenges for

business relations in the upcoming years?

Working for 17 years in the automotive industry, I am used to facing complex situations in an international network on a myself across different cultures. management level, as well as making decisions under uncertain and volatile conditions. Being an enthusiastic technology fan, my work touches on fields like connectivity, e-mobility services, and of course, automated driving, and I would be happy to work with

What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German the Chamber on innovative and digital projects. In some of these domains. China has been on our tail, while in others, it has already surpassed us. Therefore, it is all the more important to intensively The significance of China for the German economy is steadily promote the exchange between German companies and China in increasing. The German Chamber in Shanghai offers an order to achieve digital transformation. It would be an honor for essential platform for both small and large companies to me to contribute my knowledge and my enthusiasm to the work of exchange information, establish connections, and hold expert the Board and the Chamber.

#### carry our collective voice towards German politics outside of What motivates you in your daily work life?

In today's data-driven world of software development, we need to be agile, constantly learn new things, and be extremely flexible while complying with rules and quality standards. We need to deliver new software in two-week cycles, and always be prepared to adjust the outcome according to new demands - all requiring a high level of persistence. Therefore, what inspires me most in my daily work life is to learn something new every day and to work together with an extraordinary, motivated team. I like to tackle complex challenges, bring people together, and lead while focusing on quality, humanity, and the outcome. Working in China has offered me the chance to think outside the box of the automotive industry, and enables me to continuously develop



Dr. Verena Schäfer

Company BMW China Services Ltd.

**Position** Head of Automated Driving

environment and health.



# Titus Freiherr von dem Bongart

Company

Ernst & Young (China) Advisory Ltd. Shanghai Branch Office

**Position** Partner

## What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

The German Chamber in Shanghai is still set at the heart of the German business community in Shanghai and its neighboring provinces. Its major strength remains the distribution of information, the networking platform, and the support it provides to businesses - particularly for small and mediumsized companies. However, as usual in China, the environment is constantly changing, changes that will also affect the Chamber. Therefore, I would see the following areas to be of most relevance: 1) membership structure 2) data and technology 3) member representation.

In view of the above, I see a further shift away from German representatives at the member firms to Chinese ones. Going forward, this will require a higher degree of understanding and consideration of their requirements, also involving a different way of communication. In this regard, the application of relevant technology will become more important to them and the Chamber. In addition, the generation, analysis, and usage of the available data - be it about its members or Chinese business matters - will become more important in order to stay close to members and the business environment.

In view of the recent increase in challenges for the German businesses in China, I also believe that the Chamber should extend its engagement with German businesses in general, as it

has successfully done in the field of CSR with the More than a Market awards. This may go into the direction of coordinating other initiatives, brand campaigns for the German industry and commerce, etc.

## How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

In my more than 20 years' career in Shanghai, I have been privileged to be involved in a broad scope of business cases at companies of all sizes and backgrounds. At the same time, I have been active in the Chamber as a workshop leader, Board Member and Chairman of the Board for many years. Therefore, I trust that I can bring added value to the table regarding member-related issues.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

Now, as before, it is the interaction with people - be it clients, colleagues, or people I meet at the Chamber - that motivates me.

## What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

China has entered a critical period of defining industry standards and replacing foreign suppliers. The government's goal is for Chinese companies to account for 50% of industrial software, 70% of robotics, and 80% of new energy vehicles in its domestic market by 2025. How can German businesses stay ahead of this game and not be left behind?

I believe the German Chamber of Commerce (GCC), together with its members, can actively foster partnerships with influential Chinese companies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and other societies, in order to promote their interests. The GCC workshops and roundtables should raise critical issues, identify and contact potential partners for cooperation. The GCC facilitates forming unified opinions and reinforces the authority of its members and their causes. German member companies can bring alive such partnerships on a practical level through their wealth of experience of international best practices, and ensure that their interests are included in relevant industrial or political discussions and decisions.

# How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

I have over ten years of experience working with China, and have set up two successful sales organizations in the high-tech

plant engineering and automotive industry. Today, I am leading the AutoForm team in China. We are proud to count all major carmakers in China as our customers. Daily work exchanges provide me with intimate insights into the latest industry developments.

I am skilled in fostering cooperation with diverse stakeholders from private, governmental and non-governmental organizations, which led to the following results:

- I am often invited to speak in automotive engineering conferences all over China.
- We are a founding member of the International Coalition of Intelligent Manufacturing, a platform on a par with MIIT, CAST, SAE China, etc., striving to promote international bestpractices.
- Chinese universities and colleges teach AutoForm software to future engineers and use it as standard software for skill competitions on a national level.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

I am passionate about developing an organization – such as our AutoForm China team and our customers' organizations. It is motivating to witness Chinese companies and colleagues come up with increasingly more innovative approaches. This rapidly evolving environment challenges us to continually question our assumptions and discover the best in ourselves and others.



**Christoph Weber** 

Company
AutoForm Software (Shanghai) Ltd.

**Position** General Manager

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## Andrzej Wojcikowski

#### Company

Mubea Automotive Components (Taicang) Co., Ltd.

#### Position

Head of Region Asia and Legal Representative

## What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

The German Chamber is the representation of the German business community in China. As such, it represents the interests of German companies within China, as well as those of German authorities in charge of China-related issues. The German Chamber should promote economic cooperation between China and Germany and assist companies, both with investments and operations. In China, the Chamber should establish effective communication channels with local authorities, in order to receive timely and accurate information about business-related topics. By doing that, the Chamber will help companies anticipate and adapt to China's frequently-changing environment. At the same time, the Chamber should raise all concerns - as well as proposals - to relevant Chinese Authorities, lobbying for favorable conditions for businesses. The Chamber is also the platform for business and social networking, as well as sharing experiences between members.

## How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

I have close to 40 years of professional experience, out of which 16 years were spent working in China. Before that, I lived and worked in Europe – Poland, Germany, and France. I have been working in the automotive industry for over 26 years, serving in

different management positions and going through the good times and the bad. I have been working with Mubea in China since 2008. Mubea is a 104-years-old, family-owned, Mittelstand company (SME) supplying parts for automotive manufacturers. Many of the Chamber members have similar profiles, and their problems and operating modes are similar to my own. Our headquarters are located in Taicang, Jiangsu, and the company partakes in local initiatives. As a Board Member, I have been participating in the activities of the Taicang Round Table for the past three years. I will be happy to share my ideas and the lessons I've learned with other Chamber members, and contribute to the development of German business in China by participating in the Chamber Board activities.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

Developing our business and teams; respecting people; aspiring for excellence in every aspect; high performance and a sense of social responsibility – these objectives motivate me.

## What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

The German Chamber in China deals with current and future fields, such as digitalization (including Industrie 4.0, AI, and cybersecurity), electric cars, and autonomous driving, as well as providing unlimited internet access, overcoming shortage of talents, easing visa regulations and allowing equal market access for German and international companies.

The German Chamber in Shanghai is a 'one-stop-shop' for companies looking to foster the already positive relationship we have with our hosting country. The Chamber acts as a catalyst in supporting the companies with their business in China.

For many years, my vision has been of a 'dual' German-Chinese Chamber in China - which is only possible in other countries - to further develop the dialogue with Chinese companies.

## How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

As an engineer, I was always involved in technical projects such as production planning and setup, supply chain management, maintenance concepts, purchasing issues, and more recently relocation projects. I possess more than 20 years of consulting experience in working with the Chinese market, devoting five

of those years to helping our clients find the right expert for their project, solve tasks and problems, etc. I hope to continue contributing my experience and knowledge in these respective fields to the German Chamber board, as I did in the past years.

Watching many international companies send their foreign experts home, I hope to help assure businesses that the knowledge and expertise necessary for their profitable growth continues to be available.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

I have worked with experts for many years: first, in my career as a management consultant, where clients, knowing they will receive the best results, honored expertise and experience above all else. Now, working with EIM, I help locate senior professionals for different functions and industries for short or long term, for completing a task, filling a vacancy, solving a problem or running a consulting project. I meet inspiring experts every day, who have gathered a substantial amount of experience in their respective professions in China. A change in China is also a change in its people: today we find Chinese with international backgrounds and rich experiences abroad, or purely in China. We can also see foreigners who spent most of their professional life in China, and they are able to speak, read, and write Chinese fluently. Learning from these people is what inspires me.



#### **Brigitte Wolff**

Company
EIM Executive Interim
Management Ltd.

**Position**Managing Director





Jenny Xiang

Company Brose China Co., Ltd.

Position President Brose China

#### What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German business relations in the upcoming years?

German companies are all facing similar challenges in the VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity) business environment of the Chinese market, which require agility and faster responses. The Chamber could play a significant role in supporting German companies in learning from other local players, staying competitive, and securing sustainable growth. On the other hand, the Chamber can support the members by providing a deeper understanding of Chinese government policies and regulations, allowing multinational companies to better adapt their business strategies in China. Moreover, the Chamber can help strengthen professional relationships among the members and share best practices for business.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

Growing up in China and working in Germany for many years, I am quite familiar with both cultures, allowing me to view things from diversified perspectives. Meanwhile, I have been working at Brose for around 22 years, taking on multiple senior management roles and having sufficient experience in dealing with joint venture negotiations and management.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

My motivation is to unify Eastern and Western cultural wisdom to generate greater success. In other words, I would like to lead Brose China through healthy growth and support other companies' development as well.

#### How does your professional background prepare you for the role of a GCC Board Member?

What is your vision for the Chamber in Sino-German

and to support Chinese high management to communicate and

I believe the Chamber should help communicate the needs

and wishes of German companies to the Chinese government,

and to encourage Chinese authorities to create and maintain a

business relations in the upcoming years?

understand German political and economic systems.

transparent, fair, and sustainable business atmosphere.

As chairman of Taicang Round Table and CEO of KERN-LIEBERS China, I have experience in both social and business aspects. I have been heading KERN-LIEBERS China for 25 years now, providing me with management experience that I can share with all the newcomers. During my time as the chairman of the Taicang Round Table, we successfully established communication channels connecting all German companies with local government departments. This proved to be an asset to both the German

companies and the local government, making Taicang famous as 'the hometown of German SMEs.'

My vision for the Chamber is to support German companies, In 2020, with support from the Taicang government, we will set up especially SMEs, and to develop their business in China; to a new website for Taicang Round Table. The site will contain news support German expatriates in adapting themselves to the Chinese regarding Chinese laws and regulations, provided in Chinese and environment, both legally, culturally, and in every-day life; English. Additionally, a new dual vocational education institute is currently in the making. The institute will research ways to adapt the German vocational education system to the Chinese environment.

> In conclusion, I believe we can support German companies and the local society in order to reach and find win-win results.

#### What motivates you in your daily work life?

Seeing my friends and myself succeed brings me joy and a sense of achievement. I hope to be a good role model for my children. Finally, the smiles on my family and my friends' faces inspire me



Richard Zhang

Company KERN-LIEBERS (Taicang) Co., Ltd.

**Position** CEO

#### HOW TO CAST MY VOTE

#### **HOW TO CAST MY VOTE**

is called to vote for the new Board of Directors. Only one absence the Alternate Representative has the right to vote. Elect your Board for the upcoming two years on 21 May 2020! You have the following three options to cast your vote:

#### **ONLINE ELECTION:** 27 April 2020, 00:00 to 17 May 2020, 24:00

27 April 2020, 00:00, the online ballot opens. Eligible Members will receive their individual online voting access code by mail. quick and easy opportunity to vote online without geographic restrictions. The online voting polls will be open until 17 May style. 2020, 24h00. Detailed information will be provided in due course via email and on the Chamber website.

#### **USING A PROXY:**

Make your vote count! Every Corporate and Individual Member 
Up until 24 hours before the General Meeting, on 20 May 2020, of the German Chamber of Commerce in China | Shanghai vou are able to designate a representative who will vote in person at the General Meeting on your behalf. Please note that representative, namely the Permanent Representative or in his the representative must also be an eligible voter, i.e. a Corporate or an Individual Member according to our Statutes.

> Only punctually provided Proxy Forms can be accepted. The form must be received by the Executive Director or Executive Chamber Manager by 20 May 2020, 17h00. No Voting Member may hold more than three such proxies.

#### CASTING THE VOTE AT THE GENERAL MEETING: 21 May 2020

You may cast your vote in person during the General Meeting Starting from 27 April 2020, 00:00, you will be able to use this on 21 May 2020. Do not miss this opportunity to make your vote count, meet old and new Members and enjoy an evening in

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Only Corporate and Individual Members who have fully paid their membership fees for 2020 are eligible to cast their vote.

For more information please visit https://china.ahk.de/about-us/german-chamberof-commerce/board-of-directors/shanghai/board election-2020





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