

Bryan Hale

Candidate for Chapter President, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL



I wish to run for an additional term as Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President.

Over the past year, I have done my best to uphold our chapter's strong traditions of service to its members and the Gwangju-Jeonnam community. Our chapter is one of the most well-established in KOTESOL because of many years of work and community-building by chapter leaders, officers, and members, and because Gwangju-Jeonnam teachers are passionate and committed. Serving our chapter as president is an honor I would love to continue.

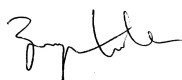
In March we hosted a successful Regional Conference, including sessions on many important themes across several strands, and also including booths and poster sessions. It was such a pleasure to work with the whole conference team, continuing and building upon past successes. I feel this year's conference was dynamic and vibrant, and I was pleased to hear positive feedback. We have already been working on next year's Regional Conference - planning begins early so that we can promote the conference at the International Conference - and I feel confident it will be another success, offering valuable opportunities to our membership and connecting us to the wider KOTESOL organization. I would like to focus on continuing to find innovative ways to include new presenters and contributors, especially from among our membership.

This year our monthly meetings have often focused on issues of social justice and inclusion. I feel this reflects the diversity of our membership, and our focus on fairness, equity, and striving to improve education. We have also continued hosting sessions on other important themes, from language acquisition to pedagogy to classroom management to games and activities. I am excited about the workshops we already have put in place for upcoming months, and I want to continue our high quality of monthly programming, as well as consider innovations to meet the needs and interests of members.

There are always important issues and improvements to work on. I would like to see us continue becoming a more diverse chapter, connecting with and including people of diverse identities, and people teaching in every school type as well as working in other professional roles connected to our field. I would like to explore ways to better serve the more remote parts of Jeollanamdo, and to continue seeking new ways to connect our chapter to the wider Gwangju-Jeonnam community.

If re-elected I pledge to do my best to continue our chapter's development and to serve the needs of our membership, our communities, and our learners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Hale". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Biographical Information

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Education

- ❖ Master of Applied Linguistics (TESOL) - University of New England (Australia), 2019
- ❖ Bachelor of Arts in English Literature - University of New England (Australia), 2004
- ❖ CELTA, 2010

Experience

- ❖ Yeongam High School, Jeollanam-do, 2017 - present
- ❖ Sunkyung Foreign Language Institute, Gwangju, 2014 - 2016
- ❖ Shinan Middle School, Gyeonggi-do, 2012 - 2014

KOTESOL Service

- ❖ Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President, 2019
- ❖ Reflective Practice SIG Co-facilitator, 2016 - present
- ❖ Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Treasurer, 2018
- ❖ Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Membership Coordinator, 2015-2016
- ❖ Planning and organizing experience: Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Regional Conference 2019; Day of Reflection 2017; Day of Reflection 2019
- ❖ Meritorious Service Award, 2019
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Endorsement

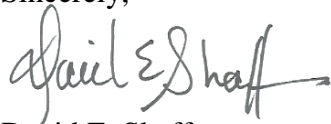
Bryan Hale for Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President

I have known Bryan Hale since he joined Korea TESOL and became active in the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter. By serving under Bryan for the past year, I have been able to witness close up how well Bryan has performed as chapter president. He has exhibited extraordinary skillfulness as a planner, organizer, and administrator. I am confident that, with one year as presidential experience already accumulated, a second year with Bryan as chapter president is destined to surpass the first.

As chapter president, Bryan took on the role of conference chair, giving this spring's chapter conference the "Bryan touch," and at the same time, he took on a large portion of the workload of conference planning, which led to the conference being the success that it obviously was. The "Bryan touch" was also evident in the presentations scheduled for our monthly meetings. This scheduling was led by Bryan with a greater focus on social justice, emphasizing that language teaching is more than just words and grammar and methodology. And in addition to all this, Bryan has continued to play a major role in facilitating the chapter's monthly reflecting practice sessions, participation in which is now on the increase.

It should also be mentioned that Bryan is a co-facilitator of the KOTESOL Reflective Practice SIG and was a major organizer of this year's quite successful Day of Reflection 2019. As chapter president, Bryan has served on KOTESOL's National Council this past year, contributing significantly to Council deliberations and accepting an ad hoc committee leadership position. Bryan's additional position on the Council as first vice-president will undoubtedly give him further insight into the workings of KOTESOL that can guide him in the role of chapter president. For all these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Bryan Hale for the position of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter president for the 2019–2020 term of office.

Sincerely,



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Endorsement Letter for Bryan Hale

By Yeon-seong Park, Ph. D
Life-time member of KOTESOL
Author of *Creative English Practice*

It is with unabated enthusiasm that I write endorsement letter for Bryan for the following two reasons. First of all, my observation at Reflective Practice Special Interest Group Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL for the last couples of years. He has served as one of facilitators there. Because his preparation was both playful and educative, all the participants could benefit a lot from him. As a member of the reflective practice group, there have been twice occasions when I've presented, and Brian has always been ready to step in and supported me to develop my idea.

He has also served as chapter president of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL for year 2018-2019. During his service his passion for teaching and professional development alongside with gentle disposition has contributed for Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL to stand firm and flourish. For these regards I endorse Bryan Hale for running for President the year 2019-2020!