

Bryan Hale

Candidate for Chapter President, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL



I offer myself as a candidate for the position of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter President.

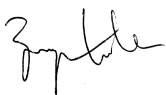
I believe Gwangju-Jeonnam is one of the most vibrant and dynamic KOTESOL chapters (if not the most!). We are a passionate and diverse chapter. If I have the opportunity to serve as Chapter President, I will be committed to continuing our chapter's role in creating and supporting a vital professional community.

When I moved to Gwangju in early 2014, I was already eager to get involved with the chapter, because through KOTESOL events I had encountered Gwangju-Jeonnam members and realized what a positive and energetic group they were a part of. I have served in several chapter positions including as Membership Coordinator, as Treasurer this year, and as a Co-facilitator of our Reflective Practice group. During this time I have also been learning more about the wider KOTESOL organization through participation in leadership activities and as National Co-facilitator of the Reflective Practice Special Interest Group. While I am committed to continually developing my understanding of our chapter, of KOTESOL, and of our field more broadly, I believe that my service and experience have prepared me to step up and take on the responsibilities of Chapter President. I have learned a lot from our chapter leaders, not least of all current Chapter President Lindsay Herron and Vice President David Shaffer. I am excited about the prospect of continuing to work with them and learn even more while also bringing new ideas and new perspective to chapter leadership.

If I have the opportunity to serve as Chapter President, I will be eager to work on coordinating quality presentations for chapter meetings, continuing our mix of valuable presentations from throughout Korea along with opportunities for chapter members to share local expertise while developing as presenters. I will also be ready to work on organizing a compelling Regional Conference for March. I want to maintain our chapter's important traditions while also working together with chapter officers and all members to seek new ways to meet the professional development needs of Gwangju-Jeonnam language teachers.

Our chapter and the Gwangju-Jeonnam community of which it is an important part have been so invaluable to me, and if I have the opportunity to serve as Chapter President, I will pledge to do my best for our chapter and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Hale', written in a cursive style.

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Letter of Support

Bryan Hale
for
Gwangju-Jeonnam Korea TESOL
President

To the Gwangju-Jeonnam Korea TESOL Nominations and Elections Committee,

It is with great honour and superb joy that I endorse the nomination of Bryan Hale for the position of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President in the 2018 Korea TESOL election.

As a long-time member of KOTESOL I have had numerous occasions to witness Bryan's commitment to ongoing professional development and his passion for English education in Korea. Foremost among these are his involvement in the Reflective Practice Special Interest Group, where he quickly rose from attendee to co-facilitator. In that arena, he has been an approachable and knowledgeable leader dedicated to fostering a culture of teacher reflection and growth. I have no doubt that this experience grew his many skills which will serve him well as Chapter President.

Bryan is a trustworthy, honest, and driven individual who advocates constantly for personal and professional development. As President I am confident that he would greatly enrich the experience of current members as well as grow the membership of the Gwangju-Jeonnam branch under his steady and stable leadership.

October 22, 2018

Sincerely,

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Attn: Lindsay Herron, Elections Officer
Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL

Re: Endorsement of Bryan Hale for the position of Chapter President

Dear Lindsay,

I would like to nominate Bryan Hale for the position of Chapter President. I have known Bryan since he first joined our chapter. I have seen him become increasingly engaged within KOTESOL, taking on leadership roles at both the local and national levels since about 2015. Later, he joined me as co-facilitator of the local Reflective Practice Special Interest Group (SIG) in our region, and led some fabulous workshops. He also began giving regular presentations at KOTESOL events. Soon after, he became a national coordinator for the Reflective Practice SIG at large, and helped host events like the 2017 Day of Reflection and all new, online Reflective Practice meet-ups. Besides Reflective Practice, I am aware that he has also been involved in other SIGs.

At the chapter level, he first held the position of Membership Coordinator (2015-2016) and revolutionized the way messages were sent out to members. Most recently, he has served as Treasurer of our Chapter (2017-2018) and is currently helping to organize the 2019 Gwangju-Jeonnam Regional Conference. At the national level, he has helped organize International Conference-related activities, by assisting with the vetting of abstracts. Becoming President of a local Chapter seems like a logical next step in his advancement through the organization

If elected, I am certain that Bryan will continue to work hard to develop our chapter and steer it responsibly in new directions because of his experience, positive stance toward new challenges and fresh outlook. Given his observed leadership skills, I feel he will be able to inspire others and softly motivate them to get involved, thereby strengthening our community. Please accept my nomination of Bryan Hale for the position of Chapter President.

Sincerely,


Jocelyn Wright

