

David E. Shaffer

Candidate for **Vice President**, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL

I am seeking re-election as chapter vice president for another term. Drawing on my extensive leadership experience at both the chapter and national levels, I am confident that my skills will contribute effectively to my role as vice president, aiding the president in various assigned responsibilities. My previous positions as chapter president and national president, along with other national-level committee-chair roles, have equipped me with valuable experience that will greatly benefit me in fulfilling the duties of chapter vice president.

Recognizing that chapters are the foundation of KOTESOL, I emphasize the significance of maintaining their strength. Unfortunately, the challenges posed by the pandemic have impacted our chapter's membership and activities. If elected, I am committed to revitalizing our chapter by actively working towards increasing membership through offering engaging events to navigate our recovery from the pandemic.

In collaboration with the president, I aim to ensure the organization of high-quality presentations for our monthly meetings and diligently prepare for chapter events. Additionally, I am ready to support the president in any projects assigned to the vice president.

My in-depth knowledge of chapter affairs and KOTESOL as a whole, combined with an understanding of Korea, Korean culture, and Koreana, position me to serve the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter effectively.

I pledge to dedicate my best efforts as vice president to foster the continued growth of our chapter, aiming for it to remain one of the strongest and most active chapters within KOTESOL.

November 16, 2023

Sincerely,



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Biographical Information

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KOTESOL SERVICE

National Level

1. Publications Committee Chair (2013-2017; 2019-present).
2. National Nominations and Elections Committee Chair (2020-2022)
3. National President (2017-2019).
4. Immediate Past President (2019-2020).
5. National First Vice-President (2015-2017).
6. National Conference Co-Chair (2016).
7. National Treasurer (2001-2009).
8. International Conference Committee, director-level positions (2001-present).
9. Research Committee Chair (2006-2009).
10. *The English Connection* (TEC): Deputy/Associate Editor (2004-2011), Advisor (2011-2012), Production Editor (2017-present), and other positions.
11. *KOTESOL Proceedings*: Editor-in-Chief / aka Supervising Editor (1999, 2001, 2003-present), Assoc. Editor (2002), and other positions.
12. *Korea TESOL Journal*: Assoc. Editor (2013-present), Board Member & Editor (2000-2010), and other positions.
13. KOTESOL Committee Memberships: National Conference Comm. (2006, 2009-2010, 2012-2016), Membership Comm. (2009-10, 2012-13), Financial Affairs (2011-2013, 2018, 2023), Publicity Comm. (2013), Research Comm. (2009-2011, 2017-present), Intl. Outreach Comm. (2011, 2014-2019).
14. KOTESOL Web Calendar of Events Editor (2013-present).

Chapter Level

1. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President (2009-2016); Vice-President (2016-present).
2. Conference Comm. (Chair, 2011-2016; Member 2005-2009, 2017-2018; Jeolla Chair [site], 2004; Site Coordinator, 2002-2003)
3. Program Coordinator (2009-2017)
4. Newsletter Editor (2009-2019);
5. Webeditor (2009-2021); Advisor (2005-2009).
6. Presenter: Natl. & Intl. Conferences, KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT), and Chapter-level (1998-present; 130+ presentations at KOTESOL events).

- KOTESOL Member (since 1993), KOTESOL Lifetime Member (present).

EDUCATION

1. PhD, Linguistics, Chosun University (1990).
2. MA, Linguistics (Engl. & Korean), Chosun U. (1980).
3. TESOL Adv. Grad. Certificate, Chosun U. (2009).
4. BS, Education, The Pennsylvania State University.

AWARDS (KOTESOL)

1. KOTESOL President's Plaque (2019).
2. Korea TESOL President's Award (2002-2022 multiple awards).
3. Korea TESOL Lifetime Achievement Award (2011).
4. Korea TESOL ICC Outstanding Service Award (2013).
5. KOTESOL Outstanding Service Award (2004, 2012).
6. KOTESOL Meritorious Service Award (2002, 2010, 2012, 2013).
7. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Service Award (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022).

AWARDS (General)

1. GIC Plaque of Appreciation (2021, for service as Board Chair)
2. ROK Order of Merit (Service) – conferred by ROK President (2015).
3. AsiaTEFL Outstanding Service Award [for 2003-2017] (2017).
4. ROK Minister of Home Affairs Commendation (1984).
5. KATE Plaque of Appreciation (2002, for service as Board Member)
6. Chosun University Meritorious Service Plaque (2015, CU Foundation).
7. Chosun University Distinguished Service Plaque (2015, CU President).
8. Chosun University Service Awards: 20 yrs. (1996), 30 yrs, (2006), 40th yr. (2015).
9. *Korea Times* Literature Translation Award (1994).
10. Pennsylvania Certificate of Citizen Service (1991).
11. ETS (Educational Testing Service) Certificate of Appreciation (1990).

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Gwangju International Center, TESOL Program Instructor (2019-2022).
2. Chosun University, professor (tenured), graduate & undergrad programs. English depts. (1976-2016).
3. Chosun University, Foreign Languages Programs Director, LEI (2008-2010).
4. Chosun University, TESOL Program Director (2008-2010).
5. Gwangju & Jeollanam-do In-service Teacher Training Programs (1980s-2000s).
6. U.S. Peace Corps / Korea (1971-1975).

RELATED EXPERIENCE

1. Gwangju International Center, Chairman of the Board (2018-2021).
2. *Gwangju News* Editor-in-Chief (2017-present).
3. AsiaTEFL Executive Director (2003-present).
4. Gwangju International Center, Board of Directors (2016-present).
5. AsiaTEFL 20th Anniversary Book, Editor (2022-2023).
6. ALAK Vice President & Conference Chair (2016).
7. GETA Executive Director (2006-2010).
8. KATE Executive Director (2000-2002).
9. Professional Association Memberships: Numerous ELT, Applied Linguistics, Linguistics, and Language and Literature associations past and present.

PUBLICATIONS

Author of numerous research papers on ELT, applied linguistics, and linguistics; as well as books, essays, and newspaper and magazine columns on English language teaching and learning; and on Korean language, culture, and poetry.

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November 18, 2023

Dear Chapter Elections Committee:

I'm pleased to formally endorse Dr. David Shaffer for the position of chapter vice president. Dave has served in this capacity for multiple years now, deftly assisting the current chapter president and contributing insights and advice from his varied experiences in KOTESOL leadership positions.

When Dave was our chapter president, the Gwangju-Jeonnam chapter expanded its membership, events, offerings, and visibility. Our chapter has Dave to thank for the *Gwangju Communicator* (our old chapter newsletter), our monthly column in the *Gwangju News*, and the diverse workshop formats we've been exploring at our meetings. Dave was also the impetus behind our chapter's partnership with the ALAK conference a few years ago, increasing our visibility in the ELT community and securing for KOTESOL members a discount on conference admission.

Dave is also active in KOTESOL at the national level, having served in nearly every leadership position available: president, immediate past president, first vice-president, national conference co-chair, Nominations & Elections Committee chair, treasurer, and more. Currently, he serves on multiple national committees and for many years has chaired the Publications Committee, where he has rejuvenated our flagging academic journal, the *Korea TESOL Journal*; established KOTESOL's new ethical standards for research; and ensured the quality and timely release of all of our publications. He has handled the finances of both the national and international conferences, coordinated invited speakers for both conferences, represented KOTESOL overseas at PAC partners' conferences, and selflessly volunteers himself wherever there is a need.

Dave's involvement with KOTESOL cannot be overstated. As long as he continues to be willing to serve the organization, I will be happy to endorse him in whatever role he desires. KOTESOL is fortunate to have him.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Herron
Lifetime Member
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

Endorsement for Dr. David E. Shaffer

For the Office of Vice President, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter

November 20, 2023

As Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL's outgoing chapter president, it is with great enthusiasm and unwavering confidence that I endorse Dr. David E. Shaffer for re-election to the position of vice president. Dr. Shaffer's dedication and contributions over the past year have been invaluable, making his continued presence in this role key for our chapter's future.

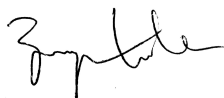
Throughout this year, Dr. Shaffer's commitment has consistently been evident in his handling of the chapter's activities. He demonstrates a deep understanding of our traditions while eagerly embracing new challenges, blending wisdom with an openness to innovation.

With a change in chapter president imminent, Dr. Shaffer's role as vice president is crucial for providing continuity and stability. His ability to adapt and lead through change has been a stabilizing force in various roles throughout KOTESOL in the past. He will help ensure that our chapter will not only maintain its course but also thrive.

Dr. Shaffer's extensive leadership history within our chapter and KOTESOL is widely recognized. Yet, this history should not eclipse appreciation of the dynamic approach—always nurturing, encouraging, and actively contributing—that truly sets his contributions apart. His insights, ideas, and practical support have been invaluable to me as president, and I am confident that with Dr. Shaffer as our vice president, our chapter will continue to excel and set a standard of excellence within the broader KOTESOL community.

I strongly support Dr. David E. Shaffer's candidacy and encourage all members to recognize and support the immense value he brings to our chapter.

With sincere regards,



Bryan Hale

Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter President 2023

Lifetime member of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter