

David E. Shaffer

Candidate for Vice President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL

I am running for an additional term as chapter vice president. I feel that my experience in leadership roles at both the chapter and national levels will serve me well as chapter vice president and that it will serve me well in assisting the president in the roles that are assigned to me. In particular, I believe that the experience I gained as chapter president in the past as national president, as well as other roles at the national level, will be most valuable to me in fulfilling the role as chapter vice president.

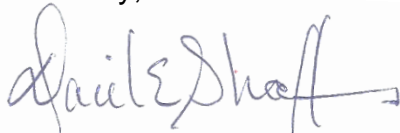
I believe that the chapters of KOTESOL are the backbone of the organization and that it is important for chapters to remain strong. Due to the pandemic the strength of our chapter has been weakened in both membership and activities. If elected, I will strive to increase chapter membership, to offer additional events for the membership to participate in as we strive to make our way out of the pandemic, and to keep interest in strong.

I will assist the president in arranging for high-quality presentations for our monthly meetings and in preparations for our chapter conference and other chapter events. Communications with our membership is also a very important aspect of keeping our chapter strong. I will continue to serve as web-editor for our chapter website, as an administrator of our chapter Facebook group, and as editor of our monthly print newsletter, the *Gwangju Communicator*, if this is the pleasure of the president. I will also be available to assist with any projects that the president requests of the vice president.

I believe that my institutional knowledge of chapter affairs, as well as those of KOTESOL in general, coupled with my familiarity with Korea, Korean, and Koreana will serve me well in serving Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter.

I pledge to do my best as vice president to further the development of our chapter for it to continue to be one of the strongest and most active chapters within KOTESOL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David E. Shaffer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Biographical Information

Dr. David Shaffer

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KOTESOL SERVICE

1. Publications Committee Chair (2013-2017; 2019-present).
2. National Nominations and Elections Committee Chair (2020-present)
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. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President (2009-2016); Vice-President (2016-present).
8. National Treasurer (2001-2009).
9. International Conference Committee, director-level positions (2001-present).
10. Research Committee Chair (2006-2009).
11. *The English Connection* (TEC): Deputy/Associate Editor (2004-2011), Advisor (2011-2012), Production Editor (2017-present), and others.
12. *KOTESOL Proceedings*: Editor-in-Chief / aka Supervising Editor (1999, 2001, 2003-present), Assoc. Editor (2002), and other positions.
13. *Korea TESOL Journal*: Assoc. Editor (2013-present), Board Member & Editor (2000-2010), and other positions.
14. KOTESOL Committee Memberships: National Conference Comm. (2006, 2009-2010, 2012-2016), Membership Comm. (2009-10, 2012-13), Financial Affairs (2011-2013, 2018), Publicity Comm. (2013), Research Comm. (2009-2011, 2017-present), Intl. Outreach Comm. (2011, 2014-2019).
15. KOTESOL Web Calendar of Events Editor (2013-present).
16. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Positions: Conference Comm. (Chair, 2011-2016; Member 2005-2009, 2017-2018; Jeolla Chair (site), 2004; Site Coordinator, 2002-2003); Program Coordinator (2009-2017); Newsletter Editor (2009-present); Webeditor (2009-present); Advisor (2005-2009).
17. Presenter: Natl. & Intl. Conferences, KTT, Chapter-level (1998-present; 100+ presentations for KOTESOL).
18. KOTESOL Member (since 1993), KOTESOL Lifetime Member (present).
19. TESOL International Association member (2001-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 (2002-2020: 11x).
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).

AWARDS (General)

1. ROK Order of Merit (Service) – conferred by ROK President (2015).
2. Asia TEFL Outstanding Service Award [for 2003-2017] (2017).
3. ROK Minister of Home Affairs Commendation (1984).
4. Van Fleet Award: The Korea Society, USA (2008).
5. Chosun University Meritorious Service Plaque (2015, CU Foundation).
6. Chosun University Distinguished Service Plaque (2015, CU President).
7. Chosun University Service Awards: 20 yrs. (1996), 30 yrs. (2006), 40th yr. (2015).
8. *Korea Times* Literature Translation Award (1994).
9. Pennsylvania Certificate of Citizen Service (1991).
10. ETS (Educational Testing Service) Certificate of Appreciation (1990).

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

RELATED EXPERIENCE

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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12 March 2021

Attn: Dr. Yeonseong Park, Elections Officer
Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL

Re: Endorsement of David Shaffer for the position of Chapter Vice President

Dear Dr. Park,

Dr. David Shaffer has expressed interest in running for the position of Chapter Vice President, and I am honored to be able to endorse him. Dr. Shaffer has been involved in KOTESOL activities in numerous capacities at local and national levels since 1993. As a result, he has a greater understanding of the workings of the organization probably than any other current member and an expansive network of contacts. Having previously held the post, he knows what is expected of someone in the role of Vice President and could capably carry out the duties. Having additionally held the posts of President and Treasurer, he could provide valuable mentoring and support to other chapter leaders. His ample experience combined with his desire to fill the position and his impressive dedication to the chapter since its beginnings give me unquestionable confidence that he will excellently perform as Vice President. Please accept my nomination of Dr. David Shaffer for the position.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Wright



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2021.3.17

**Attention: Dr. Yeon-seong Park, Chapter Elections Officer
Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL**

Dear Dr. Park,

I am writing to endorse Dr. David E. Shaffer for the position of chapter vice president. There are so many reasons Dr. Shaffer is an invaluable asset to our chapter, as I'm sure chapter members know well. Dr. Shaffer's involvement in our chapter has been long and extensive; he was chapter president from 2009 to 2016, and has served as chapter vice president since then. In this letter I would like to highlight just a few of the ways in which Dr. Shaffer has been a superb chapter vice president.

Dr. Shaffer is deeply devoted to our membership. He gives much thought to the needs of our members, and is constantly thinking creatively and considerately about how to meet members' needs. There is nobody more focused on ensuring we reach out to new people, and maintain awareness in various Gwangju-Jeonnam communities about the great things that we do.

Dr. Shaffer's knowledge and experience of organizational matters is broad and comprehensive, and this is of great significance at the chapter level. As well as being incredibly accomplished within KOTESOL, at both chapter and national levels, Dr. Shaffer has substantial knowledge of many other organizations, including TESOL organizations within Korea and throughout the world, as well as other community and NPO groups in our region. The insights and connections Dr. Shaffer can offer have been vital to our chapter, and will be critical as we move out of the pandemic.

During my time as chapter president, Dr. Shaffer's support has been fundamental. He is always available to collaborate on chapter affairs, and his guidance is thoughtful, solicitous, and caring. I would trust Dr. Shaffer with any KOTESOL responsibility, and I am so thrilled and grateful that he is offering to continue as chapter vice president.

Sincerely,



Bryan Hale
Korea TESOL President
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President, 2018.11 - 2021.4