

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.

I believe that the chapters of KOTESOL are the backbone of the organization and that it is important for chapters to remain strong. If elected, I will strive to keep chapter membership strong, to keep member participation in monthly meetings strong, and to keep interest in presenting strong.

I will assist the president in arranging for high-quality presentations for our monthly meetings and in preparations for our annual 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*.

I believe that my institutional knowledge of chapter affairs, as well as 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,

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To whom it may concern,

Endorsement: David E. Shaffer
For Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Vice-President

This is an endorsement for Dr. David Shaffer for the position of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Vice-President. Dr. Shaffer's years as chapter president and current year as vice-president is testimony to his qualifications for the position of chapter vice-president. He has served the chapter exceptionally well as an officer, and therefore will be quite able to assist the president with any projects or tasks that the president sets for him.

Additionally, Dr. Shaffer's years of experience on the National Council and knowledge of the workings of KOTESOL at the national level will be an added qualification for him as vice-president of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chapter Elections Officer:

I'd like to formally endorse Dr. David Shaffer for chapter vice president. His efforts during his tenure as Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter president and in his current role as the chapter's vice president have led to the expansion of the chapter's membership, events, and visibility. On a regular basis, he drafts the *Gwangju Communicator* (our monthly chapter newsletter) and our monthly column in the *Gwangju News*; ensures our chapter is visible in the community, whether in the form of a booth at GIC Day or newsletters distributed in visible locations; steps in anytime I, as chapter president, am unavailable; and generally helps to ensure the high quality of chapter workshops and conferences. In addition, his profound knowledge of the chapter and of KOTESOL in general have been invaluable to me as a novice chapter president.

Dr. Shaffer is quite active in KOTESOL at the national level, as well. During his past year as national president, he has successfully negotiated international partnerships with several international organizations and has approached domestic organizations such as KAPEE and STEM with offers of partnership. He has sought to expand members' involvement with KOTESOL through the creation of a volunteer initiative and attendant web page and through his "Pass-It-On Challenge" inviting members to bring at least one new member into the organization. He has also sought to formalize KOTESOL policies and procedures through the revision of the Policies and Procedures Manual and the development of guidelines for the creation of special interest groups (SIGs).

Dr. Shaffer is highly qualified for any role in KOTESOL; he has an impressive history of volunteering for the organization and skillfully handling the responsibilities of multiple leadership positions. Besides the initiatives described above, he has handled finances for our national and international conferences, coordinated invited speakers for conferences, represented KOTESOL overseas at PAC partners' conferences, and served as the co-chair of the FAB 11 & KOTESOL 2017 National Conference. In addition, in his former position as Publications Committee chair, he not only rejuvenated the *Korea TESOL Journal* but also ensured the quality and timely release of all of our publications.

This brief letter doesn't fully reflect Dr. Shaffer's tireless effort, but I hope it captures to some small extent the many facets of his involvement and dedication to the organization. I am happy to endorse him for another year as chapter vice president; our chapter is fortunate to have him, and I have no doubt he will serve as an outstanding role model, advisor, and resource for our new chapter officers.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Herron
President
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter