

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, the experience that I gained in the past two years as national president will be most valuable to fulfilling the role as chapter vice president.

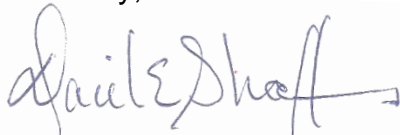
I believe that the chapters of KOTESOL are the backbone of the organization and that it is important for chapters to remain strong. If elected, I will strive to keep chapter membership strong, to keep member participation in monthly meetings strong, and to keep interest in presenting strong.

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*, 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 fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Biographical Information

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KOTESOL SERVICE

1. Immediate Past President (2019-present).
2. Publications Committee Chair (2019-present).
3. National President (2017-2019).
4. National First Vice-President (2015-2017).
5. National Conference Co-Chair (2016).
6. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President (2009-2016); Vice-President (2016-present).
7. National Treasurer (2001-2009).
8. Publications Committee Chair (2013-2017).
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 (2017-19), and others.
12. *KOTESOL Proceedings*: Editor-in-Chief / aka Supervising Editor (1999, 2001, 2003-2019), 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, 2017-2019), 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); Webmaster (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).
20. *Ex officio* member of all national KOTESOL committees as national president (2017-2019).

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 (2002-2017: 10 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).
7. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Service Award (2017, 2018).

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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October 18, 2019

Dear Chapter Elections Officer:

I'd like to formally endorse Dr. David Shaffer for chapter vice president. His efforts during his past 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*; seeks opportunities to enhance our chapter's visibility in the community, whether in the form of a booth at GIC Day or newsletters distributed in visible locations; steps in anytime the chapter president is unavailable; and generally helps to ensure the high quality of our chapter workshops and conferences. In addition, his profound knowledge of not only the chapter but KOTESOL in general are truly invaluable.

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. He is KOTESOL's immediate past president and current Publications Committee chair, and he is in charge of both finances and invited speakers for our international conference. Dr. Shaffer and I meet routinely to discuss KOTESOL matters, and I am always impressed with the careful, thoughtful consideration he gives to every situation and opportunity that arises. I am happy to endorse him for another year as chapter vice president, and our chapter is fortunate to have him. I have no doubt that if elected, he will continue to serve as an outstanding role model, advisor, mentor, and resource for our chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lindsay Herron'.

Lindsay Herron
President
Korea TESOL

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Attention: Maria Lisak, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter Elections Officer 2019

Dear Chapter Elections Officer,

I am writing to formally endorse Dr. David Shaffer for the position of chapter vice president.

Dr. Shaffer is a stalwart of KOTESOL and his invaluable contributions to the organization hardly need introduction. He has just completed two years of service as national president of the organization, having concluded his term with another hugely successful International Conference. Dr. Shaffer has made important contributions at almost every level of the organization, understands its history and makeup probably better than anybody, and has strong and productive relationships not only throughout the organization, but with many institutions and organizations KOTESOL has important ties to.

At the chapter level, Dr. Shaffer's contributions have been irreplaceable. Dr. Shaffer was chapter president for many years and has intimate knowledge of not only our chapter membership, but its relationships with diverse people and organizations throughout our region. Nobody is as committed to making professional development accessible to Gwangju-Jeonnam English language teachers, or to getting those teachers actively volunteering in our organization. Our chapter is one of the strongest in all of KOTESOL thanks largely to Dr. Shaffer.

However, I do not wish to overlook Dr. Shaffer's specific contributions as chapter vice president, which have been dynamic and forward-looking. Over the past year, his drive, attention to detail, and willingness to collaborate with others respectfully and pragmatically have been a huge asset to our chapter. There are too many contributions for me to list, but some of the ways in which Dr. Shaffer has pitched in at the chapter level recently include helping to enlist presenters for our monthly chapter workshops (and being constantly available to discuss chapter programming whenever I have needed support as chapter president), serving as chapter webmaster, preparing the *Gwangju Communicator*, contributing a monthly column to the *Gwangju News*, countless Regional Conference preparations, and always focusing on making our chapter visible and accessible to the community.

For these reasons (and many more I don't have room to include!), I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. David Shaffer for the position of chapter vice president.

Sincerely,



Bryan Hale
Chapter President, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL