

Korea TESOL National Elections 2014: Candidates

Name	Lindsay Herron
Work Affiliation	Gwangju National University of Education
This member is running for the office of:	First Vice President
Korea TESOL Service	
National:	
Registration Chair, KOTESOL International Conference (2013, 2014) Chair, Membership Committee (2013-present) Editor, KOTESOL News (email newsletter; 2014) Presenter, KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT; 2014) Proofreader, 2012 & 2013 Conference Proceedings (2013-present) Branded Items Manager, Membership Committee (2013) Registration Assistant Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2012) Contributor, TEC News (2012-present)	
Chapter:	
Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2012-present) Conference Committee Member Chapter Workshop & Regional Conference Presenter Events Planner	
Lifetime Member	
Candidate Statement	
<p>As chair of the Membership Committee this past year, I enjoyed having an opportunity to work with members directly and to shape and improve the KOTESOL membership experience. I'm running for first vice president because the position's responsibilities complement my current role, though the focus shifts to the chapters, KOTESOL's backbone and the most immediate point of contact for most of our members.</p> <p>My first goal is to help reinvigorate flagging chapters. There's no easy or obvious way to do this; but I know, from my experience on the Membership Committee, that a large part of attracting and retaining active and happy members is to provide the best possible service at a variety of levels. As first vice president, I'd continue this mission, focusing on addressing the needs of individual chapters and their members.</p> <p>Related to this is my second goal: to increase communication and collaboration among the chapters. We already find friendship and inspiration across chapter lines, and several great initiatives have begun compiling databases of presenters and other resources chapters might appreciate. Besides these, I'd like to offer any needed assistance to ensure that chapters are not lax in submitting reports or coordinating events.</p> <p>Finally, I'd like to continue helping members find ways to contribute to our organization. The Membership Committee has sought to increase member involvement with our volunteer-based Open Door Classroom Observation Program, and we're now working on a volunteer database. I am eager to continue these membership involvement initiatives through my work with the chapters.</p>	

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Education, Awards, Experience

Education:

MSEd in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University–Bloomington (Indiana, USA; expected in December 2014)

MA in Cinema Studies, New York University (New York, USA; 2005)

BA in English Literature & Psychology, Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania, USA; 2000)

CELTA YL Extension (2011)

CELTA (2009)

Teaching experience:

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Seogwipo High School, Jeju-do (2005-2008)

Gwangju National University of Education, Gwangju (2008-present)

Other relevant work experience: Fulbright ETA Program Coordinator (2006-2007) Fulbright ETA Orientation Coordinator (2006, 2007) Educational Consultant, HarperCollins Children's Publishing (2005) Education & Library Marketing Coordinator, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (2000-2003)