

Phillip Gary Schrank

Candidate Statement for National Treasurer

Current Positions

- 2018-Present: Assistant Professor, Chosun University, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy
- 2018-Present: Weekly Correspondent, Gwangju Foreign Language Network (radio)
- 2018-Present: Publication Consultant and Academic Trainer, Cactus Communications

Education

- Ph.D. (Candidate) International Relations, Korea University, Graduate School of International Studies
 - Dissertation: "US Strategic Competition for Virtual Alliance Supremacy in Asia"
 - Committee: Kim, Sung-han (Chair)
 - Fields: International Cooperation; Peace and Security Studies
- M.A. Curriculum and Instruction (English as a Second Language), Arizona State University, Fulton Teacher's College
- B.A. History and Broad Field Social Sciences, Wisconsin Lutheran College

Past Academic Positions

- 2017-2018: Senior Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of English
- 2013-2017: Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of English
- 2014: Instructor, Global Debate Academy, Yonsei University

Selected Conferences and Seminars (relevant to KOTESOL)

- "Teaching Content in the ESL Classroom." Moderator, Roundtable discussion at the Korea TESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Regional Conference; Gwangju, ROK, March 9, 2019. (with Arlo Matisz and Maria Lisak)
- "The Rigors of Research: Success in Graduate School and Beyond." Moderator, Roundtable discussion at the Korea TESOL-PAC International Conference; Seoul, ROK, October 21-22, 2017. (with Daniel Bailey, Jamin E. Bassette, Joanne McCuaig, and Eric Reynolds)

Selected Awards and Honors (relevant to KOTESOL)

- Meritorious Service Award, KOTESOL (2018)
- Certificate of Appreciation in Teaching, Korea Military Academy (2018)
- Outstanding Service Award, KOTESOL (2017)
- Certificate of Service, KOTESOL (2017)
- Certificate of Appreciation, KOTESOL (2016)

KOTESOL Service

- International Conference Registration Manager (2013; 2019)
- Gwangju Chapter Treasurer (2018-Present)
- National Treasurer (2016-2018)
- Facilitator, Content Based Instruction – SIG (2015-2018)
- Associate Editor, The English Connection (2013-2014)
- Conference Proposal Vetter: KOTESOL National Conference (2019)

Professional Affiliations

- International Studies Association (ISA); Korean International Studies Association (KISA); Association for Political Theory (APT); Korean Association of Local Government Studies (KLOG); Korea TESOL (KOTESOL)

Candidate's Statement

I, Phillip Gary Schrank, wish to be a candidate for the National Treasurer position for KOTESOL.

I believe, based on my history of exceptional service to KOTESOL, and especially due to my experience serving as the National Treasurer of KOTESOL for 2 years, that I am well suited to serve again as National Treasurer. I have a keen understanding of the overall workings of KOTESOL's finances and will use that knowledge to faithfully and honestly manage the finances KOTESOL.

I intend to build a small team of dedicated KOTESOL members who will together manage the myriad of duties of the KOTESOL National Treasurer. Together, we will serve the membership and complete the vital tasks of the Treasury promptly and completely. But, as the elected National Treasurer, I understand the buck stops with me.

I have been a member of KOTESOL since 2013 and am a Lifetime Member. Through KOTESOL's professional development and networking opportunities, I have been able to enhance my teaching and writing abilities, and I have been able to grow as an educator and as a person. Even though I now teach and research outside the realm of English Education, I still teach using English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI), and count KOTESOL as vital to my continued success.

I came to Korea in 2009 after a 5-year career working in Financial and Fiscal Affairs for a private university. I spent my first 4 years living and working as an English Teacher in Gwangju for several Hagwons and finally as a NEST at Salesio Elementary School. I then moved to Seoul for 5 years where I was a lecturer at the Korea Military Academy in the Department of English. While in Seoul, I completed coursework for a PhD in International Relations. I am now ABD for that PhD and have moved back to Gwangju to take a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Diplomacy at Chosun University.

I took a break from KOTESOL to focus on writing my dissertation. I am now at a point where I want to be more involved again. I believe I work best when I have to manage my time judiciously. I also believe I can best serve KOTESOL as National Treasurer.

Sincerely,



Phillip Gary Schrank