

I, Phillip Gary Schrank, wish to be a candidate for the Treasurer position for KOTESOL's Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter.

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 over 2 years, that I am well suited to serve the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter as 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 of the Gwangju-Jeonnam chapter.

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.

While KOTESOL has given so much to me both professionally and personally, I have tried to give back to KOTESOL by volunteering in the following roles:

- National Treasurer (2016-2018; 2019-Present)
- International Conference Financial Affairs Team (2016-2017)
- Content Based Instruction Special Interest Group Facilitator (2015-2018)
- International Conference Registration Manager (2013; 2019)
- *The English Connection* Associate Editor (2013-2014)

Additionally, I have been honored to accept the following from KOTESOL:

- Meritorious Service Award, 2018
- Outstanding Service Award, 2017
- Certificate of Service, 2017
- Certificate of Appreciation, 2016

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 have a BA in History and Broad Field Social Sciences from Wisconsin Lutheran College and an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from Arizona State University. In addition to KOTESOL, I am also a member of the International Studies Association, Korea International Studies Association, Korean Association of Local Government Studies, and the Association for Political Theory.

Sincerely,



Phillip Gary Schrank

Endorsement for Phillip Schrank

For Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of Korea TESOL

I am happy to endorse Phillip Schrank for the position of treasurer of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL. As many of you may know, Phillip has very successfully completed two years of service as national treasurer for KOTESOL, and he has recently been elected to serve an additional term as national treasurer. His experience as national treasurer, his one-year of experience as chapter treasurer (2018-19), as well as his experience as a financial officer before coming to Korea highly qualify him for this position.

From my position on the National Council, I have been able to observe that during his tenure as treasurer, Phillip has done an excellent job in executing his duties of his office. This includes processing orders (including membership and event registration) and invoices in a timely manner and making accurate and timely financial reports to the Council in addition to assisting with the annual financial audits. His past year as chapter treasurer has been equally excellent. Phillip's experience at the national and chapter levels makes him most highly qualified for the position of chapter treasurer. Accordingly, I whole-heartedly endorse Phillip Schrank for the position of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter treasurer.

October 28, 2019

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.

David E. Shaffer, PhD

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter member/Vice-President
Korea TESOL Immediate Past President

Addressed to the Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Elections Officer
Re: Endorsement of Phillip Shrank for position of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Treasurer

Dear Chairpersons/Committee,

I am J. Tom Wyatt, current Member-At-Large for Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, and am writing to recommend Phillip Shrank for the position of Chapter Treasurer.

Phillip is well qualified for the position. Firstly, he already has experience as Chapter Treasurer. As a Member-At-Large for the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, I am not intimately familiar with the chapter's financial workings. This, however, speaks to Phillip's expertise – that I did not hear of any financial problems only shows how well he managed the Chapter's finances. Moreover, whenever talking to him about financial matters, he is always in control of any problems and he is well aware of the Chapter's finances, the broader financial context of KOTESOL and its place as a non-profit in Korea in general. This is, of course, because he has also been National Treasurer for KOTESOL. Compared to running the finances of the entire organization, managing a chapter's finances should be simple for him. Furthermore, previously having been Chapter Treasurer and National Treasurer and his regular attendance at Chapter meetings show his commitment to KOTESOL. On a personal level, he is sociable, friendly and easy to work with, as had been my experience working with him at this year's International Conference.

I highly recommend Phillip as Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Treasurer. His experience as National Treasurer, Chapter Treasurer and the knowledge that comes from that, as well as his continuing commitment to KOTESOL, are all assets that would be foolish to disregard. There is no one better suited for the position.

Sincerely,

J. Tom Wyatt
Member-At-Large
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter
Gwangju Metropolitan Office of Education
Nov. 1st 2019