

## KOTESOL 's 2001 Annual Meeting Minutes

Dear Fellow Executive Council Members, here are the minutes taken at the annual KOTESOL general meeting following the conference.

The meeting began at approximately 4:12 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 2001, in the main auditorium of the conference building, Business Center, of Sungkyunkwan University, in Seoul. Approximately thirty people attended, with very few arriving late. Prof. Kirsten Rietan, outgoing National Secretary, convened the meeting. The first speaker was: Dr. David Shaffer, the National Treasurer. The 2001 approved KOTESOL budget was presented, and the annual expenses and revenues to date were briefly explained. It was stated that on Jan. 1st, 2001, the opening balance was 40,979,334 Korean won, or W. The total revenue received from Jan. 1st to Oct. 11th, 2001, was 25,078,347 W, and that the total expenses were 22,167,278 W. It was pointed out that the second installment of chapter dues shares have not yet been requested by most chapters. The present KOTESOL balance as reported by Dr. David Shaffer was 45,076,294 W. If there are any particular questions regarding the KOTESOL budget, please contact Dr. David Shaffer for further details. Re: conference fees, Prof. Christine Kienlen, outgoing National Membership Chair, noted that some people signed up as student members, when in fact it was proven or known that they were not.

The second speaker was the outgoing Nominations/Elections Chair, Prof. Michael Duffy. The results of the new officers' election, which was held at the conference, were reported. The following results were ascertained from the 27 ballots received: the new KOTESOL 1st Vice-President is Dr. Woo Sangdo, the new 2nd Vice-president is Prof. Paul Mead, Dr. David Shaffer was re-elected as National Treasurer, the new National Secretary is Prof. Joseph Nicholas, the new Nominations/Elections Chair is Prof. James Gongwer, and the new Conference Co-chair is Dr. Ju Yang don. It is important to note that Prof. Craig Bartlett, the former Conference Co-chair will now become Conference Chair, and Technology Chair John Phillips will continue to hold this office. Prof. Trevor Gulliver has been appointed as the new Publications Chair.

The third and final speaker at the meeting was the new KOTESOL President Dr. Robert Dickey. To briefly state what he spoke about, please, allow me to report it in point form. Thanks was given to the Tesol Dept. of Sungkyungwan Univ. for their efforts in allotting rooms for the conference. Special thanks was offered to Prof. Craig Bartlett, and Prof. Jen Lalonde for their enormous work as Conference Chair and site coordinator respectively. Prof. Kirsten Rietan was appointed to be the new International Affairs Chair. Mention was made that other members will be appointed to positions in the near future. Hopes were expressed for more continuity in the future, especially involving members in leadership positions. Suggestions were made that former KOTESOL leaders and officers should get involved to a certain degree in this organization by guiding promising new leaders. Concern was mentioned regarding the fact that many officers have not served their full terms in the past three years.

A statement was expressed at the meeting reminding everyone that KOTESOL is a community of teachers, and of many nationalities. Also, that KOTESOL has not fully taken advantage of the great richness of diversity among its members and ranks. This diversity will help KOTESOL in securing a promising future. - it was stated that this year's creation of two SIG's, the special interest groups, is quite a positive position for KOTESOL. These two Sig's are: Global Issues, and Research. President Robert Dickey reiterated that research is being done by some of our members, and that it was important to note. - he was pleased about KOTESOL's two regional conferences that were held in Seoul and Kwangju this year, and expressed positive thoughts about Deajon's and Jeolla's Drama festivals. He also mentioned the importance of publishing the KOREA TESOL Journal and PAC Journal, which may attract global recognition and government funding in the future. In Dr. Dickey's closing remarks, there was mention of some issues KOTESOL officers should begin pondering for the annual KOTESOL leadership retreat, which is scheduled for December 2nd, 2001. These issues are: Being conscious of our decisions, and what we wish to accomplish in the future. We also need to be more focused as leaders and officers.

He maintains that KOTESOL has tried to be all things to all people, this may be a negative thing. We should be aware of who our future KOTESOL leaders are, and ask them to seek potential leaders so they may develop leadership skills. President Dickey stated that it is important to define what a leader's/ officer's role is. He maintained that part of a committee's role in KOTESOL is to delegate responsibility/tasks and develop leadership. He reminded us, once again, that it is important for former officers with their wealth of KOTESOL experience to contribute their time/energy in organizing committees. In conclusion, President Dickey asked the attendees to ponder two questions: What can KOTESOL do for you?, and, What can you do for KOTESOL? At that point in the meeting, Dr. Dickey allotted time for questions or comments. Some attendees and/or members did mention a few pertinent ideas. Dr. Peter Nelson thought that it would be

very important to learn lessons from KOTESOL's past experience, and continue to focus on its appropriate goals in the future. Prof. Demetra Gates Choi said that officers should avoid dealing with their own personal feelings within the KOTESOL organization or community, and maintain a professional outlook. She also mentioned that KOTESOL procedures should be printed out, so that officers/members know exactly what their tasks are in organizing committees, SIG's, and of course chapters. Conference Chair Craig Bartlett wished to notify his Co-chair, Dr. Ju Yang don, and members that the preparations for the next KOTESOL International Conference begin immediately. Dr. Robert Dickey acknowledged all comments made by the attendees, and said that the questions asked at this meeting would be addressed at the upcoming leadership retreat in December. Dr. Shaffer moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 5:11 p.m. It was simultaneously seconded by Prof. Joseph Nicholas and Prof. Demetra Gates Choi .

Respectfully submitted by KOTESOL National Secretary, Joseph Nicholas