

## **2006 KOTESOL Leadership Retreat National Council Meeting**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Daejeon, South Korea**

### **KOTESOL Members Attending: (non-voting members in asterisks)**

Marilyn Plumlee – President  
David Shaffer - Treasurer  
Malory Martin – Publicity Chair  
Maria Lisak – Gwangju Rep. \*  
Jerry Foley \*  
Melanie Vandehoven – Culture Chair  
Kevin Landry – Cheongju Chair  
Todd Vercoe – Busan Chair  
Ingrid Zwaal – Jeolla Chair  
Steve Garrigues – Daegu Chair  
Tory Thorkelson – Elections and Nominations Chair  
Mary-Jane Scott – Seoul Chair  
Stephen Peter Jinks – Membership Chair  
Margeurite Carstairs – Daejeon Chair  
Phil Owen – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Allison Bill – International Relations  
Kyoungsook Yeum – Long Term Planning Chair  
Sef Kerwin - \*  
John Phillips – Technical Chair  
Jake Kimball – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Gye-hyoung Yoo – International Conference Chair  
Louisa Kim – Immediate Past President  
Sal Atasi - \* (Observing)  
Tony Joo - \* (Observing)  
Frank \_\_\_\_\_ \* (Observing)

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn at 2:00 PM with Todd Vercoe acting as Parliamentarian. Marilyn then presents certificates and awards to members of the 2006/2007 KOTESOL National Council.

Dave presents the Treasurers Report as of Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> 2006. He notes that the amount for Korea TESOL is still to be added. Todd moves to accept the treasurers' report. This is seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

Phil presents the 1<sup>st</sup> VP report and discusses his intention to meet all of the chapters in the coming year.

Jake in presenting the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP report mentions that there were many successful activities in the past year. He also hopes for a bigger presence for SIG's in the upcoming 2007 International Conference.

The International Conference Committee report is presented by Gye Hyoung Yoo. She asked members of the council to recommend members to volunteer for next year's International Conference Committee. She was also happy to report that the 2006 International Conference

Committee made a profit. It is asked whether OP's can be brought to Regional Conference's. Dave reminds council that chapters should not collect money from OP's. Any OP queries should be passed on to Robert Dickey. Finally, there is a question about how KOTESOL can support OP's at their events.

Tory presents the Nominations + Elections report. He said he is looking for good people to assist in his committee. He also mentioned that he is planning to do an online election in the coming year. He will look for people to volunteer in March, 2007.

There is no one present representing Domestic Relations. However, Todd asks whether anyone has thought of meeting with and building a relationship with the Korean Ministry of Education. It is thought that this could help to raise the profile of KOTESOL/

Jake presents the TEC report and mentions the need for more editors. He also asks members about their thoughts in terms of glossy or non-glossy paper for TEC.

Dave discusses the KOTESOL Journal and notes that it will be coming out soon. The journal has been behind in the past but has caught up. A number of members remark that the Journal being caught will be very good for KOTESOL's profile. Dave also wishes (on behalf of the Research Comm.) that less money be given for each grant so that more grants could be given. Some members also ask if grants could be more visibly advertised.

Jinks presented his report for the Membership Committee. He stated that his first objective is to get a committee by getting people from the Chapters. As well, he said he hopes to improve Membership services by interacting more with people. Todd Vercoe then asked what happened to the names of people who registered during the International Conference registration. Dave Shaffer mentioned that he has a list of names which can go to each Chapter to check.

John Phillips, reporting for the Tech. Committee, said he will be using his discretionary funds to build-up the hard drive. Marilyn and John both remarked that they would like to see e-mail's forwarded to all National Council members. Dave said that he has all of the National Council members contact info and that he will send it to John.

Melanie Vandehoven of the Culture Committee discussed the past year. She talked about how well things were going with the "Culture Corner" in TECH and the supportive networking role that the committee has played. She also mentioned the need for a culture-based presentation for the upcoming March Seoul Chapter meeting.

Hyoung-sook Yeum, the Long term Planning Chair, said that she wants to make a manual of job descriptions of all chapter and council positions. She then talked about the JALT conference that she attended this past November. She noted how strong JALT's cultural identity is within their conference. She wondered how KOTESOL could develop more of a cultural identity. Steve Garrigues argued that we need to identify the culture of KOTESOL so as to bring the identity of KOTESOL into focus.

The publicity chair, Mallory Martin, discussed the possibility of a Korean only info pamphlet to reach out to the Korean community. Secondly, he presented the idea of having the website setup to allow recruiters to look at resumes on the internet. Finally, he argued that it would be a good idea to have a hard copy/e-mail "press" pack to give to new members.

Then, Louisa Kim presented her ideas concerning her Constitution + Bylaws Amendment Committee. Maria Lisak presented the idea that there should be members from different countries so as to get different perspectives of constitutions. Todd continued by asking why the committee had been formed. It was mentioned that the group has been made to look at the possibility of making changes. The core committee group would make the changes and then bring it to the whole group for later discussion. At this point, Dave motioned for a break. Mary Ann Scott seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously at 4:40PM.

The meeting was again called to order at 4:50PM. Each chapter that was present gave a brief report. A few notes of each report are below.

Busan: Todd noted that it was a difficult year with low numbers and people dropping out.

Cheongju: Kevin Landry talked about wanting to slowly build up the chapter.

Daegu: Margeurite Carstairs said she feels good about her executive. As well, the Drama Festival has been changed to an Art/Film Festival. It will be scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

Gwangju: Maria Lisak discussed various events coming in the new year.

North Jeolla: Ingrid Zwaal's report was previously submitted to members

Seoul: Mary Ann Scott said that there are many enthusiastic members within her chapter. Their Global Issues conference has been set for March 31<sup>st</sup>. Finally, Mary Ann briefly discussed the election procedures outline that their chapter established. This was presented to Tory Thorkelson for the Elections Committee, earlier in the day.

Then, John makes a motion to go through the budget before discussing conference issues.

Against: 11

Abstain: 3

For: 0

The motion does not pass.

Then the idea of a joint Busan-Daegu National Conference to be held in the spring is discussed. The idea of holding the conference at Kyoungbuk National University is proposed, and the long term ramifications of that are also discussed.

So, Jake Kimball motioned the following: I move that Steve Garrigues investigate the possibility of a National Conference to be held jointly with KNU. This was seconded by Louisa Kim and passed unanimously.

Then, Phil Owen moved that we empower the President to recruit an appropriate nominee for International Conference Co-Chair and bring the name to National Council for confirmation. This was seconded by Margeurite Carstairs and passed unanimously.

Finally, the Treasury Budget report was presented. Below are the changes the committee made to the budget:

- Line 330: "Immediate Past President" was taken off of the report.
- Line 343.1: "Tech Committee Training Program" was changed from 1,000,000 won to 3,000,000 won.
- Line 347.2: was changed from 1,500,000 to 1,900,000
- Line 348.1: was changed from 500,000 to 200,000
- Line 348.3: was changed from 200,000 to 500,000
- **New Line item: KOTESOL Brand item, 1,000,000 added**
- Line 441: was changed from 2,500,000 to 3,500,000
- **Name Change – Line 512: Chapter Member Service Awards**

**Kevin Landry then moved to accept the budget as revised. Todd seconded that motion and it was passed unanimously.**

**The meeting was called by Marilyn Plumlee at 7:15PM.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Donald Rikley, National Secretary**

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