

16 October 2011 KOTESOL ABM

Minutes

Called to order: 4:23

Opening statement by President Bob Capriles.

Awards presented to: Bruce Wakefield, Mary-Jane Scott, Maria Pinto, Dr. Dave Shaffer (Lifetime Achievement), and BT Stoakley (President's Award).

Treasurer's Report: Deborah Tarbet: Two reports today: Conference report through 12 Oct. We saved costs on travel, and some other areas, so should come in under budget.

The National Finance report is also through 12 Oct, again, under budget for expenses at this point. Revenue transfers to IC: conference fees received. More will be sent in the following week. Current balance in our accounts: 221,972,407, overseas \$3,223.78. Copies of the bank books have been attached.

Question: Why do we have an account with 150 million won in it, when Korean bank insurance is 50 million won?

Deborah Tarbet stated that she would create more accounts to keep the maximum balance under 50 million won each.

Losses from previous year budgets not known until after the ABM will be reported as a footnote to the report of the year the loss occurred.

David Kim stated that the Financial Affairs Committee is considering making full reports available to members upon request, rather than summaries with full reports only available at the ABM.

Motion by Julien McNulty (Seconded: Brad Serl) to adopt the financial report as read.

Vote Results: yes: 21, no: 4, abstentions: 11, motion carries.

Secretary's Report (2010 ABM minutes presented)

Motion by Rob Dickey (seconded: Stafford Lumsden) to accept 2010 minutes with amendments.

Vote results: yes: 39, no: 0, abstentions: 3, motion carries.

Nominations and Elections Report: Doug Huffer reported that there are ambiguities in the constitution. The first question is about Article VII, section 2, which states 25% of all votes cast must have someone named for that position. My position: if there is a ballot with no vote, that does not count as a vote. If 50% cast votes, 25% must be for one candidate. There needs to be a decision before the results are announced.

Motion by Julien McNulty (Seconded by Stafford Lumsden) that when at least one vote is cast on a ballot for a single candidate, all positions on that ballot shall be considered voted for.

Vote result: yes: 39; no: 0; abstentions: 6; motion passed.

Doug Huffer reported that there was a second issue: election irregularities. Both Deborah Tarbet and BT Stoakley worked very hard on the membership list, but there are still errors and still people missing. Additionally, there are rumors of serious problems which should be investigated by committee.

Discussion: Some members wanted to have the results put on hold until the allegations could be investigated, while others felt the organization would suffer if without leadership for that period of time.

Motion by Allison Bill (Seconded by Peadar Callghan) that those offices that have been elected without alleged irregularity be announced.

Discussion: There is only circumstantial evidence. However, irregularities only continue to occur because a blind eye has been turned in the past.

Vote results: yes: 28, no: 1 , abstentions: 6. Motion carries.

Motion by Rob Dickey (Seconded by Bruce Wakefield) that this body accept the results of those offices where there is suspected irregularity and leave for the National Council further investigation and treatment.

Discussion: If it has been found that there has been unethical practices, then that person is not fit to represent KOTESOL.

Vote results: yes: 17, no: 14, abstentions: 0. Motion carries.

DH : 44 members here. We need 75%.

Amendment to KOTESOL Constitution: From Article V, Section 1 which reads:

"... except for the President, who shall serve a two-year term, elected biannually except where the Presidency has been vacated, in which case a new election shall be held along with the election for other officers"

would be deleted, making the term of office of the President one year. If the President wishes to run again for a further year, the incumbent would be free to do so, so long as such candidacy meets the criteria set out in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Vote results: yes: 30, (no votes / abstentions not stated). Motion fails.

Motion by Rob Dickey (Seconded by Jure Majnaric) to accept the vote.

Vote result: passes by voice vote.

Election results: Total ballots: 429

(Votes for candidates show total number of ballots cast for that office, because many voters declined to vote for some positions.)

IC cochair: Grace Wang 270/ 278

Nominations and Elections Chair: David D.I. Kim: 298/ 328

Secretary: Jennifer Young (Write in): 12/ 43

Treasurer: Deborah Tabet: 321/ 342

1st Vice President: Jamie Carson 273/429

2nd Vice President: Jake Kimball: 239/ 249

President: Mijae Lee: 319/ 424; Julien McNulty: 102/ 424

Motion by David Kim (Seconded by Liz Bailey) to accept the results.

Vote results: yes: 17,no: 15, abstentions: 4. Motion passed.

New Business

Motion by Julien McNulty (Seconded by Grace Wang) that there shall be an investigation into election irregularities and that the results and recommendations be given to members by eNews by 31 Dec 2011 and that the committee should be the members of the 2011 Nominations and Elections com.

Vote results: yes: 25, no: 1, abstentions: 1. Motion passed.

Motion by Angela Worth (Seconded by Stafford Lumsden) to adjourn.

Vote results: carried by voice vote.

Adjourned: 7:35