

KOTESOL National Council Meeting

June 29th 2013

Woodan Building, Kyungpook University, Deagu.

Present:

National Council Members - Peadar Callaghan, Jamie Carson, Ralph Cousins, Carl Dusthimer, Han Kyowool, David D.I. Kim, Jeon Young Joo, Jeong-ryeol Kim, MiJae Lee, Stafford Lumsden, Patricia Marion, William Mulligan, Leonie Overbeek, Heebon Park-Finch, John Phillips, Brad Serl, David Shaffer, Marlene Wilkinson, Ingrid Zwaal, Robert Kim.

Observers - Simon Gillett, Louisa McMillan, Sean O' Connor, Martin Todd, Doria Garms-Sotelo

Agenda:

1. Adoption of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
3. International Conference 2013 & 2014
4. National Conference 2014 - venue and chapter interest
5. Nominations and Elections Committee: time frame, planning, members of the committee, rules and regulations
6. Constitutional amendments
7. Questions arising from reports
- 7.1 Business arising from the questions.
8. New business
- 8.1 OP partnerships

At 11:00 am 14 members were present which constituted a quorum. Meeting was called to order with Peadar Callaghan restating the rules of procedure as presented alongside the agenda. David Shaffer and Stafford Lumsden called these to question as meetings have been conducted under Roberts Rules, and both Peadar Callaghan and Leonie Overbeek pointed out that the procedures proposed had been used for the past two meetings, had been distributed beforehand and before being adopted the first time, had been circulated for feedback. (During discussion, 3 members arrived)

Motion: Paedar Callaghan moves that for this meeting we adopt the proposed procedure format as shown above the agenda. Carl Dusthimer 2nd, Leonie Overbeek 2nd.

Vote: Yes 16

No 1

Motion carried

1. Adoption of agenda

No objections were raised to the agenda being adopted.

## 2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: Stafford Lumsden - that the minutes be adopted subject to corrections for spelling, grammar and corrections. Jamie Carson 2nd.

Vote: Yes 13

No 0

Abst. 0

Motion is carried

## 3. International Conference 2013 & 2014

Peadar Callaghan proposes that the discussion be held in two parts, viz. the current year and the coming year.

### 3.1 IC 2013

Carl Dusthimer updated the report by saying that approximately 340 proposals have been received, and are being vetted. The results should be available after 10th July.

Discussion:

The main point was the timing and venue for the ABM. Stafford Lumsden questioned what effect moving the venue would have on attendance, and asked what council could do to encourage people to attend. David Shaffer pointed out that the conference committee were not the ones to make the decision about the venue and time. Peadar Callaghan felt that the ABM is the one opportunity for the members to be heard on issues. Carl Dusthimer pointed out that most people did not like attending the business meeting anyway, since it quickly degenerated into factions and was not of broad interest. Also, the issue about announcing and ratifying the election results is of paramount concern, since terms of office for elected officials run for one year from the last ABM.

Motion: David Shaffer moved that we hold the ABM at a time and date different from the International Conference and to be determined by the National Council. Jamie Carson 2nd.

Discussion: the issue of the ratification of the election results moved several members to oppose this motion, while those who supported it felt that the terms of office could be extended. Jamie Carson made the point that a Sunday afternoon is not the best time as most people have transport issues. Stafford Lumsden proposed that a sub-committee should investigate the matter and report back. David Shaffer was willing to withdraw the motion if the chair appointed such a committee. However, a valid motion is on the table and should be voted on, as Peadar Callaghan pointed out.

Vote: Yes 0

No 15

Abs. 2

Motion defeated.

The president undertakes to appoint such a sub-committee and task them with investigating the issue of the time and venue for the ABM.

### 3.2 International Conference 2014

Ralph Cousins presented the case for moving to COEX as a venue for 2014. In main the feedback from OP's has been positive, The cost can be covered by raising the fees for members by 5000 won, and the cost for OP's by to 500000 won. The date that COEX is available is the 4th and 5th of October, 2014. Sean O' Connor presented the investigation they conducted into the space and the advantages it will offer.

Carl Dusthimer asked for support since it establishes KOTESOL as a forward thinking organization.

John Phillips asked that it be clarified whether the hall space is rented by the meter, which would add a lot to the cost. Jeon-ryeol Kim supports the move, as does Jamie Carson, with the question of the date. Brad Serl asks that the contract ensures the venue is fixed and no rooms can be taken up.

(at this time, the number of members present had increased to 21)

Motion: Ralph Cousins - I move that the 'Room Rental' or 'Venue Fee' for IC 2014 at the COEX be approved. We request 55 million won. This includes a 10% deposit which will be paid next week (first week of July 2013), with a second payment of 40% in June 2014, with continuous payments which becomes paid in full 7 days before the IC 2014 conference. Carl Dusthimer and Brad Serl 2nd.

Discussion: Peadar Callaghan supports it, but asks about the worst case scenario if there should be a drop in attendance, and asks for intensive promotion. John Phillips raised the point that at COEX we might not have a captive audience, as at Sookmyung, and the attendance might be simply people picking up their badges and then exploring the mall. David Shaffer pointed out that since their fees will have been paid already, it will not make a difference, and is a reality of conferences everywhere.

Vote: Yes 18

No 0

Abst. 0

Motion is carried

Motion: David Shaffer moves that we approve an IC 2014 budget for invited speakers in the same amount as the present 2013 budget. Brad Serl 2nd.

Discussion: William Mulligan asked if we didn't need more money in other respects. David Shaffer answered that when it's time to apporve a complete budget, it can be adjusted. Stafford Lumsden pointed out that this is fairly routine at this time.

Vote: Yes 21

Motion is carried unanimously

### 4. National Conference 2014 - venue and chapter interest

Peadar Callaghan proposes Deagu as a venue, restating the reasons given when they expressed an interest in the 2013 conference. Stafford Lumsden presented Seoul Chapter's interest as per the document submitted, and states that as the IC 2014 will be at COEX, Seoul can finally host it at Sookmyung.

Discussion: David DI Kim explains that NC has always been held outside of Seoul to promote regional chapters.

Motion: David D.I. Kim moves that the 2014 National Conference be given to Daegu.  
Brad Serl 2nd.

Discussion: Brad Serl states that he has no problem with either place. David Shaffer questions that the attendance at the 2013 conference was lower than at some regional conferences. Carl Dusthimer feels that if Seoul does host the event at Sookmyung, it will prevent the relationship with them being severed. Stafford Lumsden argues that the Seoul chapter is disenfranchised by not having the right to host the conference. David Shaffer feels that a conference at Seoul will benefit the other local chapters such as Incheon, Suwon and Yongin as well.

Vote: Yes 9

No 4

Abs. 6

Motion passes.

A ten minute recess is called at 12.50 pm. The meeting resumes at 1.05 pm.

5. Nominations and Elections Committee: time frame, planning, members of the committee, rules and regulations

David D.I. Kim submitted that nothing has changed since the last report submitted to the National Council. He also announced that the Google website for submitting nominations is up and running, and nominations are open. The deadline for submissions will be the 31st of August. Once a submission has been made by a candidate, together with supporting letters, campaigning may start, but no negative campaigning is allowed. Online voting will take place between the 22nd of September and the 10th of October 2013, and on-site voting at the International Conference. A campaign video can also be loaded.

Discussion: John Phillips was adamant that the Google website should be closed down, and only the KOTESOL site be used. Stafford Lumsden offered his services to help get the KT page set up. A lively discussion ensued about the benefits of a Google page vs. the official site, and finally David Kim agreed to close it down, once the KOTESOL site is properly set up.

Brad Serl then raised the issue that the tech services committee is not releasing the membership database to anyone.

As the informal discussion time was over, David Shaffer moved for an additional 5 minutes and William Mulligan seconded it.

Discussion about what access to the database means, and why it is felt that it should be limited, mainly to avoid corruption and misuse of the data, ensues.

Motion: David D.I. Kim moves that the tech committee be authorised to release the membership database to committees that request or require it to conduct their business.  
Stafford Lumsden 2nd.

William Mulligan asks if control of the membership list has changed?

Brad Serl feels 3 National Council members should approve such access. Stafford Lumsden feels access should be available.

Vote: Yes 11

No 4

Abs. 3

Motion is carried.

Motion: David D.I. Kim moves that the tech committee be authorised to release the membership database National Council elected members, chapters and SIGS that request and require it to conduct their business. Stafford Lumsden 2nd.

Vote: Yes 13

No 2

Abs. 3

Brad Serl feels that the president should ask that the three committees most concerned with this, viz. tech, membership and website be asked to draft a set of rules about the access and use of the database.

Motion: Leonie Overbeek moves that the previous tow motions passed be delayed in implementation until the rules and regulations be set, and approved by the president. Brad Serl 2nd.

Amendment: Jamie Carson amends the motion in that the National Elections committee be granted access to the information they need to carry out their current task and that SIGS requests be filtered through the 2nd VP. David D.I. Kim 2nd.

Vote on amendment

Yes 17

No 0

Abs. 2

Vote on original motion

Yes 17

No 0

Abs. 1

Motion as amended carried.

#### 6. Constitutional amendments

Leonie Overbeek reminds everyone present that if they wish to submit any constitutional amendments or amendment to the bylaws should be submitted well in advance of the ABM in order that it can be distributed to all members for consideration.

The deadline is the 12th of September 2013, and must follow the normal procedures of having proper signatories as support of the motion.

#### 7. Questions arising from reports

Bradley Serl raises the question of the oversight of the National Conference monies disbursed, such as money spent on transport etc. The fact that the conference fees were doubled was also questioned. Unfortunately with the National Conference chair not present, these will stand over. Stafford Lumsden also asks for a final budget and transparency about the 2013 National Conference.

David Shaffer asked whether all the members of the LTP are members of KOTESOL and the chair confirmed that they were. Also he asked about the spring workshop and was told that the report at the last meeting put it forward as a plan. Then he asked tech if there was a problem as to why all the zombie profiles were not automatically removed, and was told some profiles make it past the automatic vetting and needs to be removed by hand, not a server problem but a bot problem. He then asked about the server upgrade, and the answer was the hosting plan must be upgraded. Finally there was a question for community relations to please notify chapters when liason activities take place in their area for them to get involved. A question about Jeonju's membership, if there might be a problem, was answered by the chapter president with a resounding no.

Stafford Lumsden asked tech which hosting they will go with, and the answer was that they will stick to BlueHost.

David D.I. Kim introduced the newly elected management committee of Yongin to the council.

7.1 Business arising from the questions.

none

8. New business

8.1 OP agreement adoption

David Shaffer asked Simon Gilette to present the current OP agreement.

Discussion: the crucial issue was the period of the agreements, and whether the current agreements should be extended to run until the 31st of August 2013, or if the new agreements should run from 1st July 2013 to 31 August 2014.

Motion: David Shaffer moves that the OP agreement for 2013/14 be approved, with no changes from the previous agreement other than the changes in event dates, removal of the last paragraph on page 7, exchange rates used to convert won to dollar and vice versa and that it should run from the 1st of July 2013 to the 31st of August 2014.

David D.I. Kim asked that the agreement be posted on the website and Stafford Lumsden agreed to put it up.

Vote: Yes 15

No 0

Abs. 1

Motion is carried.

The next meeting will be on the 31st of August in Seoul.

Peadar Callaghan called for an adjournment, Brad Serl 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 3.05 pm.