

ABM KOTESOL MINUTES

13 October 2013

Gemma Hall, Sookmyung Women's University

(Adopted by acclamation, Oct 5, 2014)

At 4pm the meeting was declared open by the president, Dr. MiJae Lee, and 25 members and 1 visitor were present at that time.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Procedural matters
2. Agenda
3. Minutes of previous ABM
4. Financial Report
5. Discussion of matters re. proposed amendments
6. Announcement of vote
7. Awards and presentations
8. Close of meeting

1. Procedural matters: the president explained that speaking on any matter will take place by persons queuing up at the lectern set on stage right. Speakers may have as many turns at speaking as they wish, and address the audience for as long as they wish.

Also, members were being checked off on a list at the door, and visitors were asked to sit in a separate area in order to avoid being counted in a vote.

PRESENT: Liz Biale, Lisa Bellamy, Peadar Callaghan (1st VP), Demetra Gates Choi, Ralph Cousins, Robert Dickey, Henry Dziardziel, Rebecca Elliot, Kyowool Han (treasurer), Brian Heldenbrand, Trevina Jefferson, Kristina Kauss, David DI Kim (Nominations and Elections Chair), Jeong-ryeol Kim, Robert Kim, Yongae Alice Kim, Clyde Kwon, MiJae Lee (president), Stafford Lumsden, Amanda Maitland, Cristopher Miller, Kyeongsook Kathy Moon, William Mulligan, Leonie Overbeek (secretary), Phil Owen, Andrew Pollard, Nathan Rice, Phillip Schrank, Bradley Serl, Gene Shaffer, David Shaffer, Deborah Tarbet, Tory Thorkelson, Bruce Wakefield, Grace H Wang, Kyungsook Yeum.

2. Agenda

Debra Tarbet moved that the agenda as presented be accepted. Brad Serl 2nd.

Bruce Wakefield proceeded to raise an issue about a misspelling of the past president's name in the minutes, and was corrected that the discussion was about the agenda. After some confusion about which item we were discussing, and all discussion about the agenda ended, the meeting proceeded to vote.

Vote:	Yes	17
	No	0

Abstain 2

Motion is carried.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Peadar Callaghan moved that the minutes as they are presented be accepted with the proviso that all spelling mistakes, typos and language errors will be edited before release. Stafford Lumsden 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	19
	No	0
	Abstain	2

Motion is carried.

4. Financial Reports

The national treasurer presented the four reports as distributed at the meeting, and allowed people five minutes to read and check them.

Demetra Gates Choi requested further clarification on the membership payments in 2012 and 2013, as well as on the records of payment for the lifetime members shown, and for the three lifetime members whose names do not appear on the report, viz. Tory Thorkelson, Jay Jeong-ryeol Kim, and David Shaffer. Specifically, when those people were paid up to become lifetime members.

Robert Dickey explains that we may not be able to track the data but Peadar Callaghan promises that we will try.

5. Proposed amendments

Stafford Lumsden presented and was the prime mover for four proposed amendments to the bylaws of KOTESOL. Since an amendment can only be passed if there is a 3/4 majority of the voters present, a count was made and 31 voters were present at this time of the first motion being presented.

5.1 Move to amend article III section 6 to read as follows: The Nominations and Elections Chair shall act as the Chief Returning Officer of KOTESOL, chair the nominations committee, and be responsible for creating a clear set of elections procedures, guidelines and/or rules that are made known to the membership through appropriate media no later than 30 days before the commencement of the election period. Bruce Wakefield 2nd.

The discussion centered around the fact that this is felt to clarify the role of the said chair, and also to inform members.

Vote:	Yes	20
	No	2
	Abstain	2

With 31 voters present, 20 yes votes is only a 2/3 majority and thus the motion fails.

5.2 Move to amend article IV section 5 to read as follows: A majority of Council members that are eligible to vote (both appointed and elected) shall constitute a quorum for conducting business. Council members shall be allowed to appoint a qualified substitute, who shall be allowed to vote at the meeting. Substitutes must be

officially declared to the President before the commencement of the meeting. A member of Council may only declare one substitute regardless of how many positions on the council he or she holds and cannot declare a substitute for any position if he or she is present at a meeting of the National Council. Bruce Wakefield 2nd.

Discussion: the aim of the amendment is to avoid council members stacking the vote, in other words, one man - one vote. This view was refuted and it was pointed out that many organizations and democracies allow a person to have as many votes as positions.

At this stage the voters were counted and numbered 34.

Vote:	Yes	27
	No	3
	Abstain	1

Motion is carried with more than a 3/4 majority

5.3 Move to add a new section 7 to article V of the bylaws to read: Section 7 There shall be a standing Korea Teacher Training Program committee responsible for ongoing development of a KOTESOL approved teacher training program, establishing and administering a database of KOTESOL approved teacher trainers drawn from the membership and liaising with various institutions and organizations as appropriate to deliver training seminars, presentations, workshops and the like, and to renumber the present sections 7 and 8 as section 8 and 9. In addition to amend Article III section 3 to read: The Second Vice President shall organize the Annual Leadership Retreat, and oversee and assist the Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The Second Vice President shall also undertake such other responsibilities as the President may delegate. Bruce Wakefield 2nd. Number of voters at this time was 33.

Discussion: It was felt by some that KTT should first prove, under its new leadership, that it can deliver such a service, alternatively that the incoming president could address this issue by appointing KTT a committee. Many also felt that having KTT as a standing committee would provide a better service to members.

Vote:	Yes	15
	No	12
	Abstain	3

The motion fails, lacking a 3/4 majority.

5.4 Move to add a new section 4 to article VII of the bylaws to read: An incumbent Nominations and Elections Chairperson may not stand in any election in which he/she is responsible for administering, and to renumber the existing section 4 and 5 as section 5 and 6. Bruce Wakefield 2nd. Number of voters at this time was 33.

Discussion: Some organizations allow the returning officer to stand, and in a previous year safeguards were put in place to keep the officer at arms length from the actual ballots. Some feel that the process becomes flawed and a cause for concern.

Vote:	Yes	17
	No	10

Motion fails due to lack of 3/4 majority.

6. Election Results

Demetra Gates Choi raises a point of order - she wishes it to be clarified exactly when nominations were taken, when were they made and were current nominees in good standing at that time and in the interval since then.

Debra Tarbet answers that all were in good standing and continue to be in good standing.

The issue of lifetime members is raised again and again the assurance is given that as much of the archives that had been destroyed in various moves of offices, and bank accounts as can be tracked, will be tracked. However, the members have been accorded lifetime members status for some time.

Results:

326 votes were cast. There were no spoilt ballots or voided ballots. There were also no more than two write-ins on any ballot.

Nominations and Elections Chair

BT Stoakley	173
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Tory Thorkelson	136
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International Conference Co-chair

Carl Dusthimer	185
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Stafford Lumsden	126
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Treasurer

Young Hoon Sohn	270
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No Vote or a write in	56
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Secretary

Leonie Overbeek	288
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Write-in	38
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Second Vice President

Yeong Joo Jeon	144
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David Shaffer	116
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Ingrid Zwaal	60
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First Vice President

Jay Jeong-ryeol Kim	185
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Bradley Serl	129
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President

Peadar Callaghan	172
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David Kim asks that this body accepts these results, Robert Dickey 2nd.

Discussion: Again the valid membership is called into question and the assurance is given that the NC will do its utmost to reconstruct as much as can be considering that in 1996 a database crash erased all membership data, and in 2001 archives were thrown out by movers. Jay Kim feels it is not healthy to have distrust as we move forward.

Vote:	Yes	28
	No	0
	Abstain	3

The results are accepted.

At this point Robert Dickey calls for the agenda to be reconsidered as no provision was made for either old business or new business. It is felt that questions and issues can be raised at any time, and former President Lee as chair calls for any new business.

no motions arise

7. Awards and presentations

MiJae Lee congratulates all the newly elected officers and wishes them a good year. She then presents the following awards:

To Alice Kim for her long and devoted service to KOTESOL, especially considering that she was a founding member of KOTESOL.

To Kathy Moon for her dedicated service not only as president of Deajeon Chapter, but for her service to keeping the catering of KOTESOL events under control and running smoothly.

To Gangwon chapter for their dedication and persistence and service despite being in an area that is remote.

To Carl Dusthimer - member of the year.

MiJae Lee then thanked everyone for their support, or opposition, during her two years as president. opposition made her grow stronger, while support made her happy. She challenges the new leaders to help KOTESOL grow even larger, to become representative of foreign and Korean teachers of English. She congratulates Peadar on his election, and he in turn thanks her, and challenges the members with the words: The work has now started.

The meeting is adjourned at 5.45