

ABM KOTESOL 2014

5th October 2014, COEX Convention Center, Room 307A

Present: Peadar Callaghan, Leonie Overbeek, Barbara Waldern, Tory Thorkelson, Robert Kim, Nathan Rice, William Muligan, Mark Davis, Lindsay Herron, Stafford Lumsden, Liza Bellamy, Amelie Kelly, Jamie Carson, Robert Dickey, Akil Hadid, Clyde Kwon, Elizabeth Jean May, Phil Owen, Martin Todd

(Members who arrived after the start of the meeting were not checked off, so there may be some missing names.)

Total present 20

1. President's Address

Peadar Callaghan informed the meeting that the past year had been a road with ups and downs, and started with the most notable down, the passing away of Dr. Choi who was a founder member of the Daejeon chapter. He will be missed. Then he explained the problems that arose around the tax certificate. The holder at that time wanted to transfer it and it took time to organize. The person took exception and froze the bank accounts of KOTESOL until such time as it could be transferred. Dr. MiJae Lee agreed to be the new tax certificate holder, and the situation was resolved. Unfortunately it cost KOTESOL some memberships, as no payments could be made at that time.

Then he reported on the some of the ups - most notable that the National Conference posted a slight return of 600000 won, and much of that was due to Mark Davis as OP liason who brought several sponsors aboard. Also, many of the new projects such as the membership cards came to fruition, and the Fed-Ex day, an opportunity for people to launch a project they think would benefit KOTESOL, was the start of a few interesting projects.

The online education project is due to launch in January with a course.

As for the conference, many felt the move to COEX was positive, but it will only be clear what the cost was when the financial reports are in.

2. Procedural matters.

Since a 75% majority of those members present is required to pass the amendments which are part of the agenda, those who feel like abstaining from voting are reminded that in this case an abstention is a de-facto no vote, and are asked to then absent themselves rather than abstain.

3. Agenda

Stafford Lumsden moves that the agenda as published in the program book be accepted. Jamie Carson 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	16
	No	0
	Abstain	4

Motion passes

4. Minutes of the previous ABM

Tory Thorkelson requests that his name be added to those present. Clyde Kown points out that his name is incorrectly spelled.

Stafford Lumsden moves that the minutes be accepted as written with the corrections requested. Nathan Rice 2nd.

The motion is passed unanimously.

5. Proposed amendments.

5.1 Proposal to revise the amendment requirements for the KOTESOL Constitution: That the figure "three-fourths (3/4) majority" in Constitution article VIII (Amendments to this Constitution) be revised to "two-thirds (2/3) majority", this revision to go into effect 6 October 2014.

This was proposed by Rob Dickey and supported by five members of KOTESOL in good standing.

Discussion: It is pointed out if this rule had been effect last year, many proposals that had the majority vote would have passed. It was also a change that set a very high bar, and was not in line with the original Constitution. The question of a quorum does not arise for the ABM, since it is simply required that the meeting be advertised to members and all members given a chance to attend, thus, if only two or three present, the vote is counted only for them.

Vote:	Yes	20
	No	0

The proposal passes and the constitution will be amended.

5.2 Proposal to revise the amendment requirements for the KOTESOL Bylaws: That the figure "two-thirds (2/3) majority" in Bylaws article X (Amendments) be revised to "three-fifths (3/5) majority", this revision to go into effect 6 October 2014.

This was proposed by Rob Dickey and supported by five members of KOTESOL in good standing.

Discussion: The bylaws should be more flexible and easier to adjust since they are a working document. In any case, Roberts Rules of Order still apply to both these proposals.

Vote:	Yes	20
	No	0

The proposal passes and bylaws will be amended.

6. Financial Report

Phil Owen, who stepped up as interim Treasurer in June after the elected treasurer reported a conflict between his commitments at work and the job as treasurer, presented a balance sheet and report.

The first issue was the loss of operating funds due to the suspension of accounts as previously mentioned, the second that three times accounts were realized and the funds deposited in the current accounts, and a new times account opened, and third that the final payments for the International Conference still have to be reckoned and reported on before a final balance can be presented.

However, the balance of KOTESOL National funds stands at just over 200 million won at 15 September 2014.

Discussion centered on the fact that there is one account that is currently shown as being KOTESOL, but has no real name or purpose attached to it - this will be tracked and cleared up. Also, many questions have been asked of the International Outreach committee chair with no answers forthcoming regarding expenditures, the president promised to follow that up. There was also the question about why a budget was drawn up that would result in a negative balance, and the explanation about spending saved funds on members was given, that the surplus from previous years needed to be spent down. A big loss may well be the IC as the final figures are not in. The point was made that while it may seem as if there is a lot of money, the actual expenditures and money in the current accounts did not match end of 2013 and resulted in certain expenses not being met.

The president encouraged people to attend the leadership retreat ready to share ideas and build a team.

Stafford Lumsden moves to accept the Financial Report as written. Nathan Rice 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	18
	No	0
	Abstain	1

Motion passes.

8. Voting results

Rob Dickey will function as the returning officer in the absence of the Elections and Nominations chair.

He explained the rule that any office has to obtain 25% of the total votes cast to be valid, and that a candidate has to obtain 25% of valid votes to qualify, beside then getting a majority vote.

The results are:

145 ballots cast

1st VP	Lindsay Herron	136 votes
2nd VP	Ingrid Zwaal	137 votes
Treasurer	Phil Owen	137 votes
Nom.&Elections	Nathan Rice	131 votes
Secretary	various names on 41 ballots, but no person received 25% of ballots, no candidate and office is vacant	
IC co-chair	61 ballots with write-in names, Jamie Carson received 24 votes (39%).	

Peadar Callaghan asks that the body accept these results.

Vote:	Yes	15
	No	4
	Abstain	2

Results accepted. The new officers are welcomed to the National Council.

8. Awards and presentations

Peadar Callaghan explains that he decided not to present any physical awards, but simply to recognize some outstanding service.

Leonie Overbeek as secretary

Ingrid Zwaal for her service as stage manager at IC's for 15 years.

Kathy moon for her continuing dedication and service

Gene Shaffer for his work behind the scenes at IC for many years.

Ralph Cousins as IC chair

YB Lee - not a member - for his help with this years IC and the liason services with COEX.

9 New business

9.1 Phil Owen asks if it is possible that the ABM and co-current sessions not be held at future IC's. Nathan Rice seconds that.

The discussion is mainly about how, if the ABM and sessions are run at the same time, people miss out on quality presentations, while the ABM needs more members to attend to hear what is going on. Shortening the conference time is not good, neither is holding the ABM from 5 to 7 on a Sunday as people complained.

Motion: To recommend to the leadership of the IC that the ABM not be scheduled at the same time as other sessions. Phil Owen, Nathan Rice 2nd.

Vote	Yes	12
	No	3
	Abstain	6

Motion passes.

9.2 Audit report of the Financial Committee

Although the audits have been completed up to 2013, no reports have been filed as yet. Peadar Callaghan will follow this up.

10. Close of meeting

No objections to the close of the meeting. Meeting closed at 4.20