

KOTESOL National Council ABM Minutes
October 14th, 2018
Room 317 Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul

Present: David Shaffer, Michael Free, Mike Peacock, Lindsay Herron, Martin Todd, Elizabeth May, Stewart Gray, Jake Kimball, Allison Bill, Kathleen Kelley, John Simmons, Robert Dickey, Leonie Overbeek, Alice Kim, Sharron Morrison, Maria Lisak

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 16:03 by David Shaffer

Announcements

Clarification of voting members: All Korea TESOL members with current membership as of October 14, 2018, are eligible to vote on ABM matters

There are service certificates for National Council Officers & Committee Chairs

2. Adoption of the agenda

Approved as amended with no objections.

Motion: Kathlene Kelley **Second:** Michael Free

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

3. Adoption of 2017 meeting minutes

Motion: Martin Todd **Second:** Michael free

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

4. Reports of Officers and Committees

President's Report

The international community is now bigger than Seoul Chapter. Kara MacDonald has been designated as their representative to council. The International Community Representative does not have a vote on council.

Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter is a concern. Currently, there are only 9 members, although there are many attendees at meetings. The First VP should be concerned about it. Membership below 20 for 2 years could be cause for closure.

SIGs –

A Reflective Practice SIG online course has been initiated. It is very popular.

Environmental Justice SIG Newly formed and approved

Other active SIGS

Reflective Practice

Social Justice

Christian Teachers

Research

Multimedia & CALL

Events

- National Conference
- Leadership Retreat
- Chapter President's meeting
- 3 National Council meetings + 1 more online
- 4 Chapter conferences + 3 more planned
- International Conference

Planning

- Christian Teachers' SIG
- Judging for KAFLA Middle-High School speech contest

Publications

- TEC
- Korea TESOL Journal
- KOTESOL Proceedings – recently online
- KOTESOL News (e-newsletters)
- We have lots of articles. We can afford to publish only the highest quality.
- Several chapters and SIGs also have newsletters.

Publicity – we have been in the following media

- TESOL Affiliate News
- Korea 4 Expats
- KoreaBridge
- The Korea Times – several articles
- The Korea Herald – 2 articles

Partner ELT Associations

- PAC partners
- Non PAC partners
- TESOL International Associations
- We have sent reps to several conferences
- Many of these are partnerships that don't cost anything. We just allow them to send a rep to our conference & vice versa.

Rob Dickey – we have perhaps too many partnerships where we send people.

Accomplishments

- Policies & Procedures Manuals – Revised
- SICS Guidelines – Created
- Teacher of the Year Award – Created
- Research Paper of the Year Award – Created, winner selected from our journal – 우진하
- 2017 Audit Completed
- New Logo Added – 4 versions

Initiatives/Undertakings

Pass it on Challenge

Volunteer

KOTESOL Testimonials

There is a question re membership. It generally follows the trend of numbers of English teachers in Korea.

International Conference Committee Report

Kathleen Kelley

Preregistration numbers were very high (740) and 130 people registered on site, for a total of 870 people. This is an increase from last year.

There were no issues that affected attendees directly. However, some people mentioned that this side of the campus is nicer. There was lots of great work by people and there were no major problems or complaints.

Comment from the floor: Some people had problems hearing in the plenary sessions – perhaps roving mics would be a good idea.

Elizabeth May suggested that anyone who had any kind of role be seen and recognized for their contribution. Lindsay Herron said that a volunteer page is being made that would help with that.

It was noted that Krashen's talk was very crowded.

It was noted that not we should make sure people know how to use the Whova App.

It was suggested that we have an obligation to ensure that people who come who are more vulnerable are taken care of. For example, Stephen Krashen was mobbed after his talk and was seen having trouble getting a taxi late at night.

Kelley also stated that some people from other countries were very surprised that this conference was run by volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

John Simmons

Money intake – all matched up IC expenses need to be calculated later. So far it appears to be OK.

Rob Dickey noted that the 2017 audit is not on the website yet.

Simmons replied that this will happen soon.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report (Including Election Results)

Allison Bill, the Election Committee Chair noted that nobody received 164 votes. The results were as follows.

President – David Shaffer

1VP – James Kimball

2VP – Mike Peacock

Secretary – Martin Todd

Treasurers – John Simmons

IC Co chair – Michael Free

Nominations/elections chair – Maria Lisak

Everyone who ran was elected

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

Robert Dickey brought forth several points

1. He asked whether there should be a review of bylaws. The president agreed that this was a good idea

2. He suggested that Council reconsider whether SIGS should have a role on the council.

Elizabeth May suggested that the Social Justice SIG consider this.

Allison Bill stated that SIGS should have more influence but to be a member of a SIG you must be a member of a chapter so it might not be necessary.

May suggested that maybe the membership form should have a SIG box to tick when people register for KOTESOL.

Maria Lisak opined that both what SIGs should provide the council & what the council should provide the SIGs should be considered.

A consensus developed that we should look into whether SIGS should have a role.

Lindsay Herron suggested that at the leadership retreat there should be a tech team member to show SIG leaders how to use KOTESOL information.

It was mentioned that the stability of SIGS might be an issue.

MOTION

That the ABM review KOTESOL's work toward inclusion of SIGs at the council level at the next meeting.

Motion: Rob Dickey

Second: Allison Bill

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Leonie Overbeek expressed thanks to everyone she's worked with at KOTESOL.

KOTESOL expressed our appreciation for all of Leonie's work for KOTESOL.

7. Other topics briefly discussed

National Service awards for people

Other miscellaneous awards

 Research Paper

 Outstanding service awards

KOTESOL President's award for Lindsay Herron

Announcements:

Adjournment: Time: approx. 17:20

Motion: Lindsay

Second: Michael Free

Yes: Unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried