

KOTESOL: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE BIO

Name: Mike Peacock

Position: 1st VP

Work Affiliation: Woosong Culinary College

KOTESOL Membership Period: Expires January 2025

Education:

2011: M.A. TESOL (Woosong University)

2002: B.Ed. (Crandal University)

1999: BA (Psychology; Atlantic Baptist University)



Work Experience:

*Sept. 2007 -: EFL Instructor at Woosong Culinary College

*July 2004 – August 2007: Little English School (Nonsan)

*March 2003 – June 2004: Kids Herald School (Daejeon)

KOTESOL Service:

2014 – Present: Daejeon-Chungcheong President

2011 – Present: Daejeon-Chungcheong Web Editor

2024:

*KOTESOL 1st VP

*International Conference: Guest Services Director

2023:

*International Conference: Guest Services Director

2021:

*International Conference: Guest Services Director

2020:

*Nominations & Elections Chair

*International Conference: Guest Services Director

2019:

*KOTESOL 2nd VP

*International Conference: Guest Services Director

2018:

*KOTESOL 2nd VP

*International Conference: Guest Services Director

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2017:

- *KOTESOL Nominations and Elections Chair
- *International Conference: Support Services Chair

2016:

- *KOTESOL International Outreach Chair
- *International Conference: Support Services Chair

2015:

- *KOTESOL International Outreach Chair
- *International Conference: Support Services Chair

2014:

- *International Conference: Support Services Chair
- *DCC November Symposium: Chair

2013:

- *Daejeon-Chungcheong 1st VP
- *National Conference: Pre-Registration Coordinator
- *International Conference: Support Services Chair

2012:

- *Daejeon-Chungcheong 1st VP
- *International Conference: Student Volunteer Coordinator
- *DCC November Symposium: Co-Chair

2011:

- *Daejeon 2nd VP
- *National Conference: Student Volunteer Coordinator
- *International Conference: Student Volunteer Coordinator

Awards:

- *2019: Meritorious Service Award (KOTESOL)
- *2018: Outstanding Service Award (KOTESOL)
- *2017: Meritorious Service Award (KOTESOL)
- * 2016: Outstanding Service Award (KOTESOL)
- * 2013: Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award (Woosong Educational Foundation)
- * 2011: Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award (Woosong University Language Institute)

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Why I'm seeking this position:

With my ten years' experience as the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter President I believe I have a lot to share with other chapter presidents. I would like to mentor and support those chapter presidents who may be new to their position. I would also like to foster a closer relationship between the chapter presidents.

Qualifications for this position:

I have served in chapter leadership roles for the past 14 years. I have also served on the National Council as 1st VP, 2nd VP, Nominations and Elections Chair, and International Outreach Chair.

Action Plan:

- I would like to have a Chapter Leadership Meeting in early 2025. I feel the event I organized in 2024 was successful and served as an important way for chapter leaders to meet face to face and learn more about chapter leadership.
- I would like to continue working on the "presenter's database". Chapter presidents would submit information on those presenters who have had successful workshops. This will help those chapters who may be looking for presenters for a large-scale conference/ symposium.

I have read and promise to abide by Korea TESOL's Code of Conduct.

Mike Peacock



09/02/25

September 4, 2024

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee:

I am delighted to endorse the nomination of Mike Peacock for first vice-president. It is a role for which he is immensely qualified and a position in which he has served for the past year. As the current first vice-president, Mike has served as a reliable point of contact and sounding board for the chapters, acted as a liaison between the chapters and our national and international conferences, responded promptly to chapter leaders' Zoom room needs, initiated or joined committee meetings as needed, and sought out chapter leaders' perspectives on issues of concern to the entire organization (e.g., the new website). Most notably, in the spring he organized an excellent meeting for the chapter leaders, offering the opportunity to connect in a casual, inviting space to discuss problems, solutions, improvements, and insights related to shared concerns. This event is certainly in his wheelhouse; previously, during his two terms as the national second vice-president, Mike organized not only our annual KOTESOL Connections Day but also multiple events to showcase our special interest groups (SIGs). Coordinating people and creating connections is one of Mike's gifts.

In fact, Mike aptly creates connections not only between people, as evidenced above, but also serves as a bridge, himself, between our organization at the national level and at the chapter level. Mike has served on the KOTESOL National Council for many years, so he is thoroughly acquainted with the inner workings of KOTESOL, the responsibilities of this position, and the challenges our organization might face in the coming year. At the chapter level, Mike has served for many years as the president of the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter, so he is extremely familiar with the particular needs and challenges of our local chapters. He is truly well suited for the role of first vice-president.

Mike has demonstrated his enthusiasm, reliability, and dedication to service in a wide variety of leadership roles throughout our organization. As second vice-president, he actively facilitated interaction among the SIGs, supervised the creation of multiple new SIGs, and looked for ways to involve the SIGs in national events. As the Nominations & Elections Committee chair for multiple years, he went above and beyond to set a solid precedent in ensuring the accessibility, visibility, and transparency of the nominations and elections process. As the International Outreach Committee chair, he acted as a conscientious liaison to our overseas partner organizations, ensuring an excellent experience for partner representatives at our international. We have served together on the International Conference Committee for more than a decade, and he has always proven responsible and thorough.

Mike is one of the first people I contact when I need help; I know I can rely on him to cheerfully and confidently offer his services and also do a superb job on whatever task is before him. He has consistently proven trustworthy, dependable, dedicated, and sincere, and I welcome his continued participation as a leader in our organization.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
KOTESOL Lifetime Member (2012-present)

Endorsement for Mike Peacock for 1st Vice-President of Korea TESOL

This is a written endorsement for Mike Peacock, who is running for the office of 1st Vice-President of Korea TESOL in the 2024 National Council elections.

I have known Mike for over eleven years and we have worked together closely in managing the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter of Korea TESOL, of which he is president and I am vice-president. In that time Mike has constantly displayed his willingness to work hard for the chapter and has proved time and time again to be an indispensable part of the Korea TESOL family in the region. His abilities as president, as well as his personal integrity and his professionalism, are all above reproach.

On that basis, I endorse in the strongest possible terms his nomination as 1st Vice-President of Korea TESOL, and wish him the best in the forthcoming elections.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Griffiths', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Griffiths

Date: 2nd September 2024.

Endorser's Korea TESOL position: *Vice-president, Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter*

Endorser's Work affiliation: *Teacher Trainer, Daejeon Education Training Institute*

Endorser's Korea TESOL membership: *2013-Present*