

Bylaws of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of Korea TESOL

- I. Name.** The name of this organization shall be Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of Korea TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) also known as “KOTESOL.” The Korean name of the organization shall be 대한영어교육학회 광주-전남 지회 (Daehan Yeongeo Gyoyuk Hakhoe Gwangju-Jeonnam Jihoe).
- II. Purpose.** The Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL, like its parent organization, is a not-for-profit organization established to promote scholarship, disseminate information, and facilitate cross-cultural understanding among persons concerned with the teaching and learning of English in the Gwangju-Jeonnam area and throughout Korea. In pursuing these goals the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter shall cooperate in appropriate ways with KOTESOL and other groups having similar concerns.
- III. Membership.** Membership shall be open to individuals in the field of language teaching and research who support the goals of KOTESOL, are current members of KOTESOL, and indicate “Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter” as their chapter affiliation in their KOTESOL online profile.
- IV. Meetings.** The Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL shall hold meetings at times and places decided upon and announced by the Chapter Council. One meeting each year shall be designated the Chapter Annual Business Meeting and shall include a business session.
- V. Officers and Elections.** As prescribed in Article VI of the KOTESOL Bylaws, the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter herein sets forth the Chapter Election Policies and shall establish Chapter Election Procedures consistent with the following provisions:
1. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter shall hold elections at the Chapter Annual Business Meeting (ABM). At the Chapter ABM, officers for the following offices must be elected:
 - a. President, who shall preside at the Chapter ABM, be the convener of the Chapter Council, be responsible for promoting relationships with other organizations, and serve as Chapter representative to the National Council.
 - b. Vice-President, who shall undertake such responsibilities as the President may delegate and serve as Chapter representative to the National Programs Committee.
 - c. Treasurer, who shall serve as the custodian of all funds belonging to the Chapter and maintain liaison with the National Treasurer for matters of finance and membership.
 2. Other officers may be elected or appointed, and duties designated as appropriate; the duties identified in 1(a) – 1(c), above, may be delegated.
 3. Term of office concludes, regardless of when elected or appointed, with the conclusion of the next Chapter ABM. Officers may run for re-election.
 4. All current Chapter members present at the Chapter ABM are authorized to vote at that meeting.

5. Chapter elected officers, sitting as a Chapter Council, may approve appointment of council members, voting or non-voting, for any role other than those identified in Article V, Section 1 of the Chapter Bylaws.
6. Vacancies in elective Chapter offices may be filled only by a 2/3 majority of duly elected officers, and then confirmed by a simple majority vote at a regularly scheduled and announced Chapter meeting.
7. Voting procedures for all elected positions may be carried out by online voting. No absentee or proxy ballots shall be permitted.

VI. Chapter Council. The executive body of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter shall consist of the elective officers, that is, President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, and any holders of appointive positions designated as members by the President and the Council.

VII. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL in all cases in which a definitive codification of parliamentary procedure is required and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

VIII. Audits. Auditing of the financial transactions of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL shall be performed as directed by the Chapter Council.

IX. Amendments. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members provided that notice of the proposed change has been given to all members at least seven days before the vote. The Bylaws may be amended without such prior notice only at the Chapter Annual Business Meeting, and in that case the proposal shall require approval by two thirds of the members present.

- Approved July 10, 2010, by vote of Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter members.
- Amended January 9, 2021, by a vote of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter members.