

Endorsement Statement

Candidate: Garth Elzerman

Position Sought: International Conference Committee Co-chair

This statement serves to endorse Garth Elzerman for the position of International Conference Committee Co-chair.

I have had the opportunity to work with Garth on two of KOTESOL's International Conferences, once as Conference Co-chair and once as Conference Chair.

When we first met, Garth was working as the Human Resources Coordinator. He managed this role superbly, working with student volunteers, keeping them fed and motivated for the duration of the conference. It did not take long to see he was both conscientious and well-organised.

Last year, as I tried my best to adapt to the challenge of moving the International Conference online, I called on Garth to be the Volunteer Coordinator. He agreed, adapting the role with seeming effortlessness. I had many things to worry about as a 'Covid' Conference Chair — Garth was not one of them. He again performed exceptionally!

I have no doubt that Garth will perform the duties of Conference Co-chair, and subsequently those of Conference Chair, to a very high standard. I endorse him fully and without hesitation.

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