

CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTED POSITION

Name: Garth Elzerman

KOTESOL Elected Position Sought: International Conference
Committee Co-chair

KOTESOL Membership Period: From 09/28/2019 — To
10/11/2022



Education

Institution: University of South Africa (<https://www.unisa.ac.za/>)
Dates of Study: 2019 - 2021
Course: *Masters Degree in Philosophy*

Institution: University of Essex, United Kingdom (<https://online.essex.ac.uk/>)
Dates of Study: 2020 - 2021
Course: *PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education)*

Institution: WITS University, South Africa (<https://www.wits.ac.za/>)
Dates of Study: 2018
Course: *TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)*

Institution: University of South Africa (<https://www.unisa.ac.za/>)
Dates of Study: 2016 - 2017
Course: *Honours Degree in Philosophy*

Institution: Rhodes University, South Africa (<https://www.ru.ac.za/>)
Dates of Study: 2008 - 2011
Course: *Bachelor of Arts (Psychology, Philosophy, Law, Politics (2yrs), Classical Studies (2yrs))*

Work Experience

March 2019 – Present

Institution: Little Fox (English Centre) & CMath (<https://school.littlefox.co.kr/main/>)
Students: Korean elementary and middle school students
Position: English Educator

March 2021 – Present (Part-Time)

Institution: 영어사랑
Students: Korean middle school students
Position: English Educator

October 2018 – November 2018

Institution: WITS University, South Africa (<https://www.wits.ac.za/>)

Students: Kenyan university students and adults

Position: Teacher

January 2012 – February 2019

Institution: Ancient History Society of Port Elizabeth
(<https://www.facebook.com/AHSPE/>)

Students: University students and adults (approx. 130-150 students)

Position: Lecturer and Public Relations Officer

January 2009 – December 2011

Institution: Rhodes Toastmasters International (<https://www.toastmasters.org/>)

Student: University students

Position: Evaluator, Instructor, Vice-President (2010) and President (2011)

Service

- Korea TESOL 2019 International Conference HR Coordinator
- Korea TESOL 2021 International Conference Room Host Coordinator

Awards & Positions

KOTESOL

- Korea TESOL 2019 International Conference 24 Hours of Professional Development Service
- Korea TESOL 2022 International Conference 30 Hours of Professional Development Service

Rhodes University

- Rhodes SRC Societies Councillor 2009
- Rhodes Top 100 Students in the Category of Politics and Leadership 2009
- Faculty of Law Student Representative 2009-2010
- Rhodes Investec Top 100 Students in the Category of Leadership 2010
- Dean of Students Leadership Award 2010
- Rhodes SRC Vice-President Internal Affairs 2010
- Chairman of Student Forum 2010
- Rhodes Toastmasters Vice-President Education 2010/2011
- Rhodes Toastmasters President 2011/2012

CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL STATEMENT

15 August 2021

Since a young age I have always had a propensity towards leadership positions and an interest in being apart of community clubs, societies, and enrichment projects. During my high school and university careers I was an active member of numerous clubs and served on several committees. Most notably I served on the Rhodes University Student Union as the Sports and Societies Councillor in 2009 and the Vice-President of Internal Affairs in 2010. Since graduating I have served on the Rhodes University Convocation and spent several years on the Port Elizabeth Ancient History Society committee as the Public Relations Officer. When I moved to Korea, I became interested in the TESOL community and KOTESOL specifically, which lead me to serve as the 2019 IC Human Resources Coordinator and the 2021 Room Host Coordinator. My long track record of serving on committees, being involved in community projects, and organising large scale events has made me adapt at managing many of the logistical and administrative issues which arise from undertaking large scale events.

I enjoy involving myself in committees and the organising of events, especially when the people involved are passionate and motivated. When I first became involved in KOTESOL, I was overwhelmed by the amount of passion, dedication, and enthusiasm which I witnessed from the KOTESOL community and committee. Being a part of such a community is enriching, not only for the members but the greater TESOL community, and I would like to do my part to contribute to that pool of enthusiasm and enrichment. It is for this reason that I am seeking the position of International Conference Committee Co-chair. I believe that it is from this position that I can most efficiently apply the skills I have accumulated over the years and best assist the KOTESOL community by supporting the ICC Chair, by gaining insight into the intimate workings of the conference, and by acting as the bridge between the various components of the conference.

Thank you for your passion and consideration of my nomination.

Kind Regards,



Garth Elzerman

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