

Jocelyn Wright

Candidate for Nominations and Elections Committee Chair

KOTESOL MEMBERSHIP

Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL (2007-2010/2012-present)

KOTESOL SERVICE

Treasurer, KOTESOL National (2024-2025)

Guest Services Manager, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2024)

Moderator, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2016, 2019, 2024)

Vetter, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2015, 2022-2025)

Representative, International Outreach Committee (2022)

Assistant Editor, *The English Connection*, (2019-2020)

Founder and (Co-)Facilitator, Social Justice (Critical Educators in Korea) Special Interest Group (2015-present)

Founder and (Co-)Facilitator, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Reflective Practice Special Interest Group, (2014-2021)

Officer-at-Large, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL (2014-present)

Outreach Venue Coordinator, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL (2013-2016)

Regional Conference Venue Coordinator, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL (2014)

Membership Coordinator, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL (2010; 2012-2014)

Co-Webmaster, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL (2007-2008)

POSITIONS IN CLOSELY RELATED ASSOCIATIONS

Director of Research, AsiaTEFL Korea (2022-2026)

Conference Program Book Committee Member, AsiaTEFL Korea (2019-2020/2022-2023)

KOREAN WORK EXPERIENCE

Department Chair, Department of English Language and Literature, Mokpo National University (2025-2026)

Vice Director of Foreign Language Education, Institute of International Exchange and Education, Mokpo National University (2019-2024)

Language Program Coordinator, ACE, Mokpo National University (2012-2015)

Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, Mokpo National University (2012-present)

Coordinator, English Zone, Institute of International Exchange and Education, Mokpo National University (2009-2010)

Instructor, Institute of International Exchange and Education, Mokpo National University (2007-2010)

EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH AREAS

Education: TESOL/CELTA, Linguistics, Education

Research: Peace (language) education, peace linguistics, peace literature, nonviolent communication, nonkilling intersections, social justice education, applied linguistics, World Englishes, reflective practice

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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

25 September 2026

Esteemed KOTESOL Members,

According to the KOTESOL Bylaws, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair duties include acting as Chief Returning Officer of KOTESOL and chairing the Nominations and Elections Committee. As Chair, one is responsible for managing all aspects of the election, including submitting a complete slate of candidates to fill the respective positions of KOTESOL (from president to committee chairs). Most of this work is concentrated in the June to October period. Additionally, the Chair should participate in National Council meetings and submit reports throughout the year, including to the KOTESOL *Happenings and News (HAN)*. The main qualification to serve in this position is that the candidate be a member in good standing.

As a lifetime member of KOTESOL, who has served the organization in various positions since coming to Korea in 2007 (see above) in addition to participating in functions at all levels as an active attendee and presenter as well as a contributor to all major KOTESOL publications, who is equipped with the aforementioned knowledge of the post and has related experience, and who has carefully evaluated her workload for the 2026-2027 operating year, I am confident that I can faithfully and professionally perform the duties of Nominations and Elections Committee Chair if elected.

Between annual business meetings, I would attempt to liaise with current and potential leaders, share information about different positions, promote leadership events, communicate clearly about the timeline and process for nominations and elections well in advance, and remain open to feedback about my role, responsibilities, and performance in this post.

As is required of this application, I declare that I have familiarized myself with the KOTESOL Code of Conduct and pledge to respect it while carrying out my assigned responsibilities carefully, transparently, and committedly throughout my term of appointment. My two distinguished KOTESOL referees attest to my character and ethics in their respective endorsements.

Sincerely,



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