



Korea TESOL National Council Meeting 2025.03.30 (Sunday, 30th March 2025)

Time: 14:00 to 15:58

Location: Zoom

Present

Lindsay Herron	President / Membership Comm.
Mike Peacock	1VP
Wesley Martin	2VP
Heidi Nam	Secretary
Rhea Metituk	ICC Chair / Seoul Pres. (until 2:52)
David Shaffer	N&E Comm. / Publications Comm.
Melvin Dixon	Diversity Comm.
J. Tom Wyatt	Financial Affairs Comm.
Robert Dickey	Sponsorship Comm. (from 2:04)
Victor Reeser	International Outreach Comm. / Incheon Pres.
Gabriela Villafradez	Busan-Gyeongnam Pres.
Maria Lisak	Gwangju-Jeonnam Pres.
Greg Lewis	Gyeonggi Rep
Lisa MacIntyre Park	Jeonju-North Jeolla Pres.

Absent

Bryan Hale	Immed. Past Pres.
Jocelyn Wright	Treasurer
Meerbek Kudaibergenov	IC Co-chair
Christina Tsoy	Publicity Comm.
Ian Moodie	Research Comm.
John Phillips	Technologies Comm.
James "Jake" Kimball	Daegu Chapter Pres.
Eric Reynolds	Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres.
Michael Free	Gangwon Pres.

Opening

14:00 Meeting is called to order with 13 present. quorum=12

Motion 1: That the agenda be adopted

passes by consensus at 14:02.

Motion 2: That the minutes of the last meeting ([12.08.2024](#)) be approved and posted to the KOTESOL website with edits allowed for spelling, grammar, etc.

Passes by consensus at 14:02.

Reports and Updates

14:05 **Lightning Round**

Note on National Council Reports: All Council members are encouraged to include a budget (expenses and income) and the number of attendees for each event in their reports.

Lindsay Herron - Membership Comm.

- Catered social is being organized for the IC; tumblers available

Mike Peacock - 1VP

- Held chapter leaders meeting in March
- Canva account price increased because two extra accounts were inadvertently added. Next year we plan to use a smaller number of accounts so that we can return to the normal rate.

Mike Peacock - Daejeon Chapter Rep

- Daejeon held a leadership retreat in February and social event in March
- Upcoming social event in April, room planned at IC

Wesley Martin - 2VP

- Connections Day held, approximately 30 attendees
- Reactivating KTT, emailed past trainers

Lindsay Herron - treasury (for Jocelyn)

- The treasury is currently healthy; we are reminded to be frugal as a large part of the budget is earmarked for the IC
- Incheon Chapter should receive CDS for 2 lifetime members (mistakenly omitted from Q2 2024 CDS)

Rhea Metituk - Seoul Pres.

- Online event held in March; workshop planned for April

Rhea Metituk - ICC Chair

- pre-registration open until April 30
- Everyone is encouraged to promote the event through word of mouth, posters
- Volunteers needed; contact Wesley to volunteer
- 270 presenters registered, including 16 invited speakers

David Shaffer - N&E Comm.

- Nomination and voting schedule has been slightly shortened from last year
- Voting: October 1-18. Results will be announced at ABM.
- The Council approves the timeline for Nominations and Elections

David Shaffer - Publications Comm.

- KTJ 22(2) published; winter HAN published; Pre-conference TEC published
- Spring HAN will be published within 2 weeks - additional reports can still be included if they come in within the next few days
- DOI capability will be added to the new website

Melvin Dixon - Diversity Comm.

- Diversity Committee was introduced on Connections Day, has recruited a new committee member

J. Tom Wyatt - Financial Affairs Comm.

- completed 2024 Q4 audit

Lindsay Herron on behalf of Ian Moodie for Research

- Tomorrow is deadline for research proposals; deadline will not be extended
- One proposal was submitted this morning

Robert Dickey - Sponsorship Comm

- Microbusinesses (including non-teacher businesses) have taken off as a revenue stream
- Lisa and Rhett have been helping with marketplaces

(note) Chapters may request tables. Make sure that you have something to put on your table.

Victor Reeser - International Outreach Comm. / Incheon Pres.

- Already this year, we were represented at ThaiTESOL, CamTESOL, NELTA, TESOL International
- Upcoming conferences: we have appointed reps for JALT and ETA-ROC; invitation received for HAAL conference in July; the PALT-PAC Conference will be in November
- 4 PAC partners and 6 other affiliates will be represented at our 2025 IC

Victor Reeser - Incheon Pres.

- Upcoming chapter symposium in April; everyone invited to attend

Gabriela Villafradez - Busan-Gyeongnam Pres.

- Recently held several online events

- In-person and online events planned for April; in-person seminar planned for June; social events also planned
- will begin to charge for attendance at seminars
- Received 500,000 won BUSAN Global City Program grant for T-shirts and meals to be split between a compulsory event and another free outreach event in Busan
- Looking for advice for member recruitment, perhaps drawing in non-members for presentations

Lindsay Herron - for Daegu and Gangwon Chapters

- The Daegu Chapter is facing difficulties.
- Reece has stepped down as president; Michael Free has stepped up.

Maria Lisak - Gwangju-Jeonnam Pres.

- Event held in March; workshops planned for April and June
- In May, members encouraged to attend IC and World Human Rights Cities forum in Gwangju

Greg Lewis - Gyeonggi Rep.

- Recently merged with Suwon, post-merge executive meeting held in January
- Social meet-ups held in February, March
- Events planned for April 13 and 26; table reserved for IC; summer social BBQ in June

Lisa MacIntyre Park - Jeonju-North Jeolla Pres.

- Event held in March; workshops planned for April and June
- Attendance is outgrowing the current venue, seeking new location with storage

Scheduled Items

12 voting members present after the break. quorum=12

15:23 New SIG: WBPD SIG

The SIG will provide information and activities for educators (and their students) to protect their health, such as yoga, meditation, beach walks, and informative presentations.

Motion 3: That this council approve the creation of the Wellbeing & Personal Development SIG.

Motion: Gabriela Villafradez **Second:** Dave Shaffer **Yes: 11** **No: 0** **Abstain: 1**

The motion passes at 15:27.

Follow-up: Gabriela to finalize the name and abbreviation; 2VP to contact John Phillips to get the new SIG a webpage and email address.

Maria Lisak Returns. 13 voting members present.

15:30

Motion 4: That this council create an ad-hoc committee under the leadership of the 2VP to review the current SIG policies, with the aim of creating more-and more active-SIGs.

Motion: Rob Dickey **Second:** Maria Lisak **Yes: 11** **No: 0** **Abstain: 2**

The motion passes at 15:34.

Follow-up: 2VP to create a committee, including invitations to facilitators of all currently active SIGs, MemComm chair, and other interested parties, with the intention of reinvigorating the SIG scene.

Old Business

- **Membership Committee** would like to recommend all international members be designated members of the International Community “chapter” by default, but written requests from international members asking to join domestic chapters shall be honored (especially if they have opted out of receiving posted publications).

Follow-up: Approved by NC

New Business & Closing

Topics for Discussion

- 15:38 **Motion:** That 800,000 won be added to Line Item 6315 “Hotels [Invited Speakers]” of the 2025 International Conference Committee budget.

Even with additional funds for hotels, the total spent on invited speakers will be lower than previously projected because the cost of airfare was lower than anticipated.

Motion: Dave Shaffer **Second:** Wesley Martin **Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 2**

The motion passes at 15:40.

→ *Follow up: change national budget to reflect the change in the IC budget*

- 15:41 **Motion:** That 1,000,000 won be added the 2025 International Conference Committee budget as seed money for the KOTESOL Cafe (6860 event day hospitality).

This seed money to purchase food to be sold at the conference. The money will come back when attendees purchase food.

Motion: Mike Peacock **Second:** Rob Dickey **Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 2**

The motion passes at 15:46.

Victor Reeser - Website report

- The new site has backend work done. Databases for membership accounts have been migrated to WordPress.
- Layout of new site not yet finished. E-commerce and shopping cart not yet set up. Membership and renewal will be automated.
- Victor has met with a potential developer who may help us finish before the IC. We have agreed to offer her 2 million won to help complete the website. The money would come from consulting fees in the budget. (We have 15 million won in the TechComm budget allotted for consultancy fees, of which 6,000-8,000 CAD was intended for the previous developer, who seems not to be prioritizing our website and might consider his role completed. He has been paid nothing so far for this particular website build.)

Announcements:

- Next meeting; June 22nd or 29th
- Accepting proposals for coordinating/hosting the national conference

15:58 **Motion 5: Motion to adjourn**

Passes by consensus at 15:58.