

Minutes KOTESOL Meeting 2018-03-25

KOTESOL National Council Meeting Minutes

March 25th, 2018

Room 106 Sookmyung Women's University Injaegwan, Seoul

Present: David Shaffer, Michael Free, Mike Peacock, Lindsay Herron, Martin Todd, Phillip Schrank, Allison Bill, Kathleen Kelley, John Philips, Jake Kimball, Kenneth Cahall, Ian Done Ramos, Rhea Metituk, Collin Walker, Rob Dickey, Ingrid Zwall (representing Jeonju Chapter)

Not attending (Apologies): Stewart Gray, Grace Wang, Tyler Clark,

Summary of Motions Carried

(Note: for motion wording, see the minutes)

1. That the Assembly approve Rhea Metituk as Financial Affairs Committee Chair
2. That the Assembly accept the Treasurer's letter of resignation (effective June 30, 2018) and begin the process of finding a new National Treasurer
3. That the Assembly approve the newly designed KOTESOL logo (horizontal orientation), with modifications as discussed at the meeting¹, as an additional official KOTESOL logo
4. That the president appoint a non-voting liaison between the council and the international community members

Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at about 14:07 by David Shaffer

2. Adoption of the agenda

Motion: Martin Todd **Second:** Lindsay Herron

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

¹ Modifications discussed were adjusting the color of the word "Korea" so it looks the same as the red in the globe, extending the lines above KOTESOL and 대한영어교육학회 so that they connect, and putting a dot between KOTESOL and 대한영어교육학회.

3. Adoption of December meeting minutes

Motion: Phillip Shrank **Second:** Allison Bill

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Rhea Metituk as Financial Affairs Committee Chair

Explanation:

Considering the suggestion of the 2016-17 Financial Affairs chair that audits and such should be in the hands of chapter representatives, a chapter president is being put forward for this position in the hopes the committee make-up will include a high percentage of members more closely connected with chapters than with Council.

Motion

That the Assembly approve Rhea Metituk as Financial Affairs Committee Chair

Motion: Lindsay Herron **Second:** Kenneth Cahall

Yes: 14

No:

Abstain: 1

Motion Carried

Resignation of Phillip Shrank as National Treasurer

Motion

That the Assembly accept the treasurer's letter of resignation (effective June 30, 2018) and begin the process of finding a new National Treasurer

Motion: Phillip Shrank **Second:** Allison Bill

Yes: 14

No:

Abstain: 1

Motion Carried

New KOTESOL logo

Explanation:

Many websites and print spaces are designed to best accommodate logos that are wider than they are high (banner/landscape style). In such locations, our present logo appears much smaller than horizontally oriented ones:



Motion

That the Assembly approve the newly designed KOTESOL logo (horizontal orientation), with modifications as discussed at the meeting², as an additional official KOTESOL logo

Motion: Lindsay Herron **Second:** Rhea Metituk

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Old Business

Teacher of the Year Project (Michael Free)

As the council has already approved that an award be given to a teacher as the teacher of the year, Michael Free wanted to discuss the number of people the committee to review how the award would work should have and how many members the review committee should have. Rob Dickey suggested that the Review Committee should have about 5 people including the chair and it was suggested that the Vetting Team numbers should be determined based on number of applications, with about 3 people per 5 applicants. This was generally agreed to.

Rob Dickey, Allison Bill & David Shaffer volunteered for the Vetting Committee.

Rob Dickey suggested a committee page be created and news articles be sent out to advertise the award.

Lindsay Herron suggested revamping the main web site to include an “Awards and Grants” section. This was generally agreed.

Collin Walker noted that awards are important for PhD applications

Lindsay Herron suggested the possibly of other awards and Michael Free suggested a grad student paper.

Rob Dickey left to go to the TESOL International Conference

It was noted by several people that we should attempt to have diverse committee members, as it would be easy to end up with a large majority of white male university teachers.

No motion was proposed.

New Business

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Representative for International Community Members (Non-council position)

It was brought to our attention that KOTESOL's largest group is now the community of International members, rather than Seoul Chapter (as of November, although the number of international members has decreased since then) and that this group has no representation of any kind.

Phillip Shrank opined that most are members because they want to present at conferences, although a few are lifetime members.

David Shaffer suggested that there be a liaison to the KOTESOL international community. The question of whether they should get funding was floated and the general consensus was an immediate "No".

Lindsay Herron, as the membership chair, strongly backed the idea because it might encourage international members to renew their membership, as a liaison made them more aware of the benefits they have as KOTESOL members outside of Korea. KOTESOL could also benefit as an organization with international members.

It was noted that fund transfers for research grants requires a Korean bank account but this is due to cost, not because of either government or KOTESOL policy.

Colin Walker suggested that some people in Japan are very interested in research grants.

David Shaffer floated Kara MacDonald (a member in the US) as an ideal candidate, although he had not mentioned this to her.

Phillip Shrank thought that someone in Japan would be better because so many of our international members are in Japan, however, Lindsay Herron suggested that we want someone whose priority is KOTESOL and that many of our members in Japan might be more involved with JALT

The liaison would have council privileges, except reimbursement for travel to the meetings and voting rights and would serve at the behest of the president.

Motion

That the president appoint a non-voting liaison between the council and the international community members

Motion: Lindsay Herron **Second:** Kathleen Kelley

Yes: unanimous

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

National Budget Adjustments

There was a discussion, headed by Mike Peacock about needing items members can take away from the conference / other events that advertise our SIGs, eg. bookmarks with lists of sigs because many people are unaware of them. Table cloths with the logo were also suggested.

No motion was made, however, Mike Peacock will research pricing and present ideas at a later time. This will probably be done online before the next meeting.

No motion was proposed.

Reports

Officers

David Shaffer (President) drew attention to the “Give Back Campaign” and cross promotion campaigns being negotiated with KAPEE and Asia TEFL. He also brought up that he had received comments from SIGs that KOTESOL does not do enough for them and that he agreed that we should do more.

Phillip Shrank (Treasurer) noted that it was great to talk about treasury matters with the chapter presidents but that only one treasurer showed up to the Presidents’/Treasurers’ Meeting and he would have liked to have had more.

Committees

Members are encouraged to submit presentation proposals to the ICC.

Vouchers from the Membership Committee for 5,000 won off IC pre-registration will be distributed soon to chapters for new members and the members who bring them in.

In answer to questions David Shaffer had for the tech committee, John Phillips gave the following information

The current website is good for about 2 years before we will be forced to upgrade, mostly for security reasons. Most businesses upgrade websites approximately every 2 years and ours has been in place since 2012. It will probably cost about \$10000 as a ball-park figure, to create a new site. Wordpress would probably be cheaper but is very prone to being hacked. Along with language issues, Korean services are more expensive, lack services and Korean web developers deliver what they expect the client to want, rather than what is asked for.

It was suggested by Lindsay Herron that the Research Committee create a news item on their research grant recipients and that they also award them a certificate at the National Conference.

Chapters

The last Seoul Chapter Meeting was an executive meeting, so only members of their executive attended (hence the low number).

The Jeonju-North Cheolla Chapter has new people in several key positions, so they are still learning what to do. Although it appears to be in a lull, the chapter is increasing in strength.

Time/Date of Next Meeting –June 17 (3rd Sunday) proposed.

Phillip Shrank suggested that the next treasurer come and this was generally agreed.

Adjournment: Time: 1706

Yes: unanimous

Motion: Allison Bill

Second: Lindsay Heron

No:

Abstain:

Motion Carried