

David E. Shaffer

Candidate for Nominations and Elections Committee Chair



AFFILIATIONS

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL (1993–present).
Gwangju International Center (2016–present).

KOTESOL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD: 1993–present (Currently: Lifetime member).

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Gwangju International Center, TESOL Training Program (2020-2021).
2. Chosun University, professor in graduate & undergraduate English depts. (1976–2016).
3. Chosun University, TESOL Program Director (2008–2010).
4. Chosun University, Foreign Language Programs Director, LEI (2008–2010).
5. Gwangju & Jeollanam-do In-Service Teacher Training Programs (1980s–2000s).
6. U.S. Peace Corps/Korea; Vocational Training Program, Gwangju (1971–1975).

EDUCATION

1. PhD in Linguistics, Chosun University (1990).
2. TESOL Adv. Grad. Certificate, Chosun U. (2009).
3. MA in Linguistics (English & Korean), Chosun U. (1980).
4. BS The Pennsylvania State University, USA (1971).

KOTESOL SERVICE

NATIONAL

1. Publications Committee Chair (2013–2017, 2019–present).
2. National President (2017–2019).
3. Immediate Past President (2019–2020).
4. National First Vice-President (2015–2017).
5. National Conference Co-Chair (2017).
6. National Treasurer (2001–2009).
7. Intl. Conference Committee, director-level positions (2001–present).
8. Research Committee Chair (2006–2009).
9. Nominations and Elections Committee Chair (2020–2022).
10. *The English Connection* (TEC): Deputy/Associate Editor (2004–2011), Advisor (2011–2012), Production Editor (2018–present), and other positions.
11. *KOTESOL Proceedings*: Supervising Editor / Editor-in-Chief (1999, 2001, 2003–present), Assoc. Editor (2002), and other roles.
12. *Korea TESOL Journal*: Assoc. Editor (2013–present), Board Member & Editor (2000–2010), and other roles.
13. KOTESOL Committee Memberships: National Conference Comm. (2006, 2009–2010, 2012–2016), Membership (2009–10, 2012–13, 2017–present), Financial Affairs (2011–2013, 2018, 2022–present), Publicity (2013), Research (2009–2011, 2017–2023), International Outreach (2011, 2014–2018). Nominations and Elections (2022–present).
14. KOTESOL Calendar of Events Webeditor (2013–present).

15. Presenter: Natl. & Intl. Conferences, KTT, Chapter-level (1998–present; 100+ presentations).
16. TESOL International Association member (2001–2020).

CHAPTER

1. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President (2009–2016); Vice-President (2016–present).
2. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Conference Comm. (Chair, 2011–2016; Member 2005–2009, 2017–2019; Jeolla Chair, 2004; Jeolla Site Coordinator, 2002–2003).
3. Program Coordinator (2009–2017); Newsletter Editor (2009–2020); Webeditor (2009–2021); Advisor (2005–2009).

AWARDS

1. Republic of Korea Order of Merit (Service) – conferred by ROK President (2015).
2. Asia TEFL Outstanding Service Award [for 2003–2017] (2017).
3. ROK Minister of Home Affairs Commendation (1984).
4. Korea TESOL President’s Plaque (2019).
5. Korea TESOL President’s Awards (2002–2023: multiple).
6. Korea TESOL 30@30 List (2023).
7. Korea TESOL International Conference Committee Outstanding Service Award (2013).
8. KOTESOL Outstanding Service Award (2004, 2012); Meritorious Service (2002, 2010).
9. Chosun University Meritorious Service Plaque (2015, CU Foundation).
10. Chosun University Distinguished Service Plaque (2015, CU President).
11. Chosun University Service Awards: 20 yrs. (1996), 30 yrs. (2006), 40th yr. (2015).
12. *Korea Times* Modern Korean Literature Translation Award (1994).
13. Pennsylvania Certificate of Citizen Service (1991).
14. ETS (Educational Testing Service) Certificate of Appreciation (1990, site director).

MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER ELT AND RELATED ASSOCIATIONS

1. Asia TEFL Executive Director for Internal Affairs (2002–present).
2. ALAK Vice President and Conference Chair (2016).
3. GETA Executive Director for International Affairs (2006–2010).
4. KATE Executive Director for Publications (2000–2002).
5. *Gwangju News* Editor-in-Chief (2017–present).
6. Gwangju International Center, Board of Directors (2016–present), Board Chair (2018–2021).
7. Professional Association Memberships (present & past):
 - 14 Korean ELT associations
 - 9 International ELT associations
 - 6 Linguistics associations
 - 3 English language & literature associations

OTHER ELT-RELATED EXPERIENCE

1. Column in *Gwangju News* magazine: “Language Teaching” (2011–present).
2. Column in *Time Plus* magazine: “Shaffer’s Native English” (1998–2004).
3. Columns in *The Korea Herald’s Herald Week*: “Going Native” (1995–1998), “English Hotline” (1997). In *The Korea Herald*: “On the Road to Better English” (1998–2001).
4. Column in Chosun University’s *Chosun World*: “On Target” (2002–2016).

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(Research papers and articles at: <https://chosun.academia.edu/DavidShaffer>)

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

Nominations & Elections Committee Chair

Leadership is a crucial factor in shaping the direction and effectiveness of any organization, and this is certainly true for Korea TESOL. My sincere commitment is to see Korea TESOL thrive with strong leadership and an engaged, active membership. As chair of the Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee, I believe I can play a key role in ensuring that our leadership positions are filled by the most capable individuals. Recognizing the importance of the collective leadership of an organization, I have decided to run for the position of N&E Committee Chair.

In this role, I intend to work diligently to identify and encourage highly qualified individuals to run for office, ensuring that all National Council positions have strong candidates well before the voting period begins.

With my years of service in Korea TESOL, both at the national and chapter levels (detailed in "KOTESOL Service" above), I have developed a clear understanding of the skills and qualities required for successful leadership within the organization. Moreover, my familiarity with a broad cross-section of our membership positions me well to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the N&E chair.

For those who may not know my background, I first came to Korea as a young U.S. Peace Corps volunteer. Following that, I joined the English Education Department at Chosun University in Gwangju, where I secured tenure and built my career teaching TESOL, linguistics, and English skills at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

In the field of ELT, I have also been actively involved in research, publishing, presenting, and editing. I have given over a hundred presentations and workshops within Korea TESOL and just as many at other ELT conferences, both in Korea and internationally. My written contributions include hundreds of articles on language teaching and learning for various publications, alongside several books on English teaching, Korean culture, and even Korean poetry. Some of my work can be found on my Academia.com page. As noted above, I have also been much involved with Korea TESOL's three main publications over the years (*The English Connection*, *KOTESOL Proceedings*, and *Korea TESOL Journal*).

I believe I have more to contribute to Korea TESOL, and I am eager to do so. If elected to serve as N&E Committee chair, I pledge to carry out my duties to the fullest of my ability.

I hereby declare that I have read and am aware of the contents of the Korea TESOL Code of Conduct.

September 22, 2024



David E. Shaffer, PhD

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Endorsement for David Shaffer – Candidate for Nominations and Elections Committee Chair

2024-09-23

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to endorse David Shaffer for the position of Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson. I have known David since my first experience in KOTESOL in 2013. Since that time, I have had the privilege to get to know David better both personally as a friend and professionally as a member of KOTESOL's National Council and KOTESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter executive committee. Overall, David and I have served concurrently in some capacity for over 5 years.

It is truly an honor for me to endorse David. Throughout his many years in KOTESOL, he has served in countless capacities including as National Treasurer, President, Vice-President, and Publications Chairperson. In every one of those roles, he has served honorably and always in the best of his abilities. In many ways, David embodies volunteerism. I have learned an immeasurable amount from David, particularly in serving KOTESOL. He is always willing to assist in whatever capacity he is needed. I could only wish to equal his love for KOTESOL and serving members of KOTESOL.

I know that David will fulfill the role of Nominations and Elections Chair and that next year's elections will be run well. I also know, that as a member of National Council, David will lend his voice to make sure KOTESOL is run well and always with an eye of service to our membership.

Thank You,



Phillip Schrank
KOTESOL Lifetime Member (2013-Present)
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September 23rd, 2024

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee:

I would like to endorse the nomination of David Shaffer for the position of Nominations and Elections Committee Chair. I have known David for over 15 years and have served with him on KOTESOL's National Council for many of those years. I was the organization's 2nd VP for two years while David served as National President. Over these years I have watched firsthand as David has encouraged competent KOTESOL members to serve on our National Council. I know he would do an excellent job in continuing to encourage members to get involved with our National Council as well as facilitating our 2025 KOTESOL Election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Peacock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Peacock

Woosong Culinary College

KOTESOL member since 2009