

# 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 (Lifetime member).

### EDUCATION

1. PhD in Linguistics, Chosun University (1990).
2. MA in Linguistics (English & Korean), Chosun U. (1980).
3. TESOL Adv. Grad. Certificate, Chosun U. (2009).

### WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Gwangju International Center, TESOL Training Program (2020-2021).
2. Chosun University, professor in graduate & undergrad. English depts. (1976–2016).
3. Chosun University, Foreign Languages Programs Director, LEI (2008–2010).
4. Chosun University, TESOL Program Director (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).

### SERVICE

#### KOTESOL SERVICE – NATIONAL

1. Immediate Past President (2019–2020).
2. National President (2017–2019).
3. Publications Committee Chair (2013–2017, 2019–present).
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. *The English Connection* (TEC): Deputy/Associate Editor (2004–2011), Advisor (2011–2012), Production Editor (2018–present), and others.
10. *KOTESOL Proceedings*: Supervising Editor / Editor-in-Chief (1999, 2001, 2003–present), Assoc. Editor (2002), and others.
11. *Korea TESOL Journal*: Assoc. Editor (2013–present), Board Member & Editor (2000–2010), and others.
12. KOTESOL Committee Memberships: National Conference Comm. (2006, 2009–2010, 2012–2016), Membership Comm. (2009–10, 2012–13, 2017–present), Financial Affairs (2011–2013, 2018), Publicity Comm. (2013), Research Comm. (2009–2011, 2017–present), Intl. Outreach Comm. (2011, 2014–2018).

13. KOTESOL Web Calendar of Events Editor (2013–present).
14. Presenter: Natl. & Intl. Conferences, KTT, Chapter-level (1998–present; 100+ presentations).
15. TESOL International Association member (2001–2020).

### **KOTESOL SERVICE – CHAPTER / SIG**

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–present); Advisor (2005–2009).

### **OTHER ELT-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

1. Column in *Time Plus* magazine: “Shaffer’s Native English” (1998–2004).
2. 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).
3. Column in Chosun University’s *Chosun World*: “On Target” (2002–2016).

### **AWARDS**

1. ROK 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 (2002–2020: [12]).
6. Korea TESOL ICC Outstanding Service Award (2013).
7. KOTESOL Outstanding Service Award (2004, 2012); Meritorious Service (2002, 2010).
8. Chosun University Meritorious Service Plaque (2015, CU Foundation).
9. Chosun University Distinguished Service Plaque (2015, CU President).
10. Chosun University Service Awards: 20 yr. (1996), 30 yr. (2006), 40<sup>th</sup> yr. (2015).
11. *Korea Times* Modern Korean Literature Translation Award (1994).
12. Pennsylvania Certificate of Citizen Service (1991).
13. ETS (Educational Testing Service) Certificate of Appreciation (1990).

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER ELT AND RELATED ASSOCIATIONS**

1. Asia TEFL Executive Director (2002–present).
2. ALAK Vice President and Conference Chair (2016).
3. GETA Executive Director (2006–2010).
4. KATE Executive Director (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
  - 6 International ELT associations
  - 6 Linguistics associations
  - 3 English Language & Literature assns.

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## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

### Nominations & Elections Committee Chair

The leadership of an organization is an extremely important factor in the direction and effectiveness of an organization. This is, of course, true also for Korea TESOL. It is my fervent desire to see Korea TESOL continue to be a vibrant organization with strong leadership and active membership. The Nominations and Elections Committee chair (N&E chair) can play an important role in ensuring that our elective leadership offices are filled with the best individuals available. Weighing the importance of the collective leadership of an organization, I have decided to run for the office of Korea TESOL Nominations and Elections Committee chair for a second year.

Accordingly, as N&E chair, I intend to do my utmost to assure that highly qualified and able individuals are identified and encouraged to run for office so that National Council elective positions have candidates running for office in advance of the beginning of the voting period.

I believe that through my years of service in Korea TESOL, in offices and on committees at both the national and chapter level (see “KOTESOL Service” above), I am well aware of the skills and qualities required for individuals to excel in KOTESOL positions of leadership, and I also have a familiarity with a considerable portion of our Korea TESOL membership – two requisites for an N&E chair to perform their role successfully.

You may wish to know a little about me that may not be mentioned in the information above. I came to Korea when I was young as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer. Afterwards, I took up a position in the English Education Department at Chosun University – also in Gwangju – secured tenure, and spent my career there teaching TESOL, linguistics, and English skills courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels. I married in Gwangju and raised two now-adult children, who are true Korean–English bilinguals (surpassing their father’s substantial but incomparable Korean skills).

In the field of ELT, I have been involved in research, publishing, presenting, and publications. I have given over a hundred presentations and workshops within Korea TESOL over the years and as many presentations at other EFL conferences at both domestic and international venues. I have written hundreds of articles on language teaching and learning in my columns in magazines and newspapers, in addition to several books on English teaching and learning (as well as one each on learning Korean, Korean customs, and Korean poetry). Some of my research and writings can be found on my Academia.com page. As you can see above, I have also spent considerable time over the years involved in Korea TESOL’s three main publications.

I feel that I have more to give, and I feel that I want to give more. If elected to the important position of Korea TESOL Nominations and Elections Committee chair, I pledge to carry out the duties of the office to the fullest of my abilities.

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