

Name: Lindsay N. Herron

Elected Position Sought: President

Work Affiliation: Gwangju National University of Education

KOTESOL Membership Period: 2012-present (Lifetime Member)

Education

- EdD in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; late 2023 expected)
- MEd in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2014)
- MA in Cinema Studies, New York University Tisch School of the Arts (New York, USA; 2005)
- BA in English Literature & Psychology, Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania, USA; 2000)
- Graduate Certificate in Learning Sciences, Media, & Technology, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2018)
- CELTA Young Learner Extension (2011)
- CELTA (2009)

Work Experience

Teaching experience

- Visiting Professor, Gwangju National University of Education, Gwangju (2008-present)
- Mentor & Presenter, Intensive English Teacher Program, SUNY Korea (2021)
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Seogwipo High School, Jeju-do (2005-2008)

Other relevant work experience

- Fulbright ETA Program Coordinator (2006-2007)
- Fulbright ETA Orientation Coordinator (2006, 2007)
- Educational Consultant, HarperCollins Children's Publishing (2005)
- Education & Library Marketing Coordinator, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (2000-2003)

KOTESOL Service

National

- President (2015-2017; 2019-2020; 2022-present)
- Immediate Past President (2017-2019; 2020-2022)
- Chair, Membership Committee (2013-present)
- Registration Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2013-2015, 2018-present)
- Editor, *KOTESOL News* (email newsletter; 2014-present)
- Editor, *KOTESOL Voices* (monthly online column; 2020-present)
- Presenter, KOTESOL Teacher Training Program (KTT; 2014-present)
- Chair, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2022)
- Co-chair, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2021)
- First Vice-President (2014-2015)
- Facilitator, Multimedia & CALL SIG (2015-2018)
- National Conference Co-chair (2017)
- Registration Chair, KOTESOL National Conference (2015-2017)
- *Others:* International Outreach Committee, Nominations & Elections Committee, Publications Committee, Research Committee, Sponsorship Committee, Web Services Committee

Chapter

- Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter
- President, Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter (2017-2018, 2021-2022)
- Immediate Past President, Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter (2018-2021, 2022-present)
- Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter (2012-2017, 2022-present)

KOTESOL Awards

- “Korea TESOL 30@30” List, 2023
- KOTESOL President’s Award, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Other ELT-Related Service

- Publications Director, AsiaTEFL (2022-present)
- Program Book Chair, AsiaTEFL International Conference (2020, 2023)
- Organizing Committee, Indiana University International Conference in LCLE (2020)

Other ELT-Related Memberships and More

- Lifetime Member, AsiaTEFL (2017-present)
- Member, TESOL International (2015-2017, 2019-present)
- Member, American Educational Research Association (AERA), 2018-2020, 2022-present
- Member, National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), 2021-present
- Member, National Council of Teachers of English Assembly for Research (NCTEAR), 2018-2020
- Certificate in ELT Leadership Management from TESOL International Association, 2014

Candidate’s Statement

I’ve been thinking a lot recently about connections: connections between ideas, between theory and practice, between individuals, between organizations. It occurred to me in my ponderings that my favorite thing about serving as KOTESOL president has always been that aspect of the role: meeting new people, facilitating connections between disparate teachers so they can build off each other’s ideas, developing partnerships with and learning from other organizations, and making our organization stronger by helping to ensure our manifold facets work together seamlessly. In the coming year, if elected KOTESOL president, I plan to focus on this theme, rekindling connections that lapsed during the pandemic while also cultivating new ones. From rejuvenating flagging SIGs to returning to the pre-pandemic heights of cooperation among our chapters, from extending our global reach to increasing our domestic repute, I hope to help KOTESOL expand access to the wealth of resources we can draw upon as we seek solutions to shared concerns—at both the individual and organizational level.

As is evident in my record of service, I’m pleased to assist KOTESOL in any way necessary, continuously endeavoring to improve the organization and better serve its members. In my various KOTESOL positions over the years, I’ve always sought to improve the membership experience, facilitate communication, and increase KOTESOL’s nationwide visibility and reputation for professionalism. If elected, I plan to continue this tradition in the coming year, building on the foundations that have been laid. I will strive, as always, to maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and good value; to expand and diversify our organization’s reach, visibility, and offerings; to respond effectively and flexibly to changes in the world as well as trends in ELT and professional development; to cultivate new leadership and renewed volunteerism in our organization; and to seek innovative ways for our organization to creatively and compassionately face the uncertainties of today while preparing for tomorrow. We’re still rebuilding from a drop in membership and conference attendance due to the pandemic; but I am confident that in the coming year, our balance of outstanding in-person and online offerings will generate renewed gusto, engagement, and participation and proffer promising opportunities for connections of all kinds, ultimately providing a positive, meaningful membership experience for everyone.

I have read and agree to follow the KOTESOL Code of Conduct.



Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
September 8, 2023

Nomination of
LINDSAY HERRON
for the Position of KOTESOL President (2023–2024)

I hereby nominate Lindsay Herron for the position of Korea TESOL president for the 2023–2024 term. Over her years as a KOTESOL member and officer, Lindsay has continually demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, keen abilities in organizational management, and a firm dedication to service, as well as knowledge and skills in the field of TESOL. Lindsay’s superior managerial skills, problem-solving abilities, institutional knowledge, commitment to professional development and promoting the field of TESOL, and her social skills qualify her highly for any position within KOTESOL, including that of president.

Among the members who meet the specified requirements for the position of president, it is my opinion that there is no one more qualified as well as more willing to take on the position for the upcoming term. Her current and previous terms as president have prepared her most highly to lead this organization for an additional term.

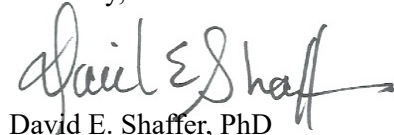
Lindsay has served KOTESOL superbly at both the chapter and national levels in numerous positions. At Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, she has served as treasurer and president among other positions. At the national level, she has served as membership chair, ICC chair and co-chair, and NatCon chair, to name a few. At this time, when the position of national treasurer is vacant, Lindsay has stepped up to take on some of the duties of that position.

KOTESOL has run extremely well with Lindsay at the helm, testament to her qualifications. I am convinced that Lindsay is the best choice for leading KOTESOL during the 2023–2024 term of office.

For these reasons, I submit this nomination of Lindsay Herron for the position of Korea TESOL president for 2023–2024.

September 1, 2023

Sincerely,



David E. Shaffer, PhD

Chosun University (rtd.)

Korea TESOL Member: 1993–Present

Endorsement for Lindsay Herron

For the position of Korea TESOL President

September 22, 2023

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee Chair,

I write to wholeheartedly endorse Lindsay Herron for the position of national president of Korea TESOL for the coming term.

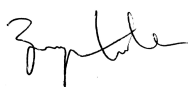
I have known Lindsay for about a decade, and during that time she has proven to be one of the most organized, productive, and effective individuals I have ever had the pleasure to know. Her commitment and dedication to our organization's success, her thorough understanding of every aspect of our organization and its interactions within and beyond Korea, and her relentless drive towards excellence have made her an invaluable asset to KOTESOL.

More than her administrative prowess, Lindsay is a remarkable organizer of people. She has the ability to energize people, and with her at the helm, I have witnessed many initiatives transition from talk to palpable realities. The manner in which she bridges gaps and fosters connections across the different parts of KOTESOL, and also between KOTESOL and other organizations, is truly commendable. In fact, she has demonstrated knowledge of the ins and outs of KOTESOL more profoundly than just about anyone else, having given her time, energy, and expertise over multiple terms.

As I look forward to the challenges and rewards of chairing the KOTESOL2024 international conference, I genuinely hope and wish to work alongside Lindsay as our president. I am confident that with her guidance and support, we can make the event a success. Faced with the complexities and nuances of organizing our biggest event, I want to be able to turn to a national council president who can be trusted implicitly, and in my eyes, Lindsay epitomizes that trust.

It's worth noting that while Lindsay has served us faithfully and effectively in the role of president several times, we indeed need more hands on deck throughout KOTESOL. The aftermath of the pandemic has presented us with a unique set of challenges, and while we earnestly wish more members would step up to volunteer, the current circumstances call for proven leadership. I believe that Lindsay's steadfast passion, dedication, and expertise make her the right person to help KOTESOL navigate through these turbulent times, enabling us to regroup and scale new heights.

Warm Regards,



Bryan Hale
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President
Chair, KOTESOL2024

Dear Chairpersons/Committee,

My name is Lucinda Estrada, past 1VP/2VP of KOTESL and past president of the Seoul KOTESOL Chapter. I am writing to nominate Lindsay Herron for a second consecutive term as President of KOTESOL. It is my pleasure to endorse her for the position as I have seen ample evidence of her devotion to improving and developing KOTESOL as a resource for teachers.

Lindsay has been an integral part of KOTESOL for many years, serving in multiple positions and on various committees. She is a vital part of the KOTESOL community and I daresay that her presence is a necessary part of the organization's continued success and vitality. I have great faith in her ability to serve in this position, as she knows the ins and outs of the organization by heart.

Lindsay is committed to the organization. She has proven herself to be a friendly and competent face of the organization. I strongly believe that she will continue to be a satisfactory President. Therefore, I happily offer my endorsement of her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Estrada

SUNY Korea

Membership: September 30, 2022 - 2023

September 19th, 2023

9/07/2023

To Whom it May Concern:


I am writing to endorse Lindsay Herron, who is running for President of KOTESOL.

I have known Lindsay since I have been involved in KOTESOL since 2013. During that time, I have seen Lindsay rise to the occasion numerous times when the call was out for volunteers for this great organization. Lindsay has volunteered at both the chapter level and national levels in so many ways, including as President of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter and KOTESOL. I could try to list all the different things she has done for KOTESOL, but for the sake of brevity, I will refrain.

I have had the pleasure of serving as National Treasurer during her tenure as President of KOTESOL. Her service made my job better and she led with composure, compassion, and dedication. I have no doubt that she will continue to lead KOTESOL with the same wonderful traits.

In short, I think electing Lindsay to serve as President of KOTESOL would be beneficial to our organization, our members, and ELT in Korea in general.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip G. Schrank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Phillip Schrank (Member since 2013, Lifetime member)

Chosun University

Former Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Treasurer

Former KOTESOL National Treasurer