

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**Name:** Wesley Martin

**Elected Position Sought:** Second Vice President

**Professional Affiliation:** OZi International Academy

**KOTESOL Membership Period:** 2022-Present

**KOTESOL Chapter Affiliation:** Gyeonggi-Yongin Chapter



## Education

- MA in Linguistics, TESL focus area, University of Iowa (2022)
- BA in Linguistics, Iowa State University (2015)
- TEFL Certificate, International TEFL Academy, Chicago (2015)

## Professional Experience

- OZi International Academy (2018-2019, 2022-present), English Instructor
- University of Iowa (2020-2022), Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Apple Tree English Academy (2016-2018), English Instructor

## Service to KOTESOL

- KOTESOL International Conference, HR Coordinator (to be held in 2025)
- KOTESOL International Conference, HR Manager (2024)
- KOTESOL International Conference, Vetting Committee (2024)
- *Korea TESOL Journal*, Production Editor (2024 – present)
- *The English Connection*, Assistant Editor (2023 – present)

# STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I address you in this letter to declare my intention to seek the office of Second Vice President of the National Council of Korea TESOL. I seek this office to humbly offer service to our organization, as I have continually done since becoming a member in 2022. I believe that my activities to benefit KOTESOL in the years since then make a strong case for the service that I will provide to the National Council if I am elected.

Since 2023, I have been a copy editor and proofreader for KOTESOL's two main publications, *The English Connection* and the *Korea TESOL Journal*, serving as Assistant Editor and Production Editor respectively for each. A keen attention to detail, as well as careful and considerate communication with authors, was necessary to improve the quality of our publications. I believe these skills will serve the role of Second Vice President handily, as a similar sense of considerate communication and attention to detail will be necessary when coordinating with the individual leaders of our many and diverse Special Interest Groups (SIGs). I also served as the Secretary of the Gyeonggi-Yongin Chapter in 2024, where I worked closely with chapter leadership, kept detailed records of formal meetings and activities, and worked actively to boost the sense of camaraderie for which our chapter is well known. I intend to do the same when working with and advocating for the SIGs by maintaining an open and collaborative dialogue with their leaders, and I will strive to represent their best interests to the National Council. In addition, I served as a Human Resources Manager for our International Conference in April of 2024. As part of the conference staff, I had the great privilege of assisting both KOTESOL leaders and a highly diverse group of associates and fellow managers with the end goal of providing a superior experience for conference attendees and presenters. Once again, considerate, open, and careful communication, as well as an overall spirit of accommodation and servitude, were necessary to make all feel welcome and involved, and they were also vital for the Human Resources team to accomplish its objectives. I fully intend to carry that same spirit forward into the role of Second Vice President if I am elected, and I will implement these skills and experiences to the fullest of my capability.

In taking action as Second Vice President if so elected, I pledge to organize the KOTESOL Connections Day and advocate for our Special Interest Groups to the greatest of my abilities. I will also oversee the KOTESOL Teacher Training program, serve as its primary liaison to the National Council, and I will manage its finances and operations with great interest.

In accordance with the responsibilities of this role, I have read and pledge to abide by the KOTESOL Code of Conduct, and I will uphold all regulations stated therein.

Thank you for your time and attention.

With deepest gratitude and sincerity,



Wesley Martin  
September 26, 2024

September 13, 2024

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee & KOTESOL Members,

I am writing a reference for Wesley Martin to endorse him as the Second Vice President of the KOTESOL National Council. I knew Wesley was an assistant editor for TEC, the KOTESOL publication, and I met him a few times through KOTESOL events. I immediately noticed his personable demeanor, wit, and kindness. Last year, I met Wesley again when we served on the KOTESOL 2024 International Conference Committee, myself as Co-chair, and Wesley as HR Manager. I observed his ability to keenly overview tasks and organize data swiftly and clearly, work in a team, and communicate smoothly. This year I invited Wesley to take on the overseer role in the 2025 KOTESOL Human Resources team, and he accepted the position of HR Coordinator.

Wesley is an adept communicator who carefully considers the perspectives of all parties involved in decisions. He is competent and well-suited to his potential role on the national council. I am confident that as KOTESOL 2<sup>nd</sup> VP he would consult with the SIG leaders effectively to understand their operations and how to support their growth. Wesley is a good listener and is highly coachable, thus would work smoothly to assist the president and the other national council members. Additionally, he is well-positioned to consult with the national council team to design the next KOTESOL Connections Day event, having served as the Yongin Chapter Secretary and as an ICC member: he is already connected to numerous members of the KOTESOL leadership. Finally, if tasked to manage the KTT program Wesley would manage consultations and information-building well to run the program effectively. Not only is Wesley a diligent and positive-minded leader, but he speaks with pride about teaching and caring for students and takes his career seriously. Undoubtedly too, he would follow the KOTESOL code of conduct and lead by example.

Wesley brings fresh energy and ethos to any endeavor he takes on, and I expect he would be particularly well-suited to the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the KOTESOL National Council.

Sincerely,



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KOTESOL 2025 International Conference Chair  
KOTESOL Seoul Chapter President  
KOTESOL Membership: 2017 to present



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**To**  
**Nominations and Elections Committee**  
**KOTESOL**

**Subject: Endorsement of Wesley Martin for Second Vice President**

I would like to endorse Wesley Martin for the position of Second Vice President of KOTESOL. Whenever I've met Wesley, I've been struck by his energy and enthusiasm. He works hard and presents himself well. Wesley has been involved in KOTESOL since 2022 and is currently the secretary of the Yongin Chapter. Through our interaction at various KOTESOL meetings, I can tell he is an active listener that cares about others, especially his young students. He speaks confidently when given a leadership role. Since 2023, he's been both a production editor for The Korea TESOL Journal and a copy editor and proofreader for The English Connection. I'm sure his meticulous work habits help.

When I heard that Wesley is interested in taking on the role of 2VP, I was pleased because I'm confident he'll perform well, especially facilitating communication between SIGs and National Council.

*Lisa MacIntyre-Park*  
**Jeonju North Jeolla President from 2023**  
**"I Can!" English Academy Vice Principal**