

Heidi Vande Voort Nam

Candidate for National Secretary

Work Affiliation

Chongshin University

KOTESOL Membership

2003-present (lifetime member)



Education

2007	MA TESL/TEFL	University of Birmingham
1996	BA English Literature	Calvin University

Work Experience

1999-present	Chongshin University	Assistant professor
1997-1999	Oedae Language Institute	English teacher

KOTESOL Service

- Secretary, National Council (2022-2023)
- National Facebook Page Administrator (2019-present)
- Co-facilitator, KOTESOL Christian Teachers SIG (2005-present)
- Presenter, Korea Teacher Training (2008-present)
- Human Resources Director, 2021 KOTESOL Film Festival and National Conference
- Conference Chair, 2016 Christians in ELT International Conference (KOTESOL Christian Teachers SIG)
- SIG Liason, 2008 KOTESOL International Conference

KOTESOL Awards

- The Reflective Language Teacher Award (2023)
- Meritorious Service Award (2021)
- KOTESOL Performance Award (Non-Student Made) Reel to Real KOTESOL Filmmaking Festival and National Conference 2021

Candidate Statement of Interest

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the position of Secretary of the National Council for the 2023-2024 year.

I have been serving as National Council Secretary during the 2022-2023 term, and I'd be pleased to support KOTESOL by continuing in that role. The national secretary is responsible for creating a public record of national council meetings, noting the decisions made and the rationale behind those decisions. The secretary should make the minutes available to the National Council for review and post the approved minutes on the KOTESOL Website. Now that I have held the position for a year, I feel that I understand how the process works, and I'd like to have the opportunity to put that knowledge to good use.

Along with my work as National Council Secretary this past year, I have been participating in a variety of other KOTESOL activities. I have continued to facilitate the Christian Teachers SIG and moderate the national Facebook page. In the fall of 2022, I traveled to Jeonju to give a workshop on teaching listening skills, and I contributed an article about several of those techniques to TEC. During the spring of 2023, I helped to organize and promote online meetings for the SIGS, and I joined a panel discussion on conflict resolution projects at the International Conference. At the invitation of the Seoul Chapter this September, Cheryl Woelk and I provided a workshop on using a model of conflict resolution for English language skill development. I am truly grateful for the opportunities, friendships, and insights that my participation in KOTESOL has given me over the years, and I am delighted to be able to give back to the organization.

I have read the KOTESOL Code of Conduct, and I promise to abide by its rules.



Heidi Vande Voort Nam

September 22, 2023

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Dear Nominations and Elections Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate **Heidi Vande Voort Nam** for a second term as **Secretary** for the KOTESOL National Council. I met Heidi in 2018 at the KOTESOL International Conference. We developed a professional friendship which has endured and deepened since that time, and regularly maintain contact. Currently I am an assistant professor at Myongji University, Seoul campus, and am acting co-president of the Seoul KOTESOL Chapter.

Heidi is personable, meticulous, and has diverse talents. She is dedicated, punctual, as well as fun to have on any project or team. I noticed her consistency and dedication as a leader in the KOTESOL Christian SIG, then further as an admin for the KOTESOL Facebook media page. I found her utterly reliable and enjoyable to work with during the 2021 KOTESOL National Conference online, where she held the position of Human Resources Chair, smoothly managed a myriad of volunteers and was a core part of the event's success. She even found the time to submit an award-winning short film to the event titled [The Annual Meeting of the Onion Society](#), revealing her inner thespian as well as her prowess in her L2. More recently, Heidi was a facilitator at a Seoul Chapter event titled *Conflict Resolution and ELT* so we had a chance to experience how deftly she acts as a mediator. One of Heidi's greatest assets is her unwavering patience and compassion in every situation.

Heidi would undoubtedly fulfill her role as National Secretary, keeping records faithfully and reliably.

Sincerely,



Rhea Metituk
Assistant Professor, Myongji University
KOTESOL member from 2017 to present

Endorsement:

I, James G. Rush, II, endorse Heidi Vande Voort Nam for National Secretary.

Heidi is a joyful professional who brings clarity to every endeavor. She has gained experience as the National Secretary over the past year and can offer continuity to a position for the sake of the organization. Just as with Rhea above, having “organizational memory” along with the practical skills needed for the position will help KOTESOL immensely.

James G. Rush, II

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Luther University – Assistant Professor

Member since Fall 2016 – Lifetime Member

September 26-27, 2023