

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 (2022-2024)
- 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 Liaison, 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 2024-2025 year.

I have been serving as National Council Secretary since 2022, 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. I feel well-prepared by my experience to carry out these tasks effectively.

Along with my work as National Council Secretary this past year, I have contributing to KOTESOL in other areas by moderating the Facebook page, presenting at the National Conference, and assisting with chapter elections in Seoul and Busan. 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 24, 2024

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September 19, 2024

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee:

I am delighted to endorse the nomination of Heidi Nam for the position of national secretary. She has spent the past two years in the role, and KOTESOL is very fortunate she's willing to run for the position again! As the current national secretary, her notes on the National Council meetings are thorough and reliable, and she shares her completed minutes promptly with the National Council for review. She is unfailingly positive and trustworthy and approaches her role—and our Council meetings—with equanimity.

I first became familiar with Heidi years ago when I attended one of her outstanding workshops, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her as a fellow presenter ever since. The quality of Heidi's workshops, alone, speak to her organization and social skills. The workshops' careful structure, meticulous organization, and thoughtful content all reveal how reflective, detail-oriented, and perceptive she is. The innovative and useful activities she provides during the workshops further speak to her creativity, criticality, conscientiousness, and consideration for her audience. When I'm asked to recommend responsible, engaging presenters for workshops, Heidi is one of the first people that comes to mind; she is highly professional, and I would trust her with any task.

I have also been extremely impressed with the many ways Heidi has stepped up to serve in our organization over the years. She has volunteered for manifold conferences in a variety of positions, and with her fellow co-facilitator of the Christian Teachers special interest group (CT SIG) has made the SIG one of the most active in KOTESOL.

I am thrilled that Heidi is willing to continue to serve as secretary for the organization. She is positive, perspicacious, thoughtful, and insightful, a combination perfect for the position—or, indeed, for any position that interests her. I truly look forward to her continued involvement as a leader in KOTESOL.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
Lifetime Member
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

To Korea TESOL voting members,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation in support of Heidi Nam for the position of Secretary in Korea TESOL's 2024 election. Having had the privilege of working closely with Heidi for over a decade, I can confidently attest to her organizational skills, attention to detail, and dedication Korea TESOL.

As the current Secretary, Heidi consistently demonstrates a strong ability to record and edit meeting minutes with accuracy, facilitate clear and effective communication, and ensure that our Council meetings are well-documented. Her punctuality, professionalism, and capacity to deliver error-free minutes have been essential in maintaining our organization's operational efficiency. Heidi's proficiency with digital tools for document management improves our internal communication, ensuring Council members stay informed on critical issues in a timely manner. Additionally, she has played a key role on the Publicity Committee, regularly managing social media content to enhance Korea TESOL's online presence.

Aside from her technical skills, Heidi's interpersonal abilities are exemplary. She fosters collaboration and positivity, particularly within the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) online community. Her contributions extend to various SIGs, including Christian Teachers and Reflective Practice, where she has been instrumental in organizing and hosting successful online seminars.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Heidi Nam for the position of Secretary. Her experience, dedication, and proven record of accomplishment make her an ideal candidate for this role.

Sincerely,



Jake Kimball

Korea TESOL Lifetime Member

Semyung University Assistant Professor

September 25, 2024