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Please send me your corrections.

Rob

KOTESOL
 (Executive) Council Meeting
 February 21, 1998
 Hannam University, Taejon

The meeting began at 1:30pm.

In Attendance:

Carl Dusthimer, President
 Woo Sang Do, 1st Vice President
 Yeom Ji Sook, Treasurer
 Robert Dickey, Secretary
 Greg Wilson, Elections & Nominations Chair
 Kirsten Reitan, Taejon President, Conference Chair
 Cho Sook Eun, Pusan President
 Tony Joo, General Manager
 Jay Kim, Publications and PAC II Chair

(While waiting for the meeting to begin, Cho Sook-eun discussed with those present issues and concerns for Pusan's Conference.)

Carl Dusthimer announced that Tom McKinney, President of Seoul Chapter, has accepted a position for this next year at Incheon University College of Northeast Studies. He is at the Seoul Chapter meeting today, but wrote notes in response to the mailed agenda, which Dusty will read at appropriate times.

Taejon Chapter Report was made by Kirsten Reitan.

The Taejon Drama Festival has been re-named the KOTESOL Spring Drama Festival, in recognition that it is a Korea-wide activity, and Cholla has a

Drama Festival in the Fall. Edith Dandenault, the Taejon Member-at-Large officer, is helping to organize the event taking place on May 16.

Taejon has lost their Vice-President, Kirsten is hoping to find a replacement, to take on more of the President's work so she can concentrate more fully on the next KOTESOL Conference.

Dusty mentioned that he worked with some Junior High School teachers that were interested in forming a teacher's discussion group in Taejon. Cho Sook-eun emphasized that the needs of Korean teachers were different from native-speakers, and it is important for the Chapter to take that into consideration during meetings, and to develop other activities along those lines as well.

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Pusan Chapter Report was made by Cho Sook-eun.

Things are going well. They are trying to base activities on more than just the university native-speaker teachers'. Pusan's schedule of presenters all lined up through September, they will be meeting throughout the summer.

Seoul Chapter Report was read by Dusty from Tom McKinney's letter.

His report can be read in the upcoming TEC and in Seoul's monthly newsletters.

The executives at this meeting gave cheers to SEOULBEAT's map/calendar of events happening in Korea, which lists Chapter meetings throughout KOTESOL as well as other important events.

Book Project Report, submitted by email from Gina Crocetti (attached), was passed around the room.

In summary, it seems they are on schedule. They have a meeting planned for next weekend, when Gina Crocetti will be in Korea. In light of KOTESOL's financial straightness, it was a consensus that the Book Project should not be funded for production costs, but that the Book Project Committee should find a publisher to take on the project after the Committee finalizes a book proposal. Greg Wilson had some concrete ideas how this might be prepared.

Roaming Workshops Report was made by Dusty for Gavin.

Progress is slow, as many people who expressed interest are presently out of the country. The ad in SEOULBEAT looks great.

KOTESOL Presenter for JALT-Fukuoka.

Each executive was asked for a recommendation, and each gave two selections -- the same three proposals were selected. The final result was very close, so consideration of the proposer's qualifications to speak on such an academic subject, and involvement with Korea and KOTESOL, were considered.

Rodney Tyson's "Academic Writing and the Process Approach" was selected as the KOTESOL-vetted presenter for JALT-Fukuoka's May seminar.

A discussion on KOTESOL international affairs was led by Dusty.

Greg Wilson, Kirsten Reitan, Gina Crocetti, Jeanne Martinelli, and Dusty are all planning to go to the TESOL Conference in Seattle. Probably Bill

Snyder and Barbara

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Wright as well -- they are scheduled to present, but having difficulties getting approval from their employer (Korea Univ).

Dusty will be the official representative to host a breakfast on teaching in Korea, KOTESOL will also have a table in the the international tables section of the conference site -- others will help to staff this table. KOREANIGHT is also planned.

ThaiTESOL was small, about 400 people instead of a projected 1,000 - 1,500. The financial crisis in Thailand has hit more than here, and the conference site was far to the south, away from where most teachers could conveniently visit on limited funds.

About 30 people met at ThaiTESOL to discuss PAC II -- but JALT representatives were absent. ETA-ROC, RELC (Singapore), and people from Hong Kong were present and active in discussing publicity and other matters.

The PAC II poster, call for papers, and a summary of research under the PAC II program will be prepared in time for the TESOL conference.

Investigations on the PAC II site are continuing. The Olympic Park Hotel in Seoul is currently being considered.

KOTESOL Conference '98 report was made by Kirsten Reitan.

Kyunghee University's President has agreed to host the KOTESOL conference.

KOTESOL costs for this event will be discussed, Kirsten is thinking of paying for the additional costs Kyunghee Univ incurs -- overtime for staff, etc. Dusty confirmed that this was the basic nature of the arrangement in previous conferences at universities.

Tom McKinney has stepped down as the "Seoul Chair" for the conference, but has agreed to take on all registration matters.

Mia Kim is site liaison, might become site coordinator, since much of the work at Kyunghee will probably have to go through her anyway.

Peggy Wollberg will apparently stay on as Publicity Chair.

There is a special events committee, but no chair.

A Conference Committee meeting is scheduled for March 8 in Seoul, it's open to all.

May 30 the proposal selection committee will meet at KAIST.

A general discussion of registration fees, including student (discount) fees, led to the recommendation that the conference committee make their decision based on information available closer to the date of the event.

The state of the economy is one of the considerations. A

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question of whether working teachers, pursuing a Master's degree (part-time), should qualify for a student discount, was left unresolved by the committee, for the conference committee to determine.

Kirsten also presented a revised budget (attached).

Publications Report was made by Jay Kim

Yoon's will pay 2 million won of the total cost to produce the Proceedings.

We anticipate about 2 million won for KOTESOL. Whether Yoon's will cover the cost of mailing is unknown.

The Journal is coming along. Four papers are selected, all from out of Korea. Tom Farrel is requesting two more papers by persons writing in Korea. Book reviews are invited, due by mid-April. Greg Wilson will do layout in May. Jay and Bill Snyder need to begin work towards next year's issue.

TEC needs a new layout person for after the May issue, as Greg Wilson is leaving Korea to attend Grad School. Dusty recommended Troy Ottwell, who is returning to Korea to teach in March.

Budget and Finances were discussed around a number of issues. Up front was the recognition that KOTESOL is far short of anticipated income, based on the publishers' expected membership fees.

Cho Sook-eun raised her problem of knowing how much money to take from new membership applications -- the TEC form says 40,000 won, but KOTESOL did not officially change rates.

Moved/Seconded (Dickey/Reitan)

THAT THE MEMBERSHIP DUES BE CHANGED TO REFLECT DUSTY'S RECOMMENDATION AT THE LEADERSHIP RETREAT, IE: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS @ 40,000 WON PER YEAR, INTERNATIONAL @ US\$50 PER YEAR, INSTITUTIONAL @ 80,000 WON PER YEAR, COMMERCIAL @ 600,000 AND LIFETIME @ 400,000.
Passed Unanimously.

Tony Joo reported that KOTESOL has received pledges and funds of only 12,700,000 won from the commercial members, off from the projected 35,000,000 won (see attached, back of "Current Financial Report"). He reported that 5 publishers are members of an organization called KAPA, which was proposing severely downsized costs for participating with KOTESOL. Tony's study indicated that, in order to meet their proposal, KOTESOL would be required to refund to organizations which have already joined, more than KOTESOL would receive from the KAPA

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members. The Council agreed to not change our membership package for commercial members, even if it means loss of those members.

Yeom Ji-Sook presented the current financial status (see attached). Good news is that 25,000,000 won was placed in a 1-3 month high interest account (18% per year rate). Payments within KOTESOL are being deferred as much as possible.

It was agreed that we need to re-examine all planned expenses, and cut where possible.

TEC will downsize to 28 pages, to save printing (and maybe postage) costs.

Book Project will not be funded (as noted above). All activities should aim for at least a 10% cut.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Dickey
Secretary

Addendum:

Results of Election first noticed in The English Connection mailed mid January, 1998, ballots mailed early February 1998, and ballots tabulated March 7, 1998 by Carl Dusthimer, President, Tom McKinney, Seoul Chapter President, and Andrew Todd, British Council Liaison, in Seoul:

Proposition #1 -- to add the new Executive Council member of General Manager -- passed with 27 votes in favor, 8 opposed.

Proposition #2 -- to change the period of membership (membership year) to 12 months, or slightly less (renewals to begin on the first day of the month for those who had previously joined on a date later in the month) -- passed with 30 votes in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Respectfully,

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