

Minutes of a Korea TESOL Executive Council Meeting

Place: Hyecheon College, Daejeon

Time: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 25th, 2002

Attendance

Voting members : Robert Dickey (meeting presider, KOTESOL President), Sangdo Woo (1st vice-president), Paul Mead (2nd vice-president), Joseph Nicholas-V. (National Secretary), David Shaffer (National Treasurer), Paul Hwang (Cheongju Chapter President), Kevin Parent (Daejeon Chapter President), Brian Heldenbrand (Jeolla Chapter President), John Phillips (Technologies Committee Chair), Andrew Finch (Research Committee Chair), Steven Garrigues (Daegu-Gyeonbuk Chapter President), Mijae Lee (Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter President), Jim Gongwer (Nominations/Elections Chair), Ryan Cassidy (Gangwon Chapter President), Craig Bartlett (Conference Committee Chair)

Non-voting members : Chantal Martel (Gangwon Chapter), Hyunsook Kim (Gangwon Chapter), Yangdon Ju (Conference Co-Chair) Gyehyeong Yu (Suwon-Kyonggi Membership Coordinator), Christopher Wolfe (Gangwon Chapter)

Invited Guest : Larry Hoffarth (KOTESOL Webmaster)

Unrepresented officers, chapters, or committees: Seoul Chapter, Publications Committee, and Domestic Relations Committee, International Affairs Committee.

Meeting

Robert Dickey, meeting presider, called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

Status of the Council

Robert Dickey briefly reviewed the status of the Executive Council and noted which officers, chapters , and committees had voting presence. (Please refer to the voting member list).

Reports

It was agreed that chapter reports should no longer be given; unless a notable event is be announced.

The National Program Committee Report: was given by Paul Mead. The rather healthy state

of the special interest groups (SIG's) was mentioned. It was stated that a considerable effort was made by the National Second Vice-President and chapter vice-presidents. Notable mention: 40 attendees were present at the cross-cultural workshop in early May, 2002. This workshop discussed how new people can help solve the difficulties of cross-cultural understanding.

The Conference Committee Report: was given by Craig Bartlett. It was mentioned that a considerable effort is being made to create publicity for the upcoming KOTESOL International Conference in October, 2002. The printing of pamphlets and flyers have been planned. The Conference Committee Chair reminded everyone present that the deadline to submit abstracts is June 15th, 2002

Publications Report: was given by Robert Dickey. It was mentioned that KOTESOL needed to find a new managing editor, layout assistant, as well as other editors for specific tasks.

Technologies Committee Report: was given by John Phillips, who thanked Larry Hoffarth for his excellent work and considerable effort in creating the 2002 KOTESOL Conference Website. It was mentioned that there was no immediate need for KOTESOL to acquire more computer hardware. Larry Hoffarth has created a newly designed feature for the KOTESOL Website. He suggested that KOTESOL members create a bulletin board link through the website. Larry invited all Executive Council members to provide feedback regarding the newly designed website feature.

Nominations/Elections Chair Report: was given by James Gongwer. It was mentioned that officer elections are to be held at the upcoming 2002 KOTESOL International Conference. He welcomed all KOTESOL members to nominate candidates for the following positions : 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Conference Committee Co-Chair, and Nominations/Elections Chair. He encouraged all members to run for the various offices.

Old Business

Re: Orientation materials proposed at an earlier meeting by Peter Nelson. It was decided by the Executive Council that this issue should be tabled for the Chapter Development meeting

Re: Member Benefits: it was decided by the Executive Council that it should be discussed at a later date.

Re: the creation of a Chuncheon Chapter , it was decided that this period was not a good time to start a new chapter in the Gangwon provincial region. The reason given was that a new Gangwon Chapter had just been recently formed.

Motions Put Forward

Motion 1: David Shaffer moved for the minutes of the Korea TESOL Executive Council Meeting taken at the Jeolla Chapter Regional Conference by Kirsten Reitan, and submitted by Joseph Nicholas, **to be accepted**. It was seconded by Steve Garrigues.

Discussion: None

Result: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The minutes submitted by e-mail on May 20th were accepted as written.

Motion 2: Robert Dickey moved for the budget earmarked for a specific Associate-Members meeting to be increased from 100,000 Korean won to 250,000 Kreaon won. It was seconded by Brian Heldenbrand.

Discussion: Some Executive Council members inquired about what these meetings entailed. Nevertheless, the E.C. members agreed to increase the budget.

Result: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The budget will be increased for this particular kind of meeting.

Motion 3: David Shaffer moved that a supplementary budget of 1,600,000 Korean won be allotted for the purpose of chapter building among our existing chapters. It was stipulated that a spring meeting be held to discuss how this supplementary budget should be used. Paul Mead seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was maintained that most chapter members would like to discuss the sustaining of chapter growth. Chapter representatives would be invited to a meeting at a later date to “brainstorm” about chapter building.

Motion 3 (Amendment): Craig Bartlett asked for the word “ spring” to be struck from the motion, and that this type of meeting should be held during the year 2002.

Result: The motion passed unanimously.

Action: A chapter building meeting will be held during the 2002 calendar year.

New Business

1. The Executive Council discussed whether or not KOTESOL members should be vetting out personal views about education in the name of KOTESOL. Questions were raised about this topic. After a brief discussion, the Executive Council agreed not to

discuss this topic further.

2. Starting June 1st, KOTESOL will make allocation of funds using the data base's current information. The data base will be checked, and the expiry dates of every membership will be taken into consideration.

Notable mention: as of May 25th, 2002, KOTESOL has five life-long members. There are three members in the Seoul Chapter, and two are from the Jeolla Chapter.

Conclusion

The Executive Council members unanimously moved for the meeting to be adjourned at approximately 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Korea TESOL National Secretary,
Joseph Nicholas

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