

Minutes for
KOTESOL Executive Council Meeting
Saturday, August 27, 2005
Room 106, SMU Professional Center
Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul

Council Members in Attendance

Kyungsook Yeum
David Shaffer
Louisa Kim
Peter Nelson
Stephen Bew
Jake Kimball
Phil Owen
David Kim
Allison Bill
Maria Lisak
John Phillips
Sharon Morrison
Joe Walther (Seoul representative)

President Yeum called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm
This is the last meeting of this term.

David Shaffer moved that the minutes of the last meeting, as presented to the email list, and the email minutes be accepted.

Maria Lisak seconded the motion.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

The motion passed unanimously.

OP money is slower in coming in this year. Last year there were 32 OPs, so far, only 17 have paid so far, in which 18 applied.

Expenses were a lot for membership cards. Maria congratulated everyone involved for putting together these cards.

Also, Seoul and Daegu only found 1 problem with the chapter dues share.

Congratulations to Stephen for his exceptional work.

David Shaffer read the treasurer's report.

Phil Owen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by David Kim.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no.

The motion passed unanimously.

Officers' Reports

1st Vice-President's Report – Louisa Kim

Louisa shared about her observations at the local chapters and gave some recommendations for how to improve or enhance the local KOTESOL chapter. She expressed the need of finding ways for bringing in new members. If a chapter member brings in 10 new members in a year, that person received a free book or a prize for their hard work. Louisa also shared that at least one officer from each chapter should keep in touch with other chapters.

Peter shared that two years ago, a decision was made to make a welcome pack for new members, but nothing ever came of it.

Louisa commented that this work is in the pipeline.

Louisa shared that the retention of attendees has always been a difficult matter and hopes that there might be a solution to this problem.

Maria commented that a low retention is because of a high turnover of foreigners.

Louisa mentioned that Suwon attendees are mostly Korean teachers. Maria said that she thought there was an article in TEC from the Suwon president.

2nd Vice-President's Report – David Kim

David Kim shared that the SIG have been quite active in their respective areas of interest. The Christian Teachers SIG (Heidi Vande Voort Nam) is currently involved with the Christians in the English Language Teaching Conference in Thailand in January of 2006. Also, Jack Large decided to distribute funds for the KOTESOL Global Disaster Relief Fund to the Aceh Province in Indonesia. Also, Jack Large is planning a fund-raising activity, "Cycling for Humanity" to raise public awareness to global issues and to highlight efforts by the English teachers in Korea to alleviate suffering. David also mentioned that the Research SIG is planning to hold two additional Presentation-Workshops this year. Also, the Young Learners SIG is planning a Young Learner Conference in November, tentatively set on the 26th of the month.

Peter asked about who decides what is an acceptable use of SIG discretionary funds?

David Shaffer shared that the money is reimbursed after it is spent, but only if it

is acceptable.

Maria wondered if there isn't a communication problem between SIGS and the National Council.

Allison commented and said, "Shouldn't the SIG representatives be here?"

Peter wondered how the SIG money is reported?

Phil shared that David Kim is the gatekeeper. Let's trust him.

Maria shared that it might be a good idea to look at IATEFL or JALT to know how SIGS report their finances.

Also, The National Program Committee has created a discussion group to better meet the needs of chapter vice-presidents. The discussion group is found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KOTESOLNPC/>.

Concerning KOTESOL Teacher Training, Peter Nelson has been working hard to dispatch KTT speakers to various KOTESOL events.

Conference Committee – Sharon Morrison

A Conference Committee is planned for next week. There will be 3 plenary speakers, 8 featured speakers, 110 academic presentations and 50 commercial slots (only 23 commercial slots have been filled so far).

Dr. Yeum thanked Phil for his hard work.

Nominations & Elections Committee – Jake Kimball

The Nominations & Elections Committee has proposed Oct. 1-10, 2005 for online voting. They have provided a one month notice, by September 1st, according to the constitution.

Also, there is a change in the process. Candidates must solicit 3 endorsements. Allison asked about when nominations close.

Jake shared that the deadline closed July 31, 2005, but Robert's Rules of Order allow for write-ins.

Maria shared that she was concerned about write-ins

Allison questioned, "What are we scared of?"

Jake shared that since there is already a controversy, we need to allow write-ins at least this year.

It was shared that we should begin voting later in the day at the conference.

Louisa shared that the ballot area needs to be safeguarded.

David Shaffer wondered whether campaigning shouldn't stop before voting begins.

Maria shared that it is true that many people won't meet the candidates before the conference.

Louisa wondered what to do if a candidate hovers around the ballot area.

Phil shared that there is a difference between campaigning and inappropriate campaigning.

Stephen shared that we need a campaign-free zone.

Peter wanted to make sure that pre-tallying doesn't happen.

Maria wondered if we should have a voting survey for members.

Membership Committee Report

On July 15, 2005, Membership Packets containing KOTESOL Membership cards and Certificates were mailed out to KOTESOL members. Of the 538 mailings, 499 were domestic and 39 international. If members in local chapters have not received their membership packets, encourage them to send inquires to kotesol@asia.com with the subject heading: KOTESOL Membership Packet Inquiry.

Each KOTESOL member has been given a unique membership number. This numbering system will help facilitate communication between membership and KOTESOL administration.

KOTESOL Membership Certificates will be printed for new members only, whereas Membership Cards will be provided to new and renewing members, to reflect the change in membership expiration date from year to year. Replacement cards and certificates will be available at a reasonable cost (5,000 to 8,000 won—depending on mailing costs involved).

Plans are being made to hold a membership drive at the October International Conference. A site will be set up to distribute membership cards and certificates, as well as, KOTESOL publications. We are hoping to possibly sell or give away KOTESOL brand items, such as KOTESOL badges, pins, mugs, sweater pins, pens, etc. It is hoped that National Executives and Chapter Executives will participate in this and also at the "Meet Your KOTESOL Representative" event planned throughout the conference.

Allison asked that membership numbers be sent to the chapters for their members.

Maria said to make replacement costs for membership cards and certificates known to the public so members know this fact.

It was mentioned that chapter representatives are needed to represent each chapter for the welcoming of new members.

348.1 in the budget regarding database management, listed as 500,000 won, should be broken up into 2 items, with 100,000 won for database management and 400,000 won for membership drive, a proposed re-allocation.

David Kim moved that item 348.1 in the National Budget Membership Committee Database Management be reduced to 100,000 won and the remaining total of 400,000 won be re-allocated to a new line "Membership Drive."

John Phillips seconded the motion.

During discussion, Maria asked what are we doing for old/current members? She was concerned they would be angry.

David Shaffer shared that previous members got cheaper entrance fees.

Also, he shared that the membership table should be before the registration table, so people won't change their mind.

Louisa shared that papers will be with volunteers before registration.

John spoke up and said that we have e-registration.

David Kim said that we should have chapter presidents recruiting in the lines.

Maria felt that we should open the prizes to all attendees.

David Shaffer asked, "Doesn't Stephen need [it \(notebook computer\)?](#)"

Stephen said it is hard to find students, but next year. . .

Phil said that he would feel better if Stephen kept it.

David Kim retracted the motion. He moved that line item 348.3 concerning membership drive be added to the budget in the amount of 500,000 won.

Phil seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:50, a break was taken. The meeting restarted at 3:05.

At this time, Sharon Morrison, the Conference Committee Chair, arrived.

She shared that Phil has presenters well in hand. There will be 47 domestic presentations and 89 international presenters. 87 pre-registrants were shared and 39 commitments so far on commercial sessions.

She shared we need to get people in the door.

Joe asked if there will be a chapter area or room available.

Sharon shared that some rooms have changed

Maria shared that she believes a chapter area near the voting area would be best.

Sharon mentioned that presentation rooms are a priority.

David Kim mentioned that we need a whole area for KOTESOL functions – chapters/SIGS/ elections/membership drive. He suggested using the space in front of Gemma Hall.

Joe asked how much it would cost for 1 table.

Maria shared that it would cost 1 million won.

David Shaffer mentioned that it would depend what the table is for. It could be priced anywhere from no money to 1 million won. If it is commercial, speak to Rob and if it is non-commercial, speak to Sharon.

Internal Affairs Committee – Phil Owen

Phil shared that TECs have been mailed to KOTESOL partners and affiliates and the 2004 Proceedings will be mailed out soon.

Also, the selection of KOTESOL representatives to other partner conferences is in process. Nominations (including self-nominations) would be welcome.

Phil shared about the Philippine Association of Language Teachers (PALT) and their request to set up a bi-lateral partnership with us. This relationship must be done before they can join PAC as full partners. He desires to know about the process for negotiating and approving such a request.

David Shaffer shared that we should vote on PALT.

Domestic Relations Committee – Yangdon Ju

No report was prepared but it was mentioned that flowers were sent to the KEES conference.

Research Committee – Joo-Kyung Park

The Research Committee is presently taking applications for the 200,000 won grants. At present, seven applications have been received so far with 5 grants available. Also, one 500,000 won grant is still available.

Also, a notice will be prepared and placed in TEC regarding next year's grants.

Publications Committee Report

i) TEC Report

It was mentioned that KIA reports are problematic

Allison shared that we should try more reminders.

Louisa shared that we are all adults.

Dr. Yeum mentioned that TEC deserves a lot of thanks.

ii) Proceedings Report

The Proceedings contained 24 articles and was 226 pages in length. 900 copies were printed on July 30, 2005 and they were mailed out on August 1, 2005. 604 copies were sent to current members and up to 3-month expirees while 64 copies were sent out (54 copies for authors and 10 for author's offprints) 70 copies are for OPs. There are 20 copies for Partner Associations and 142 copies are for archival purposes. At present, 21 copies have been returned (6 from former members, 8 addresses unclear or incomplete/5 resent, 4 addresses not at address or moved and 3 copies returned to the postal service. Of the 10 member addresses, all of them were emailed and no replies were received. All of them were phoned at cell or home phone numbers and no one answered. The conclusion was made that these 10 member addressees are likely no longer in Korea.

iii) Journal Report

Concerning the Journal cover, Maria felt that energy should be better spent working on the journal.

David Kim said that journals are consistent and we shouldn't change them often.

David Shaffer said that it is ugly; however, he didn't want to change the size of the spine color.

Publicity Committee Report

Their main responsibility these days has been doing conference things.

Technologies Committee – John Phillips

John shared that there is nothing to share concerning the web-training program. Also, he shared that the changes to the website will be made more quickly now that Maria is back. He is hoping to run a bulletin board on our website for committees.

i) Online Membership Application Demonstration

Concerning the application demonstration, each chapter will automatically receive an email. This will make the process much easier.

There was a discussion regarding suggestions for web-registering and address order problems.

ii) **E-newsletter Template**

It was mentioned that the current format is somewhat crude. Suggested changes were passed out.

Teacher Certification Committee – Peter Nelson

The question of certification was examined both by survey and by conversation with some council members with the conclusion reached by the chairman that the subject is primarily of reference interest. It is recommended that if implementation of an attendance certificate be considered, it would best be done at the chapter level only. It was suggested that each chapter, if interested in certification, first consider an attendance floor (5 meetings within a calendar year) and then provide an attendance certificate only upon request containing proper wording, such as attendee's name, chapter name, and the period of attendance. Using "credit" for attending meetings at other chapters is too difficult to implement and therefore not recommended. Proficiency and Competence certificates are not recommended to be a part of KOTESOL.

Maria wanted to know how we can archive this work by Peter

Long-term Planning Committee Report

As this time, Robert Dickey wrote that 18 OPs were currently paid. He mentioned that KOTESOL is far behind in collecting funds from them. He is doing phone follow-ups to check on those who have yet paid. Robert wrote that the number of commercial sessions as of this week were at 23 and that more would follow later. He mentioned that we were far below our estimate of 40-50, but the deadline this year is earlier than previous years.

Chapter Reports

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

Maria Lisak shared that they plan to offer more monthly meetings and that they will not rest for a summer and winter break. The numbers for meetings were good, but the number of members totaled less than 30 percent of the group.

Also, it was shared that its chapter members had presented at various summer conferences around Korea. The new leaders were molding the chapter according to their vision. Also, the executive officers were following up to confirm membership contact details and different outreach programs are being developed and sustained by its members.

The chapter is looking at recruitment issues for its chapter. Also, the chapter is looking at ways to provide proper training for its 2006 officers. They are also considering a venue change with the GIC.

The chapter wonders whether increasing the attendance numbers is a good reason to justify the move to GIC. Also, they wonder whether the chapter is ready to grow more and whether two presentations each month can be created and maintained. Maria believes that honest conversations about the Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL chapter need to be conducted. (Who are we serving?—an exclusive group of members or the Gwangju community at large.

Maria also discussed about the future plans of the chapter, concerning, outreach, relationships with other organizations, membership, dramafest, encouraging members to write for TEC and Journal, and activities within the Gwangju community.

David Shaffer shared there is not need to return (I don't understand this comment)

John said it is great to be within 150,000 won of the budget.

Lousia said that if it is over a grant, it is to be returned.

North Jeolla Chapter

Allison Bill mentioned that she is a little discouraged about chapter activities and numbers. The presenters are ready for the fall and Allison mentioned she will not be running again as chapter president.

Seoul Chapter

The numbers for monthly meetings have ranged from 10-40 participants. They are using a room at the Sookmyung's Professional Center and it is pretty crowded most months. New officers for the chapter have been added. Bruce Wakefield is the Workshop Coordinator and Ksan Rubadeau is the Treasurer, while Heather Grady is the new Membership Coordinator. They hope that Mark David will be their new webmaster. They are still searching for a Publicity

person.

The membership for the chapter is currently at 159 paid members. This number is down from 189, but they hope to reach 200+ in the near future. Their current account balance is around 4.5 million won. David Shaffer was sent a detailed report recently.

Workshops have been scheduled through December. Certain places like “What the Book” in Itaewon and “English Plus” in Jongro have been contacted about offering discounts to KOTESOL members. Tory plans to contact more bookstores in the Seoul area to look for ways to benefit its members. They are hoping to fill a few more executive positions and are hoping to update their website in the near future.

There were some questions about getting discounts with membership cards. Also, the new KOTESOL logo should be incorporated into chapter sites. They should follow links to national.

Unfinished Business

Aceh Relief Report: Fund Release

Considerable email discussion took place on this issue.

David Kim shared that Jack Large wants no end-date, but to have continued support. He also shared that funds were to be handed over to a recognized group. Also, some funds seem to be being used for administrative purposes.

He also mentioned that the KOTESOL endorsement should cease by the end of December, 2005 and funds should be disbursed by the end of February, 2006, with a report produced by the end of February, 2006.

Allison asked if money is being spent on articles written.

Peter shared this could be a can of worms. We should acknowledge the work put in to this work.

Maria wondered if the SIG could continue fund-raising without national endorsement

Allison still felt that this activity is linked to our name.

David Kim shared that it is a tacit endorsement

Peter spoke up and said, "Let's just vote"

Phil agreed and said that he is not interested in continuing to discuss this matter.

David Shaffer said a motion should include matching funds being released immediately.

John shared that we should release the matching funds.

Peter moved that

1. All fund-raising efforts being endorsed by KOTESOL cease by December 31, 2005.
2. All funds collected by December 31, 2005, be disbursed by the end of February, 2006.
3. A report of how the funds were dispersed be produced no later than the end of February, 2006.

Phil seconded the motion.

David Kim commented that Jack should live up to 1-3, before 4. (what is 4, continuing the relief fund effort?)

Louisa commented that this wasn't in the original agreement.

David Kim said it comes down to accountability.

Dr. Yeum shared that his management style may not live up to our expectations, and so we should release it.

Peter said, "Let's vote."

The vote was In favor – 8 votes

Opposed – 0 votes

Abstentions – 2 votes

Peter shared that Jack deserves our recognition.

Aaron Jolly arrived at 4:40 (with yellow hair!!!)

At this time, Aaron Jolly gave the Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter Report. He shared that the drama festival almost killed the chapter. Aaron shared his feelings about the festival and was encouraged by the national council.

Peter questioned if there were members at the festival.

Aaron said that only a couple of members came.

Louisa asked if it was successful.

Aaron said "yes" and "no."

New Business

Membership Drive

David Kim shared that it would be a good idea to produce some KOTESOL brand items for promoting KOTESOL at conferences, chapter meetings and other KOTESOL events/ceremonies.

He suggested pins, pens, sweaters/T-shirts, mugs, backpacks, etc.

Someone shared that everyone loves pens.

Louisa suggested a copy holder.

Peter shared that these items won't necessarily better our image. He believed we should address more important issues.

Phil commented that members and visitors will see this stuff as an image of stability, and continuity, but believed it would be better to have only one level of pins, instead of three, in order to cut snobbery.

John shared that "pins" are a great conversation starter.

Sharon mentioned that it provides cohesion.

David Kim moved that a new line item be created in the National Budget:

348.4 Promotional Items / KOTESOL Brand Items

be added and 4 million won be allocated to the item.

Louisa seconded the motion.

Phil commented that 4 million won is a lot of money.

David Shaffer said that is way too much.

Maria shared that every member can give a pen away. We could take advantage of volume purchases.

David Kim shared that they could order 1.5 million pins and 600,000 pens.

Louisa asked if this should come from membership.

David Kim said as long as it gets done.

Maria shared that we should give conference money to put giveaways into member's hands.

Joe asked if this is marketing vs. membership.

David Kim commented that it doesn't matter where it is included as long as it gets done.

David Shaffer again commented that this is too much to start out with.

Phil shared that 2 million won would give us a bund of pins and pens.

Maria shared that her members want these items.

John said we should invest now, and sell for them for cost plus 10%.

David Kim shared that the motivation is membership drive.

Allison shared about the possibility of bottled water with a KOTESOL label.

John shared that promotion isn't cheap and that we should start with 5 million won this year.

David Shaffer said that we have already spent 5 million won for membership services.

Phil shared that this is a practical thing and asked David Kim if we have enough time to do this?

David Kim said that he would like to get it all done at once and wondered if he should ask for 5 million won.

Phil asked if we could agree on 3 million won.

John said that membership is an important issue. KOTESOL has been very conservative and that we should take publicity to the next step.

Peter asked if sister organizations use this technique and if so, is it successful.

Allison said that we should publicize in newspapers.

John said that we will recover much of the cost through selling products.

David Kim said that we can have one style of pin.

Vote was taken. 5 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstention.

The motion passed.

New Cambridge TKT Exam

This is an exam that is being publicized by Cambridge University Press (CUP). They are asking if we are interested in doing a "join launch" with them this year. The questions regarding this proposal concern member-only discounts on test+books to KOTESOL members, partnership ideas, marketing ideas, possible questions to ask CUP, as well as a timeline or deadline for the launch. Should KOTESOL pursue this?

They want to partner with KOTESOL and provide member discounts.

David Kim asked if it would benefit our members.

Peter commented that it would be seen as an endorsement.

Jake said that it is a pre-CELTA and is good for native speakers and non-native speakers.

Phil commented that he felt it needed further investigation. He believed that 1 or 2 people should meet with Cambridge and discuss this further.

Dr. Yeum asked who could talk with Cambridge—Jake, Rob, and one more person.

National Conference Venue

There is a consensus to have a Spring National Conference. Each chapter interested should send in a proposal. It was also mentioned that Daejeon may be interested in holding this event. The President and VPs will contact chapters about this. Decisions regarding the National Conference should be made by the end of September. Email should be sent to chapter presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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<< Reports sent prior to meeting attached >>

First Vice President Report □ 20.8. 2005

1. Visited Daegu, Gwangju, Suwon chapters in June. Was going to visit Busan but the meeting was cancelled.
2. Attended Daegu's First Conference in July.
3. Will be visiting Gangwon chapter the first weekend of September.
4. Unfortunately, with the conference approaching, I will not be able to visit Seoul and Busan chapters. But as these are our stronger (if not strongest) chapters, I am not too concerned. If, however, members in these chapters have any questions for me, please feel free to get in touch (louisakim_kotesol@yahoo.com).

Recommendations for chapters

Having visited 5 out of 8 chapters and observed the way they have operated, I would like to make some observations and recommendations.

Observations

1. I believe it is imperative for chapter leaders _ chapter president and officers _ to attend their monthly chapter meeting.
2. Announcements of meetings. Please make sure that the announcements you send out clearly state the time, date, and venue of your meeting

3. Websites, if possible (i.e. if you have a webmaster) need to be kept up to date. Again, please make sure that it clearly states the time, date and venue of the chapter meeting.
4. If possible, send out a short bio and a summary of the presenter(s) with your announcements. I think people will find it very useful.
5. Signage at meeting site: please make sure that you are correct in your signs. I attended one meeting where they had “TESOL meeting” on their signs instead of “KOTESOL meeting”.

Recommendations

1. Word-of-mouth advertising is one of the most effective ways of making your chapter known to local teachers. Use it often!
2. Designate an officer to keep in touch with other chapters. There are many good things happening in each chapter that we can learn from each other.
3. Attendees retention: a few of you have voiced concerns that whilst getting people to attend meetings is relatively easy, retaining them is not. I do not really have the answer to this, but welcome any opinions and suggestions from each chapter.

I am afraid that I will be unable to visit Seoul and Busan in the next month, as preparation for the International Conference gets more intense. I will make sure that I visit at least once in the next year after the Conference.

It has been a great pleasure serving as First Vice President. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting each chapter and chatting with your members and attendees. I hope that you will continue to support me in the forthcoming year. I look forward to working with many of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Louisa Kim

First Vice President

Korea TESOL Treasurer's Report As of Aug. 17, 2005

(Unit: KRW)

Balance (May 24, 2005)	124,908,881
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Revenue

110. Membership Dues

3,385,000

One-year (55), Two-year (3), Student (3),

Lifetime (2), International (2)

120. OP Conference Fees	27,834,276
125. OP Regional Event Fees	400,000
150. Advertising (TEC)	200,000
158. Interest on Accounts	9,342

Total Revenues **31,828,618**

Expenses

310. Chapter Shares Dues	5,622,500
312. Regional Conference Grants	500,000
320. Discretionary Funds	501,640
341.2a SIG: Speaker-Related Activities	100,000
341.3b SIG: Travel & Honoraria	953,200
345.1a Publications Comm: TEC	3,303,980
347.2b Conference Travel Grants: IATEFL	1,900,000
349.1 Publicity Comm: Brochures, Banners, Etc.	511,000
441. Council Meetings: Travel	480,000
442. Council Meetings: Refreshments	34,900
460. Officers Domestic Travel	274,000
510. Office Matters: Office Supplies	17,600
511. Office Matters: Awards, Gifts, Etc.	300,000
512. Office Matters: Membership Card-Related	1,977,010
711. Equipment Purchases: Membership Card Equipment	3,100,000
810. International Conference Advance	1,356,000
DON/AM: Chapter Event OP Appropriations	2,100,000
Other: Refund of One-Year Membership (1)	40,000

Total Expenses **23,071,830**

Net Increase / (Decrease) **(8,756,788)**

Present Balance **133,665,669**

Internet-Based PayPal Account_____

US \$555.25

International Postal Checks _____

US \$370.00

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2005 Chapters Dues Shares Allocations

Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter

Members: 1YA=43 2YA=0 STU=1 LIFE=0

Total: 1,740,000

CDS: 870,000

Cheongju Chapter

Members: 1YA=25 2YA=0 STU=0 LIFE=0

Total: 1,000,000

CDS: 500,000

Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter

Members: 1YA=69 2YA=2 STU=0 LIFE=1

Total: 3,265,000 (5,000 short)

CDS: 1,655,000

Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter

Members: 1YA=54 2YA=2 STU=2 LIFE=1

Total: 2,750,000

CDS: 1,375,000

Gangwon Chapter

Members: 1YA=14(+1) 2YA=1 STU=0 LIFE=0

Total: 660,000 (1 member paid twice; 1 paid 15,000 short)

CDS: 337,500

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

Members: 1YA=45 2YA=2 STU=1 LIFE=0

Total: 1,970,000

CDS: 985,000

North Jeolla Chapter

Members: 1YA=21 (1 member paid twice) 2YA=0 STU=0 LIFE=0

Total: 880,000

CDS: 440,000

Seoul Chapter

Members: 1YA=183 2YA=5 STU=0 LIFE=2

Total: 8,495,000

CDS: 4,247,500

Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

Members: 1YA=43 2YA=0 STU=2 LIFE=0

Total: 1,760,000

CDS: 880,000

2005 CDS Allocation Total: 11,290,000

Publications Committee

KOTESOL Proceedings 2004 Final Report

Submitted by David Shaffer

Supervising Editors: David E. Shaffer

David D.I. Kim

Managing Editor: Adam Turner

Contents

a) 24 Articles (including Featured Speaker Kensaku Yoshida's)

b) 226 Pages in Length

Printed: July 30, 2005 (900 copies)

Mailed: Aug 1, 2005 (604 copies to current members and up to 3-month expirees)

64 (54 copies for authors +10 for author's offprints)

70 copies for

OPs

20 copies for Partner Associations

142 copies for archival purposes, etc.

Returned Members Copies = 21 to date

6 from former members (membership expired recently)

8 addresses unclear/incomplete (5 re-sent)

4 addressees not at address or moved

3 copies returned to postal service

To obtain correct addresses of remaining 10 member addressees, all were emailed

(no replies), and all were phoned at cell and/or home phone numbers (no answers).

Conclusion: These 10 member addressees are likely no longer in Korea.

Report August 20th, 2005-08-13

1) All KOTESOL members have had an equal opportunity run as a candidate in the upcoming elections. Call for Candidates placed with deadlines noted in

- each KOTESOL SIG discussion list 6-20-05
- NPC discussion list 6-20-05
- Announcement in June TEC,
- Countless personal invitations to individual members
- Nominations have also been asked for in each of my Council reports during the year (accessible to all Executive Council members) where an appeal was also made to Council members to nominate individuals and advise other KOTESOL members of upcoming nominations.
- Attempts to have the Call for Candidates placed on the website were unsuccessful.

2) 2005 candidates include:

Position	Candidates
1 st VP	Dr Marilyn Plumlee

2 nd VP	Jake Kimball
Secretary	Kevin Parent
Treasurer	Dr David Shaffer
Conference Co-chair	Allison Bill
NET Chair	Kevin Landry

- 3) Only two individuals expressed interest in running for office but both were found to be ineligible: Scott Jackson (for Secretary), who will be eligible on 9-11-2005. Paul Robertson (for 1st VP) had publicly withdrawn his membership from KOTESOL in October 2004, thus disqualifying himself as per Bylaws IV.2.
- 4) **Write-ins are allowed under AAO.** Although the deadline has passed for nominations, late entries may have their name included until the online ballot is made. Future issue worth debating—should write-ins be allowed at all?
- 5) As per AAO, **proxy voting is not allowed.**
- 6) Elections process: Express interest in applying (self nomination or nomination by another). Form sent to obtain personal statement, bio, and picture. New this year, 1) a required statement attesting to a factually accurate application and 2) three endorsements by KOTESOL members, preferably non-Exec Council members. At the time of this report, endorsements have been received for David Shaffer 3, Jake Kimball 3, Kevin Landry 2. Deadline for endorsements is August 31.
- 7) According to the KOTESOL Constitution, members must be made aware of the election 4 weeks prior. This date is dependent on when online voting begins. Notification should be in TEC, online, and an E-newsletter announcement. If online voting begins October 1, then members must be notified by September 3, 2005. If online elections begin October 8, then notification must be made by September 10, 2005.
- 8) **Elections to be held online. Options: 1) October 1-14, or 2) October 7-14. The best choice?**
- 9) Special consideration must be made for KOTESOL members who wish to vote on-site but not register for the conference. A noticeable sign or special line should be designated.
- 10) **Voting hours:** Staffing the voting table has been **VERY** difficult in the past. It is suggested that specific hours be publicized early. Because of early morning chaos, I suggest voting hours begin Saturday at 11 and run until the end of the day and 10-3 or 4 on Sunday. **Comments?**
- 11) Independent auditors and staff are needed to manage the election. At least one representative from each chapter should be recruited to ensure transparency. At least two individuals are needed to staff the voting table at all times. **Each chapter president is requested to submit one representative by October 1, 2005 but earlier is better. All independent auditors must be KOTESOL members. It is critical that each chapter participate in auditing the elections if we are to make a show of transparency.**
- 12) Signage must be made and placed in a high traffic area.
- 13) A quiet secure voting area must be secured early and announced in advance.
- 14) KOTESOL elections are considered by some members to be a contentious issue. While all efforts have been made to make the elections process as open and transparent as possible, there are shortcomings that can be addressed in the future.

- a) Although I have requested chapter officers to publicize election nominations to their respective chapter members, I suspect little has been done to publicize nominations on a grassroots level, e.g. by making announcements in chapter newsletters or at chapter meetings. Only two chapter presidents offered suggestions or nominations (Gwangju and Daegu).
 - b) Annual elections announcements should be placed as early as possible on the KOTESOL website and in a prominent location.
 - c) Call for Candidates and any announcements should be made in TEC in March and or June TEC.
 - d) An official elections process should be available to all members (website). Most professional associations have a Nominations & Elections Committee that not only screens potential candidates but also ranks them. Unsuitable or lower ranked candidates are rejected. Our parent organization is one of them. Other associations will allow any constitutionally acceptable member to run. KOTESOL has conducted elections in this way in the past. JALT, holds a primary to narrow the field before an election.
 - e) In the unlikely event of a tie, rules should be clearly spelled out in writing in advance. Most other organizations follow AAO, which states the winner would be randomly selected.
- 15) Campaigning: an official policy should be written and agreed to as a prerequisite for nomination.
- a) Negative campaigning disallowed.
 - b) Use of KOTESOL database disallowed
 - c) Any public and association sanctioned campaigning must be an equal opportunity event.
 - d) No personal campaigning publicity affixed to conference facility.
 - e) Candidates not allowed to campaign nearby voting tables; for example, no campaigning within 10 meters.
- 16) Candidate visibility at conference. This was a contested issue in the 2004 post-conference time. Neither constitutional laws nor AAO indicate that public visibility is illegal or unethical. If this were the case, candidates would be prevented from giving presentations, working at a registration table, MCing, moderating a session, writing for TEC, posting general messages on discussion lists, going to the conference, or simply attending KOTESOL functions, etc. As long as no campaigning is done during one's official job performance, this should not be a contentious issue as no constitutional laws are being violated.

International Affairs Committee Report

KOTESOL Executive Council

August 20, 2005

There has not been too much activity since the last report.

1. TEC's were mailed to our partners and affiliates. 2004 Proceedings will be mailed soon.
2. Selection of KOTESOL representatives to other partner conferences is in process. Nominations (including self-nominations) would be welcomed.

3. I do need some feedback and/or guidance about the proposal from the **Philippine Association of Language Teachers**. As you may remember, we have been approached by PALT to establish a bi-lateral partnership with them. (This must be done before they can join PAC as full partners.) Just what is OUA process for negotiating and approving such a request?

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Owen, International Affairs Chair

TEC Report August 2005

I. TEC due in mailboxes by Chu-seok holiday. Must consider voting law.

2. KOTESOL IN ACTION Reports: In the year that I've been managing TEC, chapter and SIG reports have been disappointingly slow in being submitted and often poorly written (not all reports though).
 3. KIA was found to have a high level of readership (based on a recent Internet survey earlier in the year). So, although chapters and SIGs might feel KIA to be an insignificant project, KOTESOL members who answered the survey think otherwise. Also, should the final page count be reduced because of a poor KIA showing, other articles may have to be cut (we publish in 4-page increments). It also reflects poorly on KOTESOL in general, in that chapters and SIGs are inactive. It is my belief that KOTESOL is a dynamic, interesting, valuable organization, no doubt due in part to its membership. I urge all chapters and SIGs to act responsibly and take advantage of this publishing opportunity.
 - A. Chapter presidents___who is your designated report writer? A name and email contact will be appreciated.
 - B. Reports are due November 10, February 10, May 10, and August 1. Reports should be submitted to Jason Aenshaw, KIA editor at englishraven2003@yahoo.com.au
 - C. Word count varies, but generally 50-300 words.
 - D. Editing depends on quality of submissions and total word count. About 3000 words for whole column.
 - E. Content: past or future events, awards/news of chapter members, special events (conference, Christmas party, summer BBQ), vacations, officer changes. What do your chapter members want or need to know? Think about personalizing the content.
4. The September TEC is expected to be a knock-your-socks-off issue that you won't want to miss.

Publications Committee Report

: Korea TESOL Journal

Aug. 17, 2005.

Good day Council members,

Since Dr. Ihm and I took over the lead positions of the Korea TESOL Journal, we've learned a lot, and are still learning how to get this journal together successfully and professionally. I would like to thank Dr. David Shaffer and Robert Dicky very much for their unending support and advice. Without them, I don't know where we would be today.

We are currently trying to get volume 7 (2004 issue) published. We currently have six papers that have been refereed and edited for APA guidelines. At the time of this report -- that being August 18, 2005 -- all but one paper has been forwarded to the editor-in-chief. The editor-in-chief has been in communication with the layout designer and will very soon begin the process of putting the journal together. I have been told that it will take about **two months from this point until distribution**, which means our 2004 issue will be finished **by the end of October**.

In the meantime, we already **have four submissions for volume 8 (2005 issue)**. I have high hopes that we will be able to publish both the 2005 and 2006 Issue in 2006, at which time we will apply for a KAF (Korea Research Foundation) rating. Our goal is to achieve an A rating in 2006 which should attract more submissions because being published in an A rated journal will score higher points for the professors in our field.

The logistics of the publication procedure are developing. At the end of this report are some updated **submission guidelines**, which Dr. Ihm and I have put together. We have a handful of volunteers who are qualified to referee the submissions, but I would like to ask the council to aid in my search for more. Although our current group of referees is doing a great job, I don't want to burn them out; therefore, having more referees will spread the work more evenly. Also, I'd like to have a pool of referees whose qualifications match those of our submissions in order to receive more specific feedback in the area being written about.

I have taken it upon myself to develop an editorial staff. Ideally, this staff will be made up of Masters of TESOL familiar with APA guidelines. Once a paper has been refereed and accepted, I'd like to send it to the "staff" to be analyzed in great detail for APA guidelines. Currently, I've been relying on the expertise of Dr. Shaffer and Robert Dicky, but both of them are getting overwhelmed with work. I have also been studying the APA guidelines to be able to aid in this matter; and I have one volunteer who will mark the beginnings of an editorial staff. Again I will ask the council to help me recruit those who are qualified and willing to aid in the editing for APA guidelines.

For recruiting both referees and editorial staff, it is my suggestion that something can be mentioned during the national conference on this matter. I will also be sending a note around to all the chapter presidents to promote our needs.

In conclusion, it is Dr. Ihm's goal and mine to have an A-rated journal with a well-oiled staff of volunteers by late 2006. Any help and promotion that the council can give us will be duly appreciated. Let's make the Korea TESOL Journal the best in the world. I

mean that!

Scott Jackson, managing Editor.

P. S. We have discussed about changing the cover design of the journal. Please discuss this issue at the council meeting.

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

Prepared by Maria Lisak, President

Review of Goals & Issues

Progress to Date:

- Offer more monthly meetings (no summer & winter hiatus)
- Chapter meeting held in June (50 attendees, 14 members).
- Chapter meeting held in July (55 attendees, 15 members, total of 25 teachers)
- Chapter meeting held in Aug (36 attendees, 7 members, 15 teachers)
- Chapter executive meetings held in June & July.
- Chap members presented at various summer conferences around Korea
- New leaders molding chapter in their vision
- Executive officers following up to confirm Membership Contact details
- Outreach programs are being developed and sustained by members

Stats:

Workshop Attendance increase over LY

	2004	2005	+ or - %	
March	26	20	-30 %	2004: 8 attendees were student assts
April	140	100	-40 %	First conference without North Jeolla
May	6	35	+83 %	Moved location to GIC
June	15	50	+70 %	Location: GIC
July	no meeting	55		Location: GIC
Aug	no meeting	36		Location: GIC

Membership (New or Renewed) at Workshops

	New	Renewed
March	2	
April		1
May		
Jun		

Jul	2	1
Aug		

Issues being addressed within Chapter:

- Recruitment _ 2 New memberships; 1 Renewal
- Proceduralize chapter officer duties (PPT to be posted for training 2006 officers)
- Venue change to GIC under discussion
 - (July meeting † various conversations † secondhand oral reports)
 - GIC offers weekly lectures, of which KOTESOL provides one presenter a month. Due to GIC audience demographics, students and nonmembers (teachers, government officials, retirees, businesspeople) attend the KOTESOL presentation as a cultural GIC lecture.
 - GIC sends out e-newsletters to GIC former attendees (in English and Korean) regarding the academic content of some of our presentations.
 - Some KOTESOL officers and members have expressed concern over the professionalism of the event _ students compromising the quality of the discussion due to lack of work experience; facility layout does not comfortably accommodate the large crowd.
 - ◆ Do increasing attendance numbers justify the move to GIC?
 - Since it's at GIC, KOTESOL membership attendance has also increased.
 - New members who have joined in 2005 are introduced to GJ KOTESOL through our GIC collaboration (or just the affiliation?)
 - ◆ Is GJ Chapter ready to grow more?
 - ◆ Can two presentations each month be created and maintained?
 - One for members only, charging a fee for nonmembers who want to attend.
 - And another presentation on culture in the regular GIC series?
 - Honest conversations about GJ vision need to be conducted
 - ◆ who are we serving:
 - an exclusive group of members who are paying _ through their membership dues _ for monthly workshops
 - or the Gwangju community at large who needs our "services" and from whom we want to recruit new members
 - The role of our collaboration efforts needs to be clarified as well.
 - Since more members are attending,
 - ◆ perhaps a survey of what they want should be distributed.

- ◆ perhaps we could have a workshop devoted to developing products (such as workshops, lesson exchanges, technology training, material development seminars) that meet the needs of members and the community at large.
- Spring Conference 2006 _ set date and theme (still not addressed)
- Outreach for Fall 2005 _ Tony Schiera & Rachel Miller will inform local community of Suncheon Workshop October 22 _ need 2 presenters, HETA Fall Conference on November 12, 2005

Issues to be addressed by National:

- Membership Database: CDS received, currently being crosschecked & missing info obtained
- Renewing Memberships- How to handle discrepancies.
- 2005 Conference Budget over _ How to return funds
- Who to submit Suncheon Workshop Budget to

Future Plans - Evaluated:

- Outreach _ advertised on website & through newsletter. Still not getting a lot of feedback from members on this, but it is building slowly. Would like to have KOTESOL items like pencils, pens, pencil cases, erasers to give to GJ KOTESOL members to distribute as they do their own volunteer projects.
- Increase Korean Membership _ no new Korean members. Would like to have Dr Lee from Suwon Chapter talk to my Executive about increasing Korean membership. Perhaps a table at Gwangju International Community Day as well as at the HETA Conference will see some new members join.
- Sustain affiliations with HETA and GIC _ We are part of GIC's Weekend Lecture Series, will not hold a chapter meeting in November to support the HETA Fall Conference.
- 2005 Dramafest in Fall _ Will promote North Jeolla's on November 5
- Encourage Members to write for TEC & Journal _ have mentioned this on chapter website, newsletters, and in conference program booklet. August meeting, a handout was provided to attendees with two TEC articles: one on Professional Development and the other on the International Conference. Will continue to do this at each meeting to promote membership and TEC submissions.
- Continue personal contact with current members to foster more involvement _ Increases in attendance at meetings of both member and nonmembers. Have started and hope to continue online Member News & Member Spotlight to personalize our chapter to virtual visitors through our website
- GJ Chapter Brochures & International Conf Brochures _KOTESOL brochures are being given out at monthly workshops. At last Exec Council Mtg, mention was made about having a brochure which can be customized using Chapter info; this is a great idea.

- Table at Gwangju International Community Day & other ESL meetings and conferences _Gwangju International Community Day will be September 24 & 25. Will promote GJ Chapter at International October Conference either through a designated room, table or “ambassador” role.
 - What events are happening in Gwangju-Jeonnam that we can gain exposure for our organization while also provide a service to the hosting organization? GIFF?
- Sponsor a member to go on GIC trips _ no cash, but still a good idea
- HETA Rep _ Dr Haeng Jeong & Call for Papers to Kyu Su Sun
- GIC Reps _ Dr GyongGu Shin, SingSing Kim, Dong Hun Kim
- Appoint representative to go to other meetings and conferences in Gwangju/Jeolla (KATE, ALAK, SIGs) _ no action taken
- Get Approval for stipends for members to attend other Regional Conferences _ no action taken
- Get Approval for stipends for members to attend affiliated Intl Conferences abroad _ no action taken
- Get Approval for scholarships to be awarded to Dramafest winners _ no dramafest to be held in Gwangju-Jeonnam unless someone steps up to organize it.

Future Plans - Revised:

- 2006 April Conference
- Gwangju International Community Day _ have table
- Suncheon Workshop _ Budget completed, need presenters
- HETA Fall Conference _ have table, promote through KOTESOL network, provide 3 presenters (Shin Gyonggu, David Shaffer, & ?) and volunteers if needed
- December elections (Maria not running for 2006 Chapter President)

KOTESOL GLOBAL ISSUES SIG DISASTER RELIEF REPORT

Jack Large, facilitator, KOTESOL Global Issues Special Interest Group and

Disaster Relief Fund (formerly Tsunami Relief)

Dear Dr. Yeum, committee members, contributors and supporters:

I write in response to your call the evening of Monday, Aug. 8, and Tuesday's email confirming detailed request, in part:

“Would you send out a Progress Report to inform the Council Members of the project current status and the future plans, preferably, by [Aug. 16], through e-mail? You will be asked to clarify issues if any questions arise.”

How it started

I have prepared the following report, which is also being circulated to a list of others who have been instrumental in bringing the project that originated in the committee's passage of a measure committing KOTESOL to match up to 1 million won in private contributions of funds destined for use by victims of the Dec. 26, 2004 tsunami that swept coastlines all across the Asian sub-continent.

No more specific directive was given by the committee then, or since, regarding the specific manner in which the funds thus accumulated, were to be paid out. I accepted the committee's will to take personal responsibility for bringing the initiative to fruition, because the measure was adopted entirely in response to my nagging the committee to contribute to relief. I did so in the knowledge that our organization, which traditionally uses revenues to hold meetings and produce publications. As a result, at the time of the tsunami, it was reported that KOTESOL had accumulated in our treasury, funds in excess of US\$100,000. While it is a tribute to good management, in the absence of apparent plans to avoid such surpluses, members may wonder why their dues mightn't be lowered, or member services enhanced, as a result.

My most recent report to the committee was made verbally, in person. Responding to questions about the destination and type of assistance intended, I confessed a desire to provide a form of direct aid, a variant of what is called 'microfinance' which would enable the initial contributors to the fund, and KOTESOL members generally, to experience a sense of 'connectness' to the recipient(s), as well as a sense of posterity for that connection. A random chat with a KOTESOL colleague before the meeting, in which I was given a description of an Acehese man whose entire family and belongings had been lost, prompted me to suggest in my report that a recipient for the assistance might already have been identified. Subsequent attempts to get further information about the individual meeting with no response, I turned instead to a general research of the disaster in Aceh itself, and set to work contacting people online who I could determine had any direct knowledge of, or contacts in, Aceh Province, Sumatra, Indonesia.

What has been done

In the meantime, KOTESOL members were responding to the call for cash contributions to the aid project in inspiring fashion. There have been four distinct 'events' of giving. The initial one was a Seoul Chapter meeting soon after the executive council decision to match up to 1 million in funds for aid. Aekyoung and I joined Tory, Joe and Jennifer in establishing a treasury, opening the bank account and making the account number a matter of public record in ASK, TEC and on the GI-SIG web page.

The second event was the springtime Daegu Chapter meeting, where I spoke in support of raising humanitarian consciousness and appealed for contributions. The third event was the Jeonju Regional Conference where, despite annoying some with an unpolished presentation, the call to give was again generously answered. The final and most satisfying experience (thanks in great part to Lynn Gregory's splendid assertiveness) was at the end of the general meeting wrapping up Seoul SIG Day events. A passing of the hat yielded the largest single day's harvest of donations yet, and put the total of funds collected over the limit for the KOTESOL match. Donated funds always come with heightened need for ready answers to urgent questions about their use. The Internet (including email), again, has been the solution.

After weeks became months of chatting and reading news and surfing use groups and googling and querying potential informants, I saw that it was unnecessary to look beyond Aceh, at the western tip of the Malay Archipelago, on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. It was the nearest point of land to the epicenter of the great quake that produced the killer tsunami. A survey of press

reports from the months immediately following the first shock (two more big earthquakes have come there since) served to reinforce the sense that Aceh was a place where the benefits imparted by a comparative small financial contribution, if coupled with an effort to interact on personal, professional and civic levels with its recipients, could be considerably magnified. In order to do so, it was clear that a number of contacts needed to be established.

The first was Adam Ellick, whose visit to Aceh he described sharply in the Jakarta Post (this and other documents relevant to this report can be read by joining the GI-SIG forum and downloading from “files” there). Adam responded to my request for Aceh informants and contacts with the name of Noor Huda Ismail, an Acehnese journalist with whom he had worked on the Aceh story. Huda responded immediately with the name of Dr. Abdul Muhaimin Husein, and Dr. Husein holds a special place in my regard, as the individual who, while apologizing that he could not do more to help, provided the information that revealed at last the vista of possibility that Aceh has since grown to represent in my consciousness.

Muhaimin introduced me first to Rosnidasari (Sari), a lecturer at the Ar Raniry Islamic Institute in Banda Aceh, and an extraordinarily dependable partner. Working with Sari, I have lain the groundwork for a program of support and assistance to Acehnese educators that promises to fix the name KOTESOL in their minds well past the point when the fund initially established has been exhausted. Sari’s name was merely the first that Muhaimin sent in response to my appeal in KOTESOL’s name.

A few days later, I received the following from him:

Dear Jack,

In addition to Sari, here are some names who are interested in joining the project:

1. Nuzulul Isna (Isna); A female fresh graduate from English Department of Teaching Faculty at Ar Raniry Islamic Institute - Banda Aceh. She currently works for a UN agency (UN-OCHA). nuzululisna@yahoo.com
2. Iskandar (Boy); A male English lecturer at English Department of Teaching Faculty at Syiah Kuala University - Banda Aceh. He also graduated from the same university. herocay78@yahoo.com
3. Teuku Azhari (Aji); A male English teacher graduated from English Department of Teaching Faculty at Ar Raniry Islamic Institute - Banda Aceh. He currently works for an international NGO (IAC Cardi) but still teaches English at an Islamic Boarding School. aji_002@yahoo.com
4. Indriyani (Aini): A female, formerly English teacher at a secondary level school. She quit her job because of a dispute with the principal. She currently works for UN-OCHA. She is a graduate from English Dept. of Teaching Faculty at Syiah Kuala University - Banda Aceh ryn_nie@yahoo.com

He concludes his message: “Sari is around 32 years old, the rest are ranging between 23 to 28 years old. So I think they all have the young spirits for the project.

Good luck with the project. Sincerely, Abdul Muhaimin Husein”. Of the four names listed, I have received and responded to messages from three. In addition, several individuals contacted by these four have also written, seeking to help or be helped. The arrival of each message reaffirms my initial sense that something very fine and lasting can result from generosity extended by KOTESOL to English teachers, their colleagues, students and wider communities in Aceh.

Sari’s photograph is reassuring from a cross-cultural standpoint, revealing an encouragingly ecumenical inclination toward

inter-religious cooperation in these times of tension in some quarters over religious fundamentals. Sari is shown here at left, while doing graduate study in Thailand recently.

What is being done

Today, Sari waits patiently for me to honor my pledge, made in the name of KOTESOL, to send a sum of money that will verify her credibility to her colleagues and contacts, and to accomplish the following:

- establish and solidify her personal position in her community as principle agent for the KOTESOL relief project in Aceh.
- organize and conduct an IT workshop in the Banda Aceh Internet Café, for English teachers and grad students, as an initial step toward professional association.
- give direct cash as emergency support to individual teachers with proven need, as encouragement to assist with the network development that necessarily precedes the formation of an association of professionals.
- interact with other agencies and individuals working to repair the long-term prospects for recovery of vital community assets lost or severely damaged by the tsunami.
- support specific activities in areas outside Banda, specifically in Meulaboh, so damaged that the most basic services such as latrines and water supplies are still in the early stage of replacement.

The network of teachers and others interested in the scenario of activity that I have described to them is expanding daily. I am working directly with another agency operating along similar philosophical lines to the approach that has evolved in the GI-SIG relief project. Working primarily for the recovery of Meulaboh, Ciaran and Novi Harron of Jakarta have, through a combination of funding providing by family and friends, and their ability to move building supplies into Meulaboh, scene of the worst devastation, have become close confidants in that evolution. Their work can be reviewed at <http://www.ciaranharron.net/>.

They have established contact with Sari and several others in Banda and Meulaboh, and recently helped me (and KOTESOL) keep a promise to deliver replacement dictionaries and other books to Saifan Irwan, whose mother and sister were also lost. Saifan writes, in part:

Here I will tell you about myself. My occupation is an English teacher. When the Tsunami disaster came in my hometown, I live in Ujong Kalak Meulaboh Aceh Barat where this place is close to the seashore. The hard earthquake shakes in the morning at 8.05 Indonesian time. I feel confused to see the condition of my environment at the time. After 25 minutes earthquake a lot of people run away and shouted that the big water from the sea come to the land. Then my parents and my sisters, brother run away too. But we cannot run fast as the water is too big. Unfortunately, My mother passed away in the tsunami water and also my sister while my father is still alive with serious injure, but now he is getting better.

I feel guilty because I cannot save my beloved mom. I found her dead body on the third days after tsunami and then buried her. But unluckily I cannot find the dead body of my sister up to now as she is missing in the big water. After a week Tsunami disaster I try to get the information from PMI evacuation team to ask about the dead body that their found. But there is not sign about the dead body of my sister was found. Until I join the IFAC (International Federation of Aed Cross). They invite me to work with them because I can speak English a little maybe.

Now I do not work with IFAC anymore because I have to concern to my work as a teacher at school in Meulaboh. Right now I am staying in a rental house because my own house have been destroyed by Tsunami. And everything in my house is lost. I am still thinking to rebuilt or renovation my own house. But I don't have enough money to do that. To hire a house is very expensive now in Meulaboh and I cannot continue it for the next year. I have tried to make a proposal to some NGO who works in Meulaboh to rebuild my house but there is no answer yet for that case. Here I also send you the pictures of my house after Tsunami. This is the condition of my house now. I felt very sad now but only God knew everything about me. Beside that I have to take care of my old father. Basically I'm shy to tell you this story, but it is the fact that covered my life. And now I feel a little relief after sharing my sadness story to you.

I have promised to pay for such personal accounts in the words of those who will be helped in their loss by KOTESOL through the GI-SIG project. I am so determined to do so, that if it is the will of the executive council to terminate support for the project after what I see as merely the initial phase, culminating with the matching grant, I will continue to pursue it independently. Conversely, encouraged to continue crediting KOTESOL with support for the project outlined here, I will happily attach the name KOTESOL to every positive step I take. I will proudly build upon our initial modest contributions, matched or not. I responded to Saifan's message, which came with this and other photos:

After several email exchanges on the subject with Ciaran Harron, photos of artworks by children and townspeople of Meulaboh, he has been trying to sell for the makers, I remembered Aekyoung Large's recent projects combining English lessons for children with art projects having environmental themes (recycling, biodiversity, water quality). I have proposed to Ciaran and Saifan that we ship a quantity of art supplies to Meulaboh for Saifan to distribute to serial groups of children, in the context of English Art workshops he can lead there in the ruins of what was his family home. Ciaran has agreed to deliver the materials and to help with whatever else may

be needed to start it up with Saifan, once he is ready to tackle it.

We propose to pay small teams of teachers to conduct these workshops, and afterward collect and curate the artworks carefully, once the provenance of each piece is carefully documented for posterity. All information about the works and the makers will become a database for use in a marketing and consciousness-raising effort to match individual pieces with potential buyers for originals and prints of the work. We would like to assemble a traveling exhibit with the title "The Children of Meulaboh", that would be used to remind people of the human resources in trouble spots like Aceh, that are too often wasted out of the inability to make itself known in the better developed, and more pervasively connected parts of the globe. Another approach to handling the art that has been suggested is to list them for auction on eBay.

Other items on my shopping list for the teachers and youngsters of Aceh are games like Scrabble, Pictionary, card games and other time-passing items that will help them to endure the comparatively diversion resource-free existence in the tent camps that will continue to be the home for many for some time to come. Finally, the evolution of my grasp of the big picture in Aceh, populated as it is by professional counterparts whose personal reality is so far removed from my own that it seems near futile to try to grasp it. I spend daily time thinking about KOTESOL, my role in KOTESOL, and its influence in the lives of those who've collaborated in bringing it to its current state of being.

While it may seem not to resemble very closely what any of us might have envisioned when we set about creating it, that seems perfectly normal for any very robust entity of the type. It is what it is, and it became so in response to the combination of elements present during its shaping. The tsunami relief effort is no different in that regard, and it would be regrettable if it were abandoned, under pressure from special interests or disgruntled individuals, for lack of adherence to a set of concepts or rules or guidelines present in one person or another's mind regarding the shape and nature of the KOTESOL tsunami relief effort. To those who might object to the path I have taken, saying, "I wouldn't have gone that way!" my response would be, "Where were you when guidance was needed and publicly sought to shape it?" It is what it is, because I am what I am. My approach may not satisfy everyone, but a sufficient number of those who know about it have given approving testimony, that I have seen no reason to abandon or swerve from it.

What remains to be done

Succinctly put, the existing balance of the tsunami relief treasury of approximately 1 million won, having spent about 200,000 on maps, postage, gas for Sari's motorbike, and her phone and Internet costs. The balance has been verified to the KOTESOL Treasurer and program committee, and the matching 1 million won already committed, should be released without further delay. Whether it is released or not, I intend to transfer the remaining funds to Sari to distribute according to local needs and plans we've discussed and I've described above and in previous messages to members of the committee. I will continue to seek and encourage contributions and interaction with and among others in the Aceh tsunami relief effort. If it is the will of KOTESOL that no commitment be supported subsequent to 22 Aug action on the measure, then I will notify all those addressed herein that KOTESOL tsunami relief ceases official operation on the date specified, and that my personal efforts for the purpose will no longer be attached to KOTESOL or the GI-SIG, but will be unabated, nonetheless.

If, on the other hand, KOTESOL's welcome support is reaffirmed, One goal I intend to pursue is that of an organization of Aceh TESOL. I am certain that, by combining assistance coming from the spirit of KOTESOL with the community network developing

among the teachers of Aceh who have been touched by that spirit, an organization for the professional support and growth of its members can be brought into play.

Rosnidasari will spend two weeks in Japan participating in an international youth conference, a period bracketing the KOTESOL annual meeting. In a perfect world, there would be a travel allowance for her to come to Seoul the weekend of our meetings, to meet committee members and other of the Aceh benefactors. She could directly respond to our questions about circumstances for English educators and programs there. It would also provide an opportunity to send her home to Aceh with the ringing message that KOTESOL generosity is real and sincere and that there is a world outside her substantially destroyed one, that is populated by a lot of teachers who care about the grievous harm that was done in Aceh by the tsunami.

When all is said and done

I selected Aceh because of the extent of destruction wrought there, and because of almost 30 years previous history of civil conflict between Acehese separatist forces and the Indonesian army. Being fortunately endowed with natural and human resources, instead of bringing prosperity and positive forms of growth, Aceh has long been the victim of political and economic forces operating from well outside its boundaries, and the natural destructive power of the tsunami was in many ways a bitter end to the others.

Thousands of civilians in Aceh have been killed in the conflict between Gam - the Free Aceh Movement - and the Indonesian government. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have charted unlawful killings and disappearances carried out by Indonesian security forces.

The leadership in exile of the Acehese rebel movement said in January, 2005, that one benefit of the catastrophe was the opening up to the world of a province under martial law for nearly two years. Malik Mahmud, the Aceh independence movement prime minister, said in Sweden: "The Indonesians have been reluctant to do this, but they had no choice and I think it will be very difficult for them to shut Aceh off again."

— *The Washington Post:*

Conclusion

Involvement by KOTESOL in an ongoing exchange with the English teachers and citizens of Aceh has been, and can continue to exert a positive, stabilizing, affirmative and altogether worthwhile contributing influence on the civic and educational well-being of Aceh Province, as long as the will remains strong to do it.

Informal Report submitted by Robert Dickey

Number of OPs currently paid-up: 18 (Shaffer may have better info than I). We are considerably behind here, I am doing phone followups today. My last experience with this was in 2002 (??), where 4 or 5 OPs did not submit forms or pay until after Sept 1.

Number of Commercial (OP) sessions for Conference: 23 (as of 12:30pm, more will probably follow later today).

This is considerably below our estimate of 40-50, but this deadline is earlier than previous years. I will be phoning OPs this afternoon, and Sharon agrees to extend the deadline to Monday night.