

Minutes of the August 28, 2011 KOTESOL National Council Meeting  
Room 905 Solbridge Tower Daejeon

In attendance – Bob Capriles, Mijae Lee (had to leave early because of family commitments), Deborah Tarbet, Tory Thorkelson, Julien McNulty, Stafford Lumsden. Doug Huffer, Vivien Slezak, Eric Reynolds, David Kim, Bryan Stoakley, Jurica Majnaric, Brad Serl, Kathy (Kyeongsook) Moon, Daryl McKay, David Shaffer, Jamie Carson, and Bruce Wakefield.

Plus, Jason Wellman as an official Seoul Observer

Apologies received regarding – Jennifer Young, Peadar Callaghan, Henri Johnson, Meewha Baek, Aaron Jolly

No apologies – Kwang-in Shin, John Phillips, Shinhyeong Lee, Ralph Cousins

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 10:45.  
( With the National President presiding. )
  
- 2) Procedural Matters
  - a) The National President reminded members to follow the agreed protocols during the meeting.
  - b) The Adoption of the Agenda was Approved, by Acclamation.
  - c) The Minutes of the June 5 meeting were also Approved, by Acclamation.
  
- 3) Executive Reports
  - a) National President There was a short speech about KOTESOL accomplishments during the past two years. Bob expressed his thanks to everyone for their work on the National Council. And he closed his speech by stating his “Heartfelt Thanks” to everyone.
  - b) 1st Vice-President Mijae also expressed her “deepest gratitude” to everyone who has helped her during the past year. She gave an overview of her activities regarding support to the chapters.

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Also, Mijae talked about her work to develop relationships with kindred organizations. Finally, she asked for more papers for the Korea

Tesol Journal ( KTJ). ( She pointed out that the writers do not need to be KOTESOL members! )

- c) 2nd Vice-President There was no report, due to work commitments.
- d) Treasurer Deborah presented both the Financial Report, and The International Conference Budget Report.

Bruce pointed out that a sum of 780, 000 won needed to be deducted from the Operating Balance to cover the latest CDS to the Seoul Chapter. ( In addition to the chapters listed in the Financial Report. )

David Kim pointed out that p2 of the Financial report seemed to indicate that the KOTESOL finances were in quite a positive shape.

Julien initiated a discussion about Line 4450 Franklin Spelling Competition Tory explained what had happened here this year.

While Bob reminded members that KOTESOL had never aimed to make a profit from this event.

Bryan said that there would be a notice going out to members, via the Kotesolnews, reminding them to renew their membership subscriptions

Vivien commented on Line 9314 Travel Grants to the JALT Conference.

There was also some discussion about the International Conference budget.

- e) Secretary David Shaffer commented that the secretary needs to send out a copy of the minutes for correction, as soon as possible after each National Council (NC) Meeting. Bob suggested that within 30 days of each meeting would be reasonable. Bruce stated that he would try and send the first draft of the minutes of this meeting out, as soon as possible.

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#### 4) Old Business

- a) Increase in Annual Dues Proposal Bob asked for members to consider his proposal to hold the dues at the present 40, 000 won per member. But if they wanted to continue to receive written copies of The English Connection (TEC) and the KTJ,

they could pay an additional 15, 000 won per annum. Otherwise members could access KOTESOL publications On-line, through the [www.koreatesol.org](http://www.koreatesol.org) website.

Considerable discussion followed -

David S. stated that most of the costs involved in printing the TEC were in the design, and overheads such as postage.

Stafford asked whether the objective was to make a profit from the extra 15, 000 won. ( No! It is not the objective! )

David Kim pointed out that there is really no need to increase the membership fees because, 1) Recently they had managed to achieve reductions ( from an average of 4.5 million won per TEC issue, to 3.5 million won per TEC issue) in the cost of printing the TEC, and 2) That the publications (written/ hardcopy and softcopy) are currently considered to be a Membership Benefit. Therefore we would need to restructure Membership Benefits to accommodate the open access to TEC on website policy ( that is everyone, not only members, would have access to the TECs through our website, and 3) the current financial health of KOTESOL is good, therefore an increase in fees is unwarranted.

Bryan pointed out that we may have to publish a minimum number of copies of each journal to fulfill accreditation requirements as a professional, academic publication.

Jamie asked whether everyone really need a written copy of the TEC.

Jason asked whether we had any basis for increasing the subscription.

Julien commented that perhaps we should just increase the subscription.

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Moved Eric / Jurica that we accept Bob's proposal.

David S. also brought up the question of Life-Time Members who contracted for written publications, when they paid their 400, 000 won Life-Time Membership.

Tory also queried as to what happens if members can not read, and print-out, the On-line publications, due to technical issues with the website.

Moved Stafford / Daryl that the proposal be tabled for further consideration. ( As we need more data / information about a number of matters. ) Motion Approved, by Acclamation.

b) Internet Motions Moved Stafford / Doug That the Website and Tech Committees be responsible for setting up a structure for making motions, discussion and voting On-line

Julien stated that he felt that the Nominations and Elections Chair should be involved in this combined committee.

Jamie proposed for this to be in place by Nov 1.

David Kim pointed out that we previously Approved his resolution at the June 5 Meeting, to enable On-line motions, discussion, and voting on resolutions to take place.

David S. stated that the new National Council needs to follow up on this resolution.

Eric / Julian moved to call the Question.

The original motion was Approved, 11 Yes 2 No 3 Abstained

Lunch Break 12:00 to 1:00

4) c) Old Business ( Cont )

Bryan presented a report about using PayPal so members could pay for KOTESOL services by Credit Card.

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Use of PayPal would incur a 3% Service Fee, per transaction. The main question is "Should the payee, or KOTESOL, cover the cost of the 3% Service Fee?"

Moved David S. / Tory That KOTESOL open up the use of PayPal for all National KOTESOL transactions. ( And that the National KOTESOL budget cover the cost of the Service Fee )

There was considerable discussion regarding this resolution.

For example -

Stafford asked whether the annual subscription should be increased by X amount to cover the cost of the Service Fee.

Eric asked about who pays these the cost of on-line transactions in South Korea?

Doug had a question regarding the currencies that PayPal operates in.

Julian / David Kim proposed an Amendment "That the user be charged the Service Fee."

Bryan stated that we could have problems with members not clicking on the icon to accept that they should pay the Service Fee.

The original Motion was Approved, 13 Yes 0 No Abstained 3

#### 5) New Business

- a) Moved Stafford / Jurica That the council accepts and approves the Travel Policy as proposed by Tim Dalby  
( Former National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President )

Considerable discussion followed. For example, people who drive their cars to NC Meetings do not feel that they are adequately reimbursed for travel expenses. Also, there is the question of the cost of parking cars at railroad and bus stations, when members do use Public Transport. Doug asked whether claims for cars should be capped at the cost of the equivalent type of Public Transport.

Stafford withdrew his motion, and asked that it should be tabled for further consideration at the next NC Meeting.

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- b) Bruce asked that his resolution to "Restructure the Composition of the KOTESOL National Council" be read, debated, and be considered to underpin the future administration and organization of KOTESOL.

David S. asked for this resolution to be placed on the agenda of the next NC Meeting.

- 6) a) Julien spoke about the International Conference Standing Committee Report. He pointed out that once again KOTESOL owed Dr Kyung-sook Yeum, the Director of the Sookmyung Women's University Professional Development Centre, Seoul, a huge debt of gratitude for

securing enough rooms for the International Conference on October 15/16. Also, Houghton-Mifflin is going to sponsor the member's bags for the conference this year. But they are still looking for a sponsor for official KOTESOL shirts / vests for conference officials and volunteers, that could be reused at future conferences.

- b) Brad Serl, Busan President, and Acting National Conference Chair, presented the Council with the 2012 National Conference Budget Proposal. After which it was Moved David Kim / Stafford. That we accept Brad's proposal as Busan President, and Acting National Conference Chair, to hold the 2012 Conference in Busan ( May 26), on the condition that the budget be balanced. And that the expenses item "Committee Meetings/ Travel Expenses" be transferred to the KOTESOL National Budget as Line Item 7230. "Committee Meetings / Travel Expenses"

Motion Approved, 14 Yes 2 Abstained

- c) Chapter Reports

David S. ( Gwangju-Jeonnam ) commented on problems that the chapters continue to face regarding the KOTESOL website. ( Similar comments were made in the Gangwon Chapter Report! )

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Kathy Moon ( Daejeon-Chungcheong) up-dated the council regarding the David Lee situation. He has been convicted by a Lower Court in Busan, as a "First Offender". However, both the chapter, and KOTESOL, are still Out- of- Pocket regarding the restitution of the missing funds.

Members of the council expressed both dismay, and anger, at the sentence that was imposed.

For example, Daryl pointed out that this is a not just a chapter matter, but a KOTESOL-wide issue.

David S. asked for clarification as to whether the case was in Kathy Moon's name.

There was total support for Kathy, and the chapter, regarding this case.

Moved Julien / Jurica That KOTESOL appeals to a higher court regarding the adequacy of the conviction.

Bob called the question.

Approved 15 Yes 1 No

Bob is to keep the council informed as to any costs that the organization incurs in pursuing this matter.

Moved Eric / Jurica That David Lee's name be permanently expunged from the KOTESOL roll.

Approved, by Acclamation.

d) Nominations and Elections Report -

Doug reported that as of Sunday 28 August only three candidates for the 2011 KOTESOL National Council Elections had completed the full nominations procedure. But he pointed out that the cut-off date is Thursday 1 September. So, he expected more nominations would be completed by then.

Vivien ( International Outreach ) reminded members that the ThaiTesol Annual Conference was coming up in January.

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Bryan ( National Webmaster ) up-dated members regarding the situation with the [www.koreatesol.org](http://www.koreatesol.org) website.

Bob asked members to be patient about issues with the new website.

Stafford asked as to when would the new website be fully operational.

Considerable discussion followed.

Stafford moved that the meeting be extended by 15 minutes.

Next Meeting Annual Business Meeting (ABM) October 16

The Meeting Closed at 4:20 pm.

Bruce Wakefield

Seoul Chapter President 2009 / 12

( Acting Minute Taker )