

KOTESOL National Council Meeting

31st March 2013

Sukmyung University, Injaegwon

Attendance: Guests - Bruce Wakefiedl, Robert Kim (serving as representative for David D.I. Kim Yongin Chapter, Tyler Clark, Louisa McMillan)

Council Members: Peadar Callaghan, Bob Capriles, Jamie Carson, Ralph Cousins, Han Kyowool, Jeon Hee Chul, Jeong Myeong-gi, Kim Jeong-ryeol Jay, Lee Mi Jae, Lumsden Stafford, Marion Patricia, Moon Kathy, Mulligan William, Overbeek Leonie, Park-Finch Heebon, Phillips John, Pollard Andrew, Serl Brad, Shaffer David, Stoakley B.T., Woo Sang-do, Zwaal Ingrid

Apologies: Carl Dusthimer, David D.I. Kim, Kim Young Ki

Agenda

1. Called to order
2. Procedural matters - notice of time constraints, debate times and speaking times.
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of previous minutes
5. National Conference - budgets, support from National Council and any related issues.
6. International Conference - budgets, support from National Council and any related issues.
7. New business
 - 7.1 Student Memberships Analysis
 - 7.2 Proposed letter to Grace Wang
 - 7.3 Making a new edition of the KOTESOL handbook
 - 7.4 Line item to be added to National budget for making a documentary
 - 7.5 T.E.C.
8. Reports
9. Adjournment

1. At 10.15 a quorum of 16 members were present, and with the president, MiJae Lee, absent at that time, Peadar Callaghan, 1st VP, called the meeting to order.

2. The meeting was informed that the following procedure will be observed: Each member will have no more than 2 turns to speak on a subject, and that informal discussion of an agenda item will be conducted for no more than 10 minutes before a formal motion is to be laid on the table. 1st VP will be the time keeper. Members are asked to try and observe the scheduled times for votes if at all possible.

3. The agenda was accepted by common acclaim after the addition of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5

4. Approval of previous minutes

4.1 Stafford Lumsden points out that he was present at the previous meeting, and Leonie Overbeek explains that is why a disclaimer about the fact that the sign sheet does not reflect actual attendance was placed in the minutes.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted with corrections. Stafford Lumsden, 2nd Ingrid Zwaal.

Motion accepted unanimously.

At 10:21 Mi Jae Lee takes the chair. Voting members present number 20.

5. National Conference.

5.1 BT Stoakley presented an oral report on the progress that has been made. The venue has been approved and will cover two wings, connected by a skywalk, of KNUE, which means that all rooms will be on the same level, which should ease congestion and make it easy for visitors to navigate. Plenary speakers and invited speakers have been contacted. Some presentations by graduate students are planned, and of the submissions received, only about 10% will not be approved due to not fitting in with the theme.

5.2 A request that National Council should provide buses for each chapter to ferry members to KNUE was made, and the 1st VP pointed out that he has funds at his discretion to support such a request, and that chapter presidents can contact him to arrange it.

6. International Conference

6.1 Ralph Cousins presented the new idea for KOTESOL, that of creating a revenue stream to support a bigger venue for the International Conference by creating a new class of Institutional Member, viz. Corporate Sponsors. In addition, it is felt that pursuing such members will be most effectively served by becoming a member of the American Chamber of Commerce and thus being able to contact their other members.

During the discussion it emerged that many members felt that the current OP liason has the power to sign agreements and enter into mutual contracts, and that this could continue, albeit with a broader scope. It was also felt that it might be something to continue beyond this conference. It was also pointed out that this venture is aimed at increasing revenue, not spending money.

6.2 Motion - that a new class of KOTESOL Institutional member be created under the Organizational Partners Agreement. known as Corporate Sponsors, with dues ranging from 3 million won cash or in-kind goods and services up to 20 million won cash or in-kind goods and services, with sponsor benefits to be defined based on contribution and contributor interest. Peadar Callaghan, 2nd Bob Capriles

Motion passed with an unanimous vote.

6.3 Motion - that a new line be added to the national budget of KOTESOL to accommodate membership dues in associations, and an amount of 1,500,000 won be allocated. Paedar Callaghan, 2nd Brad Serl.

Motion passed with an unanimous vote

At this time, Mijae Lee presented Bob Capriles, the past president, with a plaque of appreciation, and proceeded to thank him for his service to KOTESOL. She also distributed certificates of recognition for the members of the 2011/12 council and

thanked them for their service. Peadar Callaghan called for Robert Kim to be recognised for his service, attending every Council meeting and serving his chapter loyally during that time.

Break at 10:50, meeting resumed at 11:02

7. New business

7.1 Investigating student memberships - David Shaffer explained that he feels that a needs analysis should be done of this rising class of membership, since historically there were very few members. The discussion centered around the fact that it was felt that most students are in a specific chapter and their needs are understood, but that a committee might look into a full needs analysis.

Motion - that the discussion be limited to 15 minutes. Brad Serl, 2nd Peadar Callaghan

Vote: Yes 18, a 2/3 majority, motion passes

Motion: that a special committee be created, chaired by the present 1st VP Peadar Callaghan, and with its membership chosen by the committee chair, to perform a needs analysis of the KOTESOL student membership and identify the phenomena leading to the present increases in student membership in the organization.

Discussion was in support of the motion, and for supporting undergraduates more. It also included some suggestions such as the president's outreach and the LTP outreach as factors.

Vote: Yes - 15

No - 0

Abstain - 2

Motion passes

7.2 Letter to Grace Wang

Motion: That the present National Council (the 2012-13 council) present to KOTESOL member, Grace Wang, a letter of regret for the actions of the previous National Council (the 2011-12 council), i.e. for the series of actions that led to her departure from the National Council. David Shaffer, 2nd Brad Serl

Motion: That the discussion is limited to no more than 15 minutes, Brad Serl, 2nd Jamie Carson

Vote: 19 yes, 2/3 majority, motion passes

David Shaffer, who requested this item, explains that he thinks the actions that led to Grace Wang leaving the 2011/12 council were unconstitutional, and that the present council can send her a letter of regret about the actions of the previous council. B.T. Stokley felt very strongly that no unconstitutional actions were taken, and that this motion reflects on all the council members and should not be undertaken. During the rest of the discussion it emerges that some members feel that this action would restore confidence in the National Council, while others feel that hurt feelings are part of being in office, and no apology is ever offered. MiJae Lee explained that she tried to meet Grace Wang at the Seoul conference and never was given an opportunity to talk to her.

Vote: Yes 2

No 5

Abstain 12

Motion is defeated.

7.3 KOTESOL Handbook

This publication was last updated and distributed in 1999, and contained many useful ideas for lessons as well as the history of KOTESOL and some tips and guides to Korean culture. Stafford Lumsden proposes updating it and making it available to members again.

During the informal discussion members touched upon how useful it would be, that it would be relatively easy to do, that an e-book version can be done at minimal cost, and that members would be invited to submit to it.

Motion: to add line 9300 to the National budget for the purpose of updating and publishing the KOTESOL handbook and the amount of line 9300 will 1,500,000 won.

Motion: to limit the discussion to 10 minutes. Brad Serl, 2nd Ingrid Zwaal.

Vote - unanimous yes.

Heebon Park-Finch suggests that a pdf version be done first and made available electronically before publishing a hard copy.

Vote: Yes 19

No 0

Abstain 0

Motion passes.

Before tackling item 7.4, William Mulligan requests that we handle 7.5.

7.5 Report back on the concerns around T.E.C.

Basically the problems around getting the publication out are:

Not enough volunteers, and William Mulligan asks chapter presidents to get the word out to their members that more people are needed.

A printer liason is needed who will check up, talk to and be available to discuss issues with the printer, and a new printer is needed.

The associate editors will both be leaving and they are vital to getting submissions in.

Jay Kim Young-ryeol feels that the printer issue can be resolved, and will help in that regard.

7.4 Documentary line item.

Patricia Marion presented the case for making a documentary about KOTESOL and its history and current role, and also presented the credentials of the company that would be involved in doing it. Publicity committee will ask for a budget of 5,000,000 to produce this.

During the discussion both Heebon Park-Finch and Bob Capriles felt that 10 minutes makes for a long video, and Stafford Lumsden feels there is little direct benefit to members.

12:48 - At this time a 30 minute break for lunch and informal discussion on this issue is called. Meeting resumes at 1:18

Motion: that the publicity committee asks to increase the publicity budget in line item 9466 by the amount of 2,000,000 won. Patricia Marion, 2nd Bob Capriles and BT Stoakley.

Motion: limit the discussion to 15 minutes. Paedar Callaghan, 2nd Brad Serl.

Vote: yes - 19, 2/3 majority, motion passes.

Jamie Carson explained that this is a long-term project, and Ralph Cousins explained that it will be developed as a promotional tool. The discussion centered around the issues of a change of leadership in October, and the fact that no firm ideas are being presented, also that it might be better to link to a Korean broadcaster.

The vote was called after 15 minutes.

Vote: Yes 16

No 0

Abstain 3

Motion passes

8. Reports

Motion: that oral reports be limited to no more than 5 minutes. Paedar Callaghan, 2nd Stafford Lumsden

Vote: Yes 17 - 2/3 majority and motion passes.

8.1 Seoul Chapter: Seoul president reported on the conference and current leadership structure, and explained that Nathan Rice is merely assisting in setting up Incheon chapter, but remains a Seoul member.

8.2 Technical Support: John Phillips presented a document that outlines the procedures for new members to join and for existing members to renew their membership in step by step instructions, which should address a lot of the issues with members beings signed up and not processed.

8.3 Membership Committee: William Mulligan informed the meeting that Lindsey (?) will now be in charge of branded items. Name cards are still in the process of being made.

8.4 International Outreach Committee: BT Stoakley reported that except for FEELTA, other conferences are lined up with attendees. David Shaffer was assured that a report would be issued soon.

8.5 Yongin Chapter: Robert Kim reported that Yongin has seen a gradual increase with each presentation. Stafford Lumsden and David Shaffer expressed concerns that elections should be taking place to put a leadership in place.

8.6 Paedar Callaghan, 1st VP, reported that a chapter president's meeting will be held at the end of April, specifically the 27th.

8.7 Web Services Committee: BT Stoakley reported that they had been able to set up a credit card payment system for the National Conference, and that it will be possible to use it in future.

David Shaffer pointed out that almost 25% of members have blank address fields. It is felt that this a members issue.

Paedar Callaghan moves that the meeting adjourns at this time, Brad Serl 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous.

The next meeting will take place on the 29th of June.

Meeting adjourns at 2:14 pm