

15th June 2014

National Council Meeting of KOTESOL

Meeting took place in Deajeon.

Present: No roll call is recorded on the audio file. The secretary, Leonie Overbeek, was ill and had called to apologise, and the recording was done by Paul Johnson.

1. The meeting was called to order
2. Procedural matters - notice of time constraints, debate times and speaking times.
3. Approval of agenda: the agenda was approved with no modifications unanimously.
4. Approval of previous minutes - to be voted on no later than 11 a.m.

Motion 1: That the minutes for the meeting of the 30th of March, 2014, be approved with allowance for corrections of spelling and grammar. Carl Dusthimer, Deborah Tarbet 2nd.

David Shaffer felt that minutes could not be checked as they had been distributed too late, and thus memory was no longer reliable and he could not vote as to their accuracy.

(The secretary wishes to have it noted in these minutes that on only a few occasions have minutes not been sent within days of the meeting, and that there has never been any problems with the accuracy of the minutes or what they reflected.)

Vote:	Yes	9
	No	0
	Abstain	3

Motion is passed

5. National Conference 2014 report:

John Phillips asked for names to be added to comments.

Peadar Callaghan gave the short version and indicated that the report will be passed on to Stafford Lumsden who is the 2015 chair for insight. We had 200 attendees, most of whom were members. This was lower than was hoped for, and there was a lower percentage of Korean attendees than was hoped for.

There was positive feedback about the venue. Twitter and Facebook feedback was very good. Kakaotalk helped with the volunteers to a great extent.

OP support was more than planned and hoped for.

We had a large uptake of new members. David Shaffer questioned whether these were actually due to the conference and not just the usual business.

Deborah Tarbet mentions that the membership cards were a welcome addition and Peadar proposes a vote of thanks for Lindsay Herron in that regard, Kirsty Clausen for her work with the volunteers and Paul Lowly Jones who provided tech support despite not being a KOTESOL member.

6. Progress report on the 2014 International Conference:

Carl Dusthimer explained that the Toastmasters event is happening. A relationship with UNESCO is being cultivated. The budget has changed slightly - the business event will no longer happen. But KAFLE is bringing in 15 million won from the NRF funding. Various organizations are being pursued, among them Apple, IBM, YBM and EBS.

Mark Davis has resigned as OP liason and Carl Dusthimer has taken over in the interim. YB Lee (chair of GFC) is helping and is liasing between COEX and KOTESOL/KAFLE. A new OP liason is needed, preferably a team.

The early-bird registration dates are explained and why that is being offered, to keep fees the same as costs at Sookmyung, and especially since KAFLE members expect lowered fees.

Deborah Tarbet asks for a special reminder to members to make use of it since it is summer holiday time. Carl Dusthimer thanks John Phillips for his work to set up the registration, considering two organizations are taking part and have to access the same portal but separate accounts. The early-bird offer will only be for members, but will be available to people who join in the time it is available.

7. Monetizing the KOTESOL Facebook page

Peadar Callaghan explains that he was approached by an OP about allowing him to post job offers on the Facebook page. Should we consider that?

David Shaffer predicts it won't be one or two people, and spam will ensue. He suggests a KOTESOL fb page called OP members, or job offers etc. John Phillips questions the monitoring of the page, and explains the downsides in terms of people blaming KOTESOL for a bad job. BT Stoakley explains that there will be too many ads. Allison Bill suggests it can be quite messy. Carl Dusthimer suggests we have team to retain the OP goodwill.

On the suggestion of an OP team negotiating Carl Dusthimer suggests he solicit ideas from the OPs.

Peadar Callaghan calls for a consensus to withdraw motion 2. No disagreement.

Motion 2. That the council consider granting OPs the right to place advertisements on the KOTESOL Facebook page in exchange for an advertising fee to be negotiated.

Motion is tabled.

8. Letters from KOTESOL

Letter of thanks to Dr. David D.I. Kim.

Several objections were raised to this letter and any recognition of his service above any others.

Letter to David Kim withdrawn.

Letter of apology to Grace Wang.

Motion 3. To send the letter to Grace Wang with the signature affixed by the president signed on behalf of the current National Council.

No numbers for the votes were tallied on the audio files. It seems that the vote was to pass the motion. The motion was not proposed and seconded audibly.

Form letters.

Discussion about the letters of thanks to people who have served. General feeling that it should be sent and done and it was not done by a previous council president.

Lindsay Herron will work on the phrasing. Carl Dusthimer feels that it should be certificates.

Consensus that a certificate and letter will be sent to the four people mentioned.

9. Acceptance of Treasurer's resignation and appointment of Phil Owen as interim treasurer

Motion 4. That the Treasurer's resignation be accepted and Phil Owen be appointed as the interim treasurer until the next election of officers of KOTESOL.

10. Reports - business arising out of reports. Done by 2.25 p.m.

11. New business

1. Elections discussion and votes done by 2.55 p.m.

2. New projects - an opportunity to discuss new ideas and efforts from various parts of the organization. Encouragement of local chapter presidents and committees to engage with local business to offer discounts and membership incentives.

Discussion and votes done by 3.55 p.m.

3. Banner exchanges with AngloINFO (Chris Miller will present the idea) - discussion and votes done by 4.20 p.m.

12. Adjourn at 4.30 p.m.