

National Council of KOTESOL meeting 23 August 2014

Held in Daejeon.

Present: Barbara Waldern, Carl Dusthimer, David Shaffer, Ingrid Zwaal, Jeon Young-Joo, John Phillips, Kirsty Clausen, Leonie Overbeek, Mike Peacock, Nathan Rice, Peadar Callaghan, Phil Owen, Ralph Cousins, Robert Kim, Tyler Clark.

Apologies: Jay Kim Jeong-Ryeol, Joanne McCuaig, Lindsay Herron, Paul Johnson

1. Due to no quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12.25 pm.
2. Procedural matters - notice of time constraints, debate times and speaking times. Peadar Calaghan explained the use of hand signals to speed time.
3. The agenda was passed with the following additions: 7. IC 2015/English Expo, 8. Financial audit of chapters, 9. Yongin chapter conference funding request.
4. Approval of previous minutes

Motion 1: That the minutes for the meeting of the 15th June 2014 be circulated with the minutes of this meeting due to the nature of the previous meeting where a recording was made and which the secretary has not been able to access and transcribe as yet. Also that said minutes be approved at the next council meeting.
Nathan Rice, Carl Dusthimer 2nd.

Vote	Yes	13
	No	0
	Abstain	1

5. National Conference 2014

Peadar Callaghan presented a summary which amounts to the fact that the conference generated a surplus of 600000 won.

In answer to Kirsty Clausen's question: The 2015 conference will be held with Stafford Lumsden as the chair and Peadar Callaghan urges that the National Council run it again, even though it will be held in Seoul. David Shaffer urges more OP participation.

6. Progress report on the 2014 International Conference.

Ralph Cousins presented the report about how the various communities have come together. Also that major sponsors are participating for the first time such as UNESCO.

Some problems have been encountered, notable the banquet funding and funding for a professional videotape. The committee is asking for an additional 7 million won to fund these.

Motion 2: To increase the National Publicity budget to 7 million won for the purposes of taping the International Conference and to promote KOTESOL as a whole. Ralph Cousins, Carl Dusthimer 2nd.

Nathan Rice wanted to know how the funding will be used.

Both Carl Dusthimer and Ralph Cousins explained that the video can be used as a promotional tool and to show KOTESOL to other organizations, as well as documenting the event for future analysis and promotion.

The discussion focused on whether we want professionals to do it and get paid when many KOTESOL members can do the job as well, especially if the cost adds to the deficit in budget. However, it was felt that documentation is a good thing.

Kirsty Clausen proposed an amendment to the motion - documenting the International Conference rather than videotaping.

Vote:	Yes	12
	No	0
	Abstain	1

Amendment to motion is passed

Nathan Rice proposed a further amendment: that 7 million won be changed to 3.5 million won. Carl Dusthimer 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	6
	No	5
	Abstain	2

Amendment to motion is passed

Motion now reads: To increase the National Publicity budget to 3.5 million won for the purposes of documenting the International Conference and to promote KOTESOL as a whole.

The discussion was around the value of citizen documentation rather than professional documentation.

Vote:	Yes	10
	No	2
	Abstain	1

Motion is passed

Break for lunch at 1.20 - 30 minutes. Resume at 2 p.m.

7. International Conference 2015 / English Expo

The theme for the 2015 conference is Transitions in Education, Transitions in ESL. A poster design competition has been launched to tap into KOTESOL member's creativity. The US Embassy is getting involved, and should invitations be extended to other embassies whose citizens work as ESL professionals in Korea?

The English EXPO with GFNC on the 12th to the 14th of December will involve a conference put on by KAFLE and KOTESOL. KAFLE will do the 12th of December on Extensive Reading, and KOTESOL must do the 13th. What are theme ideas or should we continue the ER theme? We will be provided with 2 rooms from 10.30 to 5.30.

Ingrd Zwaal suggests a call for papers, and Allison Bill asks if the conference is aimed at people attending the expo, or at KOTESOL members? The aim is mainly at KOTESOL members, but attendees will be welcome to attend the conference.

8. Financial Audit of chapters

The discussion on this topic arises out of the refusal by Yongin's treasurer, David D.I. Kim, to disclose any financial reports.

Kirsty Clausen feels that the establishment of KOTESOL being on a sound financial footing should extend to chapters as well as National Council. David Shaffer feels chapters can be asked for reports on financial matters and if there is a problem, and audit can be requested. Nathan Rice suggest that a resolution is passed rather than an audit.

Resolution:

1) Be it resolved that the National Council will, through the Financial Committee chair, request all chapters to submit a copy of the current balance page of their bankbooks and any clarifying statements. This is to take place no later than the 15th of September, 2014.

2) In future, chapters will submit annual financial reports to the National Council before the 15th of January. The financial report format shall be provided by the National Council.

Vote (resolution 1):	Yes	13
	No	0
	Abstain	0
Vote (resolution 2)	Yes	9
	No	0
	Abstain	0

9. Yongin Chapter Conference

The report and request as submitted is vague and ambiguous, and the figures mentioned are not clear.

Nathan Rice asked if the treasurer prepared the budget and if a joint conference has been considered? Answers - yes, no.

10. Reports

No questions arose.

11. New business

Discussion of the non-disclosure of candidates for election, and the extension of the deadline.

Motion 3. That the Nominations and Elections committee chair divulges to the membership the names and positions of everyone who is running by 11.59 p.m. on the 25th of August 2014, and that any new names be divulged within 48 hours after the new deadline has passed. Nathan Rice, David Shaffer 2nd.

The discussion was about how this is part of the need for transparency in KOTESOL, and that the National Council at least should know who is running in order to recruit if needed. It was felt that there is no need to keep candidacy a secret.

Vote:	Yes	7
	No	5
	Abstain	3 (Peadar Callaghan)

12. Motion to adjourn by Nathan Rice and seconded by Carl Dusthimer, meeting adjourns at 4.30 p.m.