

KOTESOL National Council Meeting Minutes

April 24th, 2016

Room 207 Sookmyung Women's University Injaegwan, Seoul

Present: Lindsay Herron (president), Lisa Bellamy, Jamie Carson, Robert Dickey, Michael Free, Stafford Lumsden, Chris Miller, Sean O'Connor, Phil Owen, Mike Peacock, Ian Done Ramos, Suzan Schneider, David Shaffer, Martin Todd (representing Yongin), Ingrid Zwaal

Minutes taken by Suzanne Schneider

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 P.M. by Lindsay Herron.

The minutes of the December 2015 meeting will be approved at a later date.

2. Adoption of the agenda

2.1 Motion that the agenda be adopted. Ingrid Zwaal, Stafford Lumsden 2nd.

Motion passes via unanimous oral assent.

3. Resignation of the treasurer

3.1 Motion that the council accept the resignation of the treasurer, effective June 30th. David Shaffer, Michael Free 2nd.

Motion passes via unanimous oral assent.

4. National Conference portion of the 2016 operating budget

4.1 Motion that this council accept the National Conference portion of the 2016 operating budget as it has been presented. David Shaffer, Michael Free 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	10
	No	1
	Abstain	1

Motion passes.

5. MELTA Representation

Discussion: What are the potential benefits to KOTESOL?

- Member to member learning (conferences/operating procedures)
- Create new, active partnerships
- Scout for potential KOTESOL presenters
- Phil noted that we are already 28,000,000 won in debt with the current budget

5.1 That this council add 500,000 won to the general operating budget to send a representative to MELTA. Mike Peacock, Jamie Carson 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	11
	No	3
	Abstain	0

Motion passes.

6. Banners for Domestic Partners

6.1 Motion that this council add 250,000 won to the general operating budget to create reusable standing banners representing our domestic partners. Martin Todd, Mike Peacock 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	12
	No	3
	Abstain	0

Motion passes.

7. Five-signature policy for line-item over budget approvals.

Discussion: How can we remain flexible without overspending?

Possible amendments were discussed including:

- Party requesting approval for over-budget items must submit their request in writing;
- Treasurer to include all over-budget RADs in National Treasurer's report for NC.

7.1 Motion that the council VOID the current 5-signature policy for line-item over budget approvals and instead bring motions to National Council to adjust the line item. Phil Owens, Stafford Lumsden 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	7
	No	5
	Abstain	1

Motion passes.

8. 2016 OP Agreement

8.1 Motion that this council accept the 2016 OP Agreement as it has been presented. David Shaffer, Jamie Carson 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	11
	No	0
	Abstain	1

Motion passes.

9. TESOL Asia certificate program

Discussion: This will allow KOTESOL to offer credit to interested workshop and conference attendees towards the 120-hour required hours. It won't require KOTESOL to meet any minimum standard workshop or conference requirements.

9.1 Motion that this council approves KOTESOL's role in the TESOL Asia certificate program as presented. Phil Owens, Martin Todd 2nd.

Vote:	Yes	11
	No	0
	Abstain	2

Motion passes.

The following motion was made by David Shaffer and passed by unanimous consent:

Resolved: That the National Council hereby recognizes lifetime member Philip Owen for his many years of distinguished and dedicated service to Korea TESOL, most recently as National Treasurer, but also as National President, North Jeolla Chapter President, and International Conference Chair, and in numerous other roles at the chapter and national level, and that Korea TESOL views his departure as creating a void that will be most difficult to fill.

NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2016

New Business:

- Sean O'Connor shared a request from Kip Kates (SIG Chair, Global Issues & Social Justice at JALT) for KOTESOL to "sponsor" 3 new students to Asia Youth Forum at PAC in Taiwan this year. Further discussion to be had.

The meeting was adjourned by Lindsay Herron at 1:28 pm.

Addendum: The Council would like to acknowledge that during the course of the meeting, Rob Dickey, substituting for the Technologies Committee Chair John Phillips, was erroneously denied the right to vote. All council positions are authorized by the Bylaws to appoint substitutes to vote in their stead. Although this error did not substantially affect the results of the vote on the motion, the Council hopes to avoid similar misunderstandings in the future.