Korea TESOL Annual Business Meeting (ABM)
2025.11.01 (Saturday, 1st November 2025)
Time: 19:00 to 19:40 KST
Location: Zoom

Attendees
Lindsay Herron
David Shaffer
Eric Reynolds
Greg Lewis
Heidi Nam
Jake Kimball
Jocelyn Wright
Lisa MacIntyre-Park
Maria Lisak
Meerbeck Kudaibergenov
Mike Peacock
Sarah Slagle
Victor Reeser
Wesley Martin

Opening

All members are able to vote.

19:01 Meeting is called to order

Motion 1: **That the agenda be adopted.**

Passes by consensus at 19:03.

Motion 2**: That the minutes of the last ABM (November 1, 2024) be approved and posted to the KOTESOL website with edits allowed for spelling, grammar, etc.**

Passes by consensus at 19:04

Reports and updates

19:05 Reports

Treasury (Jocelyn Wright)

- Detailed financial information is available at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KeMTd7R_vTi0aOnWyKARcu7ruvHQoNVU/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100043012692879707375&rtpof=true&sd=true
- All reports up to date through Q3.
- Chapter dues shares (CDS) dispersed through Q3
- Current exchange rate: 1250 KRW - 1 USD

- New bookkeeper: Heidi Park
- Thanks to the Sponsorship committee and the conference committee, our budget is healthy this year. Thanks also to the treasury team for their work!

Financial Affairs (Lindsay Herron on behalf of J. Tom Wyatt)

- 2024 audit and 2025 audit through Q3 completed. No irregularities found.

Nominations & Elections (David Shaffer)

- Elections held October 1-19.
- Results:

Office	**Candidate**	**Votes**	**Write-ins**
President	Lindsay Herron	83	2
1st Vice President	Mike Peacock	81	4
2nd Vice President	Gabriella Villafradez	80	3
Secretary	Heidi Nam	84	1
Treasurer	None		17*
IC Co-chair	None		22*
NE Chair	None		15*

**Declared vacant*

President's report (Lindsay Herron)

- **Overview:** 481 members, about 60 chapter/SIG events, 20+ publications, 17 international partners, 9 domestic partners
- **New this year:** Gyeonggi chapter; Presenter travel Grant (courtesy of Dr. Kara MacDonald; Well-being SIG and Book club SIG; Partnership with SPELT (Pakistan)
- **National events:** Connections Day, Chapter Leaders' Retreat, 32nd KOTESOL International Conference, Members Social, Elections, National Conference, 4 National Council Meetings
- **International Conference:** 580 participants, 200+ sessions, 35 countries represented, 8.5 million revenue; Friday VIP Dinner and Saturday Social, new this year - marketplace and special activities room
- **Awards:** Korea TESOL Journal Paper of the Year Award - Dr. Maria Teresa Martinez Garcia; TEC Article of the Year Award - Michael Duddy; KOTESOL Proceedings Best Paper Award - I-jiuan Ting; Reflective Language Teacher of the Year Award - Christopher Miller; Korea TESOL Patron Award - Dr. Kara Mac Donald
- **2025 National Conference:** 102 attendees, 42 Presenters, 60 volunteers, 6 Sponsors, 7 countries represented, 1.4 million won revenue.
- **International partnerships:** Renewed affiliation with TESOL, new partnership with SPELT, received reps from ELTAM, ETA-ROC, JALT, MELTA, PALT, ThaiTESOL; sent reps to ThaiTESOL, JALT, ETA-ROC, PALT/PAC. CamTESOL, TESOL intl (online), NELTA, ELTAM, SPELT
- **Domestic Partners:** ALAK and KATE sent reps to our conferences and invited our reps to their conferences; ongoing mutual support from KAFLA

- **Membership**: Social - 90 tickets sold, new branded items: tumblers, black ceramic mugs; reprinted items:pens, magnets; membership perks: IATEFL discount, iTDi discount, booth space discount at KOTESOL IC and NatCon; discounts to partner events; more
- **Publications:** KTJ - 2 issues (1 in progress), TEC -4 issues (1 in progress), Scribes Square - 5 posts. HAN - 4 issues, Proceedings (2 volumes; in progress); enews (monthly)
- **Future events:** Connections Day & Chapter Leaders Retreat, New Website. International Conference KOTESOL2026: May 16-17

Unfinished business

There is no identified unfinished business from the previous ABM.

New business

There is no identified new business at this time.

Awards

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- **Service Awards:** Robert Dickey, Melvin Dixon, Michael Free, Bryan Hale, Virginia Hanslien, André Jacobs, James Kimball, Meerbek Kudaibergenov, Maria Lisak, Mara Mac Donald, Lisa MacIntyre-Park, Wesley Martin, Rhea Metituk, Chris Miller, Ian Moodie, Heidi Nam, Mike Peacock, John Phillips, Victor Reeser, Eric Reynolds, David Shaffer, Gabriala Villafradez, Andrew White, Jocelyn Wright, J. Tom Wyatt
- **Stepping up Award:** Meerbek Kudaibergenov, Gabriela Villafradez
- **Meritorious Service Awards:** John R. Baker, Rhett Burton, Wesley Martin, Rhea Metituk, Heidi Nam, Mike Peacock, John Phillips, Jocelyn Wright
- **Outstanding Service Awards:** Robert Dickey, Kara MacDonald, Lisa MacIntyre-Park, Victor Reeser, Andrew White
- **President's Award:** David Shafffer

Announcements and adjournment

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- DCC Thanksgiving Symposium November 15, online options TBA
- KOTESOL Connections Day TBD
- IC Call for proposals is open
- National Council Meeting probably December 7
- Initial round of committee chair approvals at quick NC meeting to follow ABM (if quorum is met)

19:40 ***Motion 3*: Motion to adjourn**

Passes by consensus at 19:40