

Name: John Thomas Wyatt

Position Sought: National Treasurer

Work Affiliation: Fukuoka Foreign Language College (Student)

KOTESOL Membership Period: Feb. 2018 – Present

EDUCATION

Fukuoka Foreign Language College, Fukuoka

Oct. 2025 – Present

Yonsei Language School, Seoul

Sep. 2023 – Aug. 2024

Sol Schools, Toronto – CELTA

May 2012

University of Toronto, Victoria College, Toronto — *HBA Majors: English, Religion*

Sep. 2008 - May 2012

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Jinju University of Education Affiliated Elementary School, Jinju — *Guest English Teacher*

Aug. 2024 – Aug. 2025

Gwangju Metropolitan Office of Education, Gwangju — *Guest English Teacher*

Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2023

- EPIK Mentor - 2021 and 2022
- Read and commented upon students' book reports for the 2018 Reading Marathon

Cheonan Avalon, Cheonan — *Teacher of EFL/Librarian*

Mar. 2014 – Aug. 2017

SERVICE

KOTESOL National Service

- National Treasurer – Dec. 2025 – Present
- Financial Affairs Committee Chair - Dec. 2023 – Dec. 2025
- Financial Affairs Committee Member – Dec. 2022 - 2023
- Editor, The English Connection – Jan. 2023 – Present
- Cashier Manager - KOTESOL International Conference 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Vetted session proposals for 2024, 2025, 2206 International Conference
- International Conference Programme Book Editorial Assistant – KOTESOL IC 2026

KOTESOL Chapter/SIG

- BusanGyeongnamDaegu Chapter Secretary - Aug. 2025 - present
- Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Membership Coordinator - 2021 - 2022

Personal Statement

John Thomas Wyatt

For the Office of KOTESOL Treasurer

I have been a member of KOTESOL since 2018. It is an organization that has given me much in terms of academic and professional development, and in turn, I would like to give back. My qualifications for the position include the fact that I currently serve as KOTESOL national treasurer and previously served as Finance Committee chair from 2023–2025.

I am and have been highly involved with KOTESOL, currently serving as Busan-Gyeongsang-Daegu Chapter secretary and as an editor of *The English Connection*. If elected to the position of national treasurer, I will strive to ensure the smooth operations of the organization's finances.

I have read and am aware of the contents of the Korea TESOL Code of Conduct.

John Thomas Wyatt

September 1, 2026

KOTESOL Nominations & Elections 2026-2027

***J. Tom Wyatt* - National Treasure**

My name is Gabriela Villafradez, and I have had the pleasure of working with J. Tom Wyatt (Tom) for the past two years as the president of the Busan-Gyeongsang-Daegu (BGD) Chapter, and he as the BGD Chapter secretary.

It is an absolute pleasure to endorse Tom for the position of National Treasurer. Having worked closely with him at the chapter level, I have seen firsthand the remarkable reliability, honesty, and meticulous attention to detail he brings to everything he does.

Tom's dedication to our community is genuinely unmatched. Even before Tom became an officer, he was attentive to the chapter's needs and volunteered to help with our symposiums and promotional events such as the Busan Global City Foundation Festival. He regularly goes the extra mile (quite literally), having frequently travelled all the way from Jinju to Busan and Ulsan just to ensure he could actively participate in our events. His financial insight has already transformed our chapter's operations. He took the initiative to streamline our chapter finances, managing the complexities of moving banks and ensuring every penny of our budget was used wisely and transparently.

Beyond financial acumen, Tom's commitment to KOTESOL is incredibly diverse. Whether he is driving growth on the KOTESOL IC Membership Committee or fostering community support as an active member of the Well-Being SIG, he consistently steps up to help officers, facilitators, and members.

Tom has proven time and again that he has exactly what it takes to serve on the National Council. He has been an invaluable asset to our local chapter, and I have no doubt whatsoever that he will be a tremendous asset to the entire organisation at a national level.



Gabriela Villafradez

University of Ulsan

KOTESOL membership, January 2024 - present

2026.09.04

September 27, 2026

Dear Nominations & Elections Committee:

I am writing to formally endorse J. Tom Wyatt for the position of national treasurer in the upcoming KOTESOL election. Tom has a long history of dedicated service to our organization, having stepped up over the years to fill various volunteer and leadership roles at both the chapter and national level. He has served for nearly a decade as a registration manager on my International Conference Committee registration team, acted as the national Financial Affairs Committee chair, and even served as the membership officer for the Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter. His willingness to consistently volunteer when help is needed demonstrates a deep, enduring commitment to the continuity and operational stability of KOTESOL.

Tom is currently serving as our national treasurer, having been appointed by the National Council this past March. Inviting him to step into this role was a logical progression from his then-position as Financial Affairs Committee chair, where he was tasked with examining our financial records to ensure transparency and accountability. Over the past six months, Tom has gained greater familiarity with our treasury processes, banking procedures, and organizational budget structure. It would be to our advantage to have him continue in the role, learning the nuances of the position more thoroughly and ensuring seamless continuity as we prepare to set the budget for 2027.

Sustaining a volunteer-run association relies heavily on members who are willing to take on demanding administrative duties. Tom's readiness to step forward, assume this responsibility, and continue serving our community is deeply appreciated. I am pleased to support his candidacy for national treasurer as he continues his service to KOTESOL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Herron".

Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
KOTESOL Lifetime Member (2012-present)