

Name: Lindsay N. Herron

Elected Position Sought: President

Work Affiliation: Gwangju National University of Education

KOTESOL Membership Period: 2012-present (Lifetime Member)

Education

- EdD in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2024)
- MEd in Literacy, Culture, & Language Education, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2014)
- MA in Cinema Studies, New York University Tisch School of the Arts (New York, USA; 2005)
- BA in English Literature & Psychology, Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania, USA; 2000)
- Graduate Certificate in Learning Sciences, Media, & Technology, Indiana University-Bloomington (Indiana, USA; 2018)
- CELTA Young Learner Extension (2011)
- CELTA (2009)

Work Experience

Teaching experience

- Visiting Professor, Gwangju National University of Education, Gwangju (2008-present)
- Director, Mongolian TEFL Training Summer Camp, Gwangju (2025)
- Mentor & Presenter, Summer Intensive English Teacher Program, SUNY Korea (2021)
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Seogwipo High School, Jeju-do (2005-2008)

Other relevant work experience

- Fulbright ETA Program Coordinator (2006-2007)
- Fulbright ETA Orientation Coordinator (2006, 2007)
- Educational Consultant, HarperCollins Children's Publishing (2005)
- Education & Library Marketing Coordinator, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing (2000-2003)

KOTESOL Service

National

- President (2015-2017; 2019-2020; 2022-present)
- Chair, Membership Committee (2013-present)
- Registration Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2013-2015, 2018-present)
- Editor, *KOTESOL News* (email newsletter; 2014-present)
- Layout Editor, *Korea TESOL Journal*, *KOTESOL Proceedings* (2025-present)
- Presenter, KOTESOL Teacher Training Program (KTT; 2014-present)
- Chair, 2024 ESBB International TESOL Conference & KOTESOL National Conference (2024)
- Immediate Past President (2017-2019; 2020-2022)
- Editor, *KOTESOL Voices* (monthly online column; 2020-2023)
- Chair, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2022)
- Co-chair, KOTESOL International Conference Committee (2021)
- First Vice-President (2014-2015)
- Facilitator, Multimedia & CALL SIG (2015-2018)
- National Conference Co-chair (2017)
- Registration Chair, KOTESOL National Conference (2015-2017)
- *Others:* International Outreach Committee, Nominations & Elections Committee, Publications Committee, Research Committee, Sponsorship Committee, Web Services Committee

Chapter

- Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter
- President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2017-2018, 2021-2022)
- Immediate Past President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2018-2021, 2022-2023)
- Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2012-2017, 2022-present)

KOTESOL Awards

- “Korea TESOL 30@30” List, 2023
- KOTESOL President’s Award, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Other Professional Associations & Service

- AsiaTEFL
 - Lifetime Member (2017-present)
 - Publications Director (2022-2026)
 - Program Book Chair, AsiaTEFL International Conference (2020, 2023)
- *ELT Classroom Journal*
 - Editorial Board Member (2025-present)
- Asia Pacific Association of Language, Culture, & Education (APALCE)
 - Lifetime Member (2026)
 - Vice President (2026)
- TESOL International
 - Member (2015-2017, 2019-present)
- IATEFL
 - Member (2026)
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
 - Member (2018-2020, 2022-2024)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
 - Member (2021-2024)
- National Council of Teachers of English Assembly for Research (NCTEAR)
 - Member (2018-2020, 2023-2024)
- Certificate in ELT Leadership Management from TESOL International Association (2014)

Candidate’s Statement

I’m proud of KOTESOL’s evolution over the time that I have served on the National Council. During my most recent tenure as president, alone, we have seen an uptick in KOTESOL membership and conference attendance numbers; our treasury has mostly rebounded from the worrisome lows we saw during and immediately after the pandemic; and we have found new ways to support our members while rededicating ourselves to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We have strengthened our connections both locally and globally, adding multiple domestic partners this past year while continuing to participate in exchanges with and mutual support for our international partners. We’ve expanded our community connections and outreach in a variety of ways, from providing trainers for local professional development to adding The Marketplace, an area for microbusinesses and local artisans, to our exhibitor space at the international conference. We’ve ensured the continued success of flagging chapters through carefully considered mergers, including our recent joining of the Daegu-Gyeongbuk and Busan-Gyeongnam Chapters, and sought to stimulate our SIGs through new guidelines designed to streamline their foundation and promote their flourishing. All of this translates into exciting opportunities for our members, especially in terms of new paths, connections, and inspiration.

If I am elected to the position of president, my intention for the coming year is to build on these successes and support KOTESOL’s forward momentum, with special consideration to how we can continue to support our members and enhance the membership experience. In particular, I’d like to expand our collaborations with other organizations, helping to ensure our members have opportunities to participate in the ELT knowledge ecosystem, engage with cutting-edge research, foster new connections, and discover novel teaching approaches. In conjunction with this aim, I hope to work with our second vice-president to rejuvenate the KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT) program, restructuring it to proactively address a need for international teacher training programs while exploring how we can best buttress its current role providing trainers for local workshops. As ever, my intentions are underpinned by a desire to maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and good value; to expand

and diversify our organization's visibility, reach, and offerings; to respond effectively and flexibly to changes in the world as well as trends in ELT and professional development; and to cultivate new leadership and renewed volunteerism in our organization. With these goals in mind, I am pleased to offer my services to our organization for the coming year.

I have read and agree to follow the KOTESOL Code of Conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Herron". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
September 2, 2026

Letter of Endorsement

September 20, 2026

I am honored to endorse Dr. Lindsay Herron for the position of 2027 KOTESOL National President. Having had the opportunities of working with and observing Dr. Herron in a variety of professional and organizational contexts, I have come to appreciate her ability to anticipate emerging challenges and respond to them with vision and practical leadership.

My perspective comes from many years of involvement with KOTESOL and the broader TESOL community - as a former KOTESOL National President, a long-time host of the KOTESOL International Conference, and a member of the Board of Directors of the TESOL International Association (USA).

One of the most significant challenges facing language educators today is the rapid transformation brought about by advanced technology. Educators must learn not simply to use these technologies, but to integrate them thoughtfully into lesson planning, teaching, and educational management. Dr. Herron has demonstrated expertise in technology-related areas. Her forward-looking vision will enable KOTESOL to better support and equip language educators as they navigate this rapidly changing educational landscape.

An equally important challenge for educators is learning how to serve effectively as human facilitators and curators of meaningful learning experiences. Dr. Herron brings strong expertise in cross-cultural understanding, reflected in her doctoral studies as well as in her extensive experience interacting with diverse groups of people. I believe she can help educators strengthen their ability to facilitate meaningful learning experiences for diverse global learners.

Equally significant is Dr. Herron's deep institutional knowledge of KOTESOL. Her years of dedicated service in a wide range of leadership roles have given her an understanding of the organization. For all of these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Lindsay Herron for re-election as KOTESOL National President.

Kyungsook Yeum, PhD



Former Director, Sookmyung TESOL
Sookmyung Women's University, Korea
KOTESOL Membership: 2000-Lifetime



Sept 19, 2026
Lisa MacIntyre-Park
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To
Nominations and Elections Committee
KOTESOL

Subject: Endorsement of Lindsay Herron for President

I am pleased to endorse Lindsay Herron for another term as President of KOTESOL. From my own experience working with Lindsay, I have found her to be kind, helpful, highly organized, and genuinely committed to doing what she believes is best for KOTESOL.

Lindsay has an exceptionally strong record of service to KOTESOL and has been involved in the organization for well over a decade, serving in numerous leadership, committee, and editorial roles. She has served as President for multiple terms, as well as Membership Committee Chair and previously as Gwangju Chapter President, and has played an active role in many of KOTESOL's major conferences and publications. Her extensive experience gives her a deep understanding of all facets of the organization and of the many people and committees that make it work.

I have also been impressed by Lindsay's ability to lead professionally and efficiently. She keeps in good contact with KOTESOL's partner organizations and helps maintain those important connections, while also leading the national council meetings in an organized and productive way. At the same time, she is approachable and willing to help others. I am happy to endorse Lindsay for another term as President and believe KOTESOL will continue to benefit from her experience, knowledge, and dedication.

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Jeonju - North Jeolla President from 2023
Hankuk Haksool Elementary School Instructor
KOTESOL member since 2018

Endorsement Statement

Candidate: Lindsay Herron, running for the position of President of KOTESOL

I am pleased to endorse Lindsay Herron for the position of KOTESOL President. Lindsay's record of service to our organization speaks for itself: she has served as President across multiple terms (2015-2017, 2019-2020, 2022-present), chaired the National Membership Committee since 2013, and has been a driving force behind the KOTESOL International Conference for over a decade. Under her most recent tenure, KOTESOL has seen renewed membership growth, a rebounding treasury, successful chapter mergers, and stronger domestic and international partnerships.

Beyond her tenure at the national level, Lindsay's sustained investment in the organization's smaller working parts, from SIG guidelines to the KOTESOL Teacher Training program, reflects a leadership style attentive to the practical needs of members at every level. Her continued vision for expanding KOTESOL's collaborations with other ELT organizations and rejuvenating professional development opportunities aligns closely with what our chapters and members need going forward.

On a more personal note, beyond our shared love of horror movies, Lindsay has also informally and on occasion acted as a mentor to me. That kind of quiet, generous investment in colleagues, given freely and without any expectation of recognition, is exactly the kind of leadership KOTESOL needs at its helm. I believe she is exceptionally well-qualified to continue leading KOTESOL, and I give her my full endorsement.

Endorser's Name and Signature:

Michael Free 

Work Affiliations:

Chuncheon National University of Education (CNUE)
Kangwon National University (KNU)

KOTESOL Membership Period: November 2006–present (Lifetime Member)

Date of Signing: September 5, 2026

September 29, 2026

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee,

It is my pleasure to endorse Dr. Lindsay Herron for President of KOTESOL. I've served with Lindsay on National Council for the past several years, and I've been consistently impressed with her sound judgment, attention to detail, and commitment to the organization. When Lindsay leads a meeting, we know that it will be productive and efficient, but also upbeat and cheerful, celebrating the accomplishments of the organization along the way.

Lindsay knows KOTESOL inside and out, having served the organization in a variety of roles at both the national and local level. Even during her term as president, Lindsay has continued chairing the membership committee and managing registration at the International Conference. The breadth of her experience has equipped her with insight into the needs of chapters, SIGs, event organizers, and attendees. Throughout KOTESOL, many teachers have found in Lindsay an advocate and an encourager. It's clear that Lindsay values the members of KOTESOL, and she continually seeks out ways to improve the experience of membership in the organization.

In addition to her care for members of KOTESOL, Lindsay works to foster connections between KOTESOL and the outside world. Through her years of service, she has cultivated relationships with our international and domestic partners, as well as other businesses and professional organizations. Meanwhile, her reports to National Council demonstrate that she remains on the lookout for opportunities to forge new partnerships.

Lindsay's outstanding service to KOTESOL has strengthened the organization, and we are fortunate that she is willing to continue in this role. Her careful planning for meetings makes my job as secretary much more enjoyable, and I look forward to working with her again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Vande Voort Nam".

Heidi Vande Voort Nam
Chongshin University