



Korea TESOL National Council Meeting

2026.03.29 (Sunday, 29th March. 2026)

Time: 14:00 to 16:09

Location: Zoom

Present

Lindsay Herron	President / Membership Comm.
Mike Peacock	1VP
Gabriela Villafradez	2VP, BGD Pres, IC Co-chair
Heidi Nam	Secretary
Meerbek Kudaibergenov	IC Chair
David Shaffer	N&E Chair / Publications Comm.
J. Tom Wyatt	Financial Affairs Comm.
Victor Reeser	International Outreach Comm. / Incheon Pres.
Lisa MacIntyre Park	Publicity Comm., JNJ President
Eric Reynolds	Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres.
Michael Free	Gangwon Pres.
Maria Lisak	Gwangju-Jeonnam Pres.
Kristina Kauss	Gyeonggi Chapter Pres.
Chris Miller	Seoul Chapter Pres.

Absent

Bryan Hale	Immed. Past Pres.
Melvin Dixon	Diversity Comm.
Ian Moodie	Research Comm.
John Phillips	Technologies Comm.

Opening

14/18 members present. Quorum = 10.

14:01 Meeting is called to order. Review of general operating procedure for the meeting.

Motion 1: That the agenda be adopted.

Passes by consensus.

14:02 **Motion 2: That the minutes of the last meeting ([12/7/2025](#)) be approved and posted to the KOTESOL website with edits allowed for spelling, grammar, etc.**

Passes by consensus.

Updates & Reports

Lindsay Herron (President)

- All international affiliations (IATEFL, TESOL International) have been renewed.
- We've had some challenges because we have not had a treasurer. Lindsay currently has access to our bank accounts. Our former bookkeeper will help through May. She will send out CDS to each chapter. RADs should be sent to Treasurer@koreatesol.org.
- We can now accept credit cards via PayPal (USD only)
- A VIP pre-conference dinner is planned
- New partnerships are being developed: KAESP, KAPEE

Lindsay Herron (Membership Comm.)

- The social is planned for the conference. In order to keep the ticket prices down for members at the social, financial support from chapters is invited.

Lindsay Herron (Sponsorship Comm.)

- We have a few sponsors that have committed to the conference so far (15 for the marketplace, 8 for other sponsors). Chapters may request tables from 1VP or put materials on the membership committee desk. SIGs will have a space near the cloak room (talk to 2VP).
- We are seeking a sponsorship committee chair.

Mike Peacock (1VP)

- Met with chapter leaders in person at the Chapter Leaders' Retreat. Renewed Canva account. Continuing Zoom alerts.
- Chapters may request tables or lunch rooms at the conference
- Mike and Gabriela will each contact half of the chapter leaders for routine check-ins.

Gabriela Villafradez (2VP)

- KOTESOL Connections Day was held successfully.
- New SIG Guidelines and funding request forms are available on [Google Drive](#).
- Calling for new facilitators for the following SIGs: Classroom Practices, Reflective practice, Young Learners & Teens, Multimedia & CALL
- If new facilitators are not found, we will discuss next steps at the next National Council meeting.

Gabriela Villafradez (BGD Pres.)

- Recent events: trivia night in January, resource swap and workshop in February, workshop in March
- Upcoming events: Workshop and social event (Busan) in April
- Receiving applications for presenters in KOTESOL/JALT joint symposium
- Still having trouble accessing Daegu bank account

Meerbek Kudaibergenov (IC Chair)

- IC departments are on track. Reports have been made to TEC and HAN
- Regular attendee pre-registration is opening April 1

David Shaffer (Publications Comm.)

- Published: Winter HAN, Spring TEC
- Forthcoming: Spring HAN, HAN (Deadline was March 25), KOTESOL IC Proceedings (2 volumes: one for research and one for other presentations), KTJ, National Conference Proceedings, Summer TEC
- The post office suggests not sending publications to the US because anything that is larger than a letter-sized envelope may be subject to US tariffs.

David Shaffer (N&E Comm.)

- The National Council approves the following dates for Nominations and Elections:
Nominations: Sept 1 - Sept 30
Voting period: October 12 - October 27
- Ballots will be online only with Survey Monkey

J. Tom Wyatt (Financial Affairs Comm.)

- Q4 2025 Audit completed - no discrepancies found

Victor Reeser (International Outreach Comm.)

- Sent John Baker to ThaiTESOL, Victor to CAM TESOL; Sending Lindsay to ETA-ROC
- 7 partner org reps attending our IC

Victor Reeser (Incheon Pres.)

- Upcoming events: coffee meetup, workshop in April

Lisa MacIntyre Park (Publicity Comm.)

- Since December fulfilled more than 30 requests for publicity postings. The current form is available [here](#). The form may be updated after the IC.

Lisa MacIntyre Park (JNJ President)

- Recent events: workshop in December, officers' meetings in January and February, workshop in March
- Upcoming events: April workshop, June event at a museum in Iksan
- Regional conference Sept. 5. CFP coming out in April.

Lindsay Herron (for Research Comm.)

- Accepting applications for research grants through 3/31

Lindsay Herron (for Technologies)

- If anyone is lacking access to KOTESOL resources because of a delay in membership processing, they can email Lindsay.

Eric Reynolds (Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres.)

- Upcoming events: carpool to IC, Spring fling walk next weekend, retreat in June, picnic in July
- DCC thinks it can recruit grad students if they can be offered discounts

Michael Free (Gangwon Pres.)

- Upcoming event: Workshop on April 10

Maria Lisak (Gwangju-Jeonnang Pres.)

- Upcoming events: workshop in April, museum social event in May, June workshop, attending JNJ regional conference in September

Kristina Kauss (Gyeonggi Chapter Pres.)

- making efforts to contact hakwon teachers and public school teachers
- Recent events: officers meeting and workshop in January, workshop in February, roundtable in March
- Upcoming events: April workshop, May IC Debrief, June barbecue

Chris Miller (Seoul Chapter Pres.)

- Recent events: Social event in February, Reflective Practice session and online workshop in March
- Upcoming events: Workshop and hike in April, considering online and face-to-face events in June, September 18 or 25 presentation by a group of Indonesian teachers
- Looking for alternative event spaces

Scheduled Items

15:40 **Motion 3: That this council approve a partnership with KAPEE.**

The [Korea Association of Primary English Education \(KAPEE\)](#) approached us during the winter break to propose a partnership, and with no objections from Council, I replied affirmatively. Here's the [KAPEE-KOTESOL MOU](#) for formal approval.

Motion: Michael Free **Second:** David Shaffer **Yes:** 13 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 1

The motion passes at 15:44.

Follow up → MOU to be uploaded and news item posted (Lindsay)

15:44 **Motion 4: That this council fill the vacancy in the treasury position via appointment.**

Motion: Lisa MacIntyre Park **Second:** Maria Lisak **Yes:** 14 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

The motion passes at 15:46

15:49 **Motion 5: That this council appoint J. Tom Wyatt to the position of treasurer.**

Motion: Gabriela Villafradez **Second:** Dave Shaffer **Yes:** 12 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 2

The motion passes at 15:50

Follow up → Tom to get treasury email address and training. (Lindsay)

We will need a new Financial Affairs Committee chair as Tom will be leaving that position.

The National Council welcomes Tom as our new treasurer!

Old Business

Per the National Council's instructions following a discussion at our last meeting, our organization has formalized a partnership with the Korean Association of English for Specific Purposes (KAESP). The [MOU is here](#) for reference.

New Business & Closing

15:53 **Motion 6:** That this Council tentatively approve a National Conference co-hosted by the Daejeon-Chungcheong & Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapters.

Motion: Maria Lisak

Second: David Shaffer

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstain: 1

The motion passes at 15:55.

Follow up→ NatCon team to develop a proposal (budget, theme, dates, and location) for approval at the next NC meeting.

Discussion:

- We plan to put out a bid for website design to put the finishing touches on our new website.
- Our current bookkeeper is willing to continue until May. Tom Wyatt is interested in learning the position.

Announcements:

- Next HAN deadline: June 25; Scribes Square is always open for submissions.
- Please notify KOTESOL Directory Manager Dave of any chapter leadership / committee membership changes. Dave would like to know chapter affiliations and locations.
- Please contact Lindsay if your chapter (or you, personally) would like to contribute to The Social @KOTESOL2026! Your support will be acknowledged at the event and online and helps us keep prices low for members.
- IC is seeking volunteers.

16:09 **Motion 6: Motion to adjourn**

Passes by consensus