Korea TESOL National Council Meeting
2026.06.28 (Sunday, 28th June, 2026)
Time: 14:01 to 15:43
Location: Zoom

Present

Lindsay Herron	President / Membership Comm.
Mike Peacock	1VP
Gabriela Villafradez	2VP, BGD Pres, IC Chair
Heidi Nam	Secretary
J. Tom Wyatt	Treasurer
David Shaffer	N&E Chair / Publications Comm.
Lisa MacIntyre Park	Publicity Comm., JNJ President
Eric Reynolds	Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres. (from 14:02)
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.
Victor Reeser	International Outreach Comm. / Incheon Pres.
Melvin Dixon	Diversity Comm.
Ian Moodie	Research Comm.
John Phillips	Technologies Comm.

Opening

11/17 Members present; Quorum=9

14:01 Meeting is called to order.

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

Passes by consensus at 2:02.

Eric Reynolds arrives at 2:02.

14:05 ***Motion 2*****: That the minutes of the last meeting (3/29/2026) be approved and posted to the KOTESOL website with edits allowed for spelling, grammar, etc.**

Passes by consensus at 2:02.

Updates & Reports

Lightning Round

Lindsay Herron - President
- Pre-conference VIP dinner held; sending KOTESOL reps to domestic partner conferences

Lindsay Herron - Membership Comm.
- Membership social held at conference, sold 120 tickets, 96 came

Mike Peacock - 1VP

- Continuing to coordinate licensed Zoom accounts with chapters.
- Mike and Gabriella plan to call chapter presidents
- Coordinated with ch. Leaders regarding tables at the IC

Gabriela Villafradez - 2VP

- All active SIGs put ads in the IC program booklet; all SIG reports are available in HAN
- Chris Miller has stepped up to lead the RP SIG

Gabriela Villafradez - BGD Pres.

- Recent events: April hanbok walk in East Busan with a grant from Busan Global City Foundation - participants from other chapters are encouraged to join similar events in the future, workshop on June 6 (with research SIG) and 7, met with JALT Fukuoka Chapter to finalize preparation for joint symposium
- Upcoming events: August annual beach hop, Sept. networking event

Gabriela Villafradez - IC Chair

- Meerbek Kudaibergenov contributed the following notes about the 2026 IC.
    - Successes: 595 attendees, stayed on budget, presenters provided positive feedback
    - Challenges: financial turbulence - raising venue prices at the last minute, which raised expenses by 3 million won; some directors had multiple roles
- 2027 IC theme: "Hidden Dimensions of Educators: Shining a light on Identity, Labor, and Well-Being"; tentatively scheduled for May 15 (Teacher's Day) and 16

J. Tom Wyatt - Treasurer

- Taxes filed in April, CDS will go out the first week of July (includes 2025 Q4, 2026 Q1, and 2026 Q2)
- Daegu CDS will go to BGD
- Tom will prepare a CDS RAD for each chapter. Chapters can then add information about where the money should be sent (e.g., treasurer) and a signature.

David Shaffer - N&E Chair

- No changes in N&E Schedule
- Recommends making the IC Co-Chair an appointed position
- Seeking people to serve as Financial Committee Chair or Sponsorship Committee Chair

David Shaffer - Publications Comm.

- Published: HAN Spring 2026, TEC Spring, Proceedings 2025 Volumes 1 and 2, KTJ vol. 21(2), Scribes Square
- Forthcoming: HAN Summer 2026 (Deadline was June 25); KTJ 22(1), TEC 30(3), Proceedings 2026

Lindsay Herron on behalf of International Outreach Comm.

- Lindsay Herron is going to MELTA and ELTAM
- Talk to Victor ASAP if you want to represent KOTESOL at TESOL International next year; there is also an opportunity to represent KOTESOL at BELTA in Bangladesh

Lisa MacIntyre Park - JNJ President

- Recent events: April workshop, June workshop
- Upcoming events: July, August officers' meetings.
- Regional Conference Title: "Challenges and Opportunities for Provincial Education in Korea." Still accepting proposals

Lisa MacIntyre Park - Publicity Comm.

- Received over 40 publicity requests on the old form this spring
- A new form was created after IC; Link to the new form is on the report
- The team is seeking someone who is interested in platform analytics
- Publicity coordinators are encouraged to document links or screenshots to posted ads

Lindsay Herron on behalf of the Research Comm.

- The team selected a recipient of a 500,000-won research committee award

Eric Reynolds - Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres.

- Recent events: Games Day, April Spring Walk social event
- Upcoming events: August leadership retreat, September Chapter Picnic, November Thanksgiving Dinner, Year-end Celebration in December

Michael Free - Gangwon Pres.

- Recent events: April Zoom workshop

- Upcoming events: Planning events in August, one for university teachers and one for public school teachers

Maria Lisak - Gwangju-Jeonnam Pres

- Recent events: April workshop, May cultural event (May 18 Museum), June workshop
- Upcoming events: July coffee meetup, August picnic

Kristina Kauss - Gyeonggi Chapter Pres.

- Recent events: April Zoom Workshop, IC Recap Meeting, May Executive meeting, June BBQ
- Upcoming events: maybe a summer coffee meetup

Lindsay Herron on behalf of Sponsorship Comm.

- Our sponsors and the marketplace brought in about 4 million won in revenue

Chris Miller - Seoul Chapter Pres.

- Recent events: April hike, June Workshop
- Upcoming events: July 1 online workshop, Sept 19 - 5 speaker event
- Online events seem to get better attendance than in-person events

Scheduled Items

15:20 ***Motion 3:*** **That this council terminate our MOU with MAAL.**

The Macau Association of Applied Linguistics has not seemed active in the last 6 years.

Motion: David Shaffer ***Second:*** Michael Free **Yes:** 11 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 1

The motion passes at 15:25.

Follow up→ Contact MAAL, remove from list of partners online.

15:25 ***Motion 4:*** **That this council modify the KOTESOL student membership rate to 30,000 for full-time graduate students without full-time employment.**

The purpose of the motion is to encourage graduate students, particularly international students, to become members. Concerns were raised that defining and verifying full-time employment could be difficult. At this time, adding a check box about employment status to the registration form on the website would be cumbersome. Once the new website is available, we can check its capabilities. We can readdress this issue at the budget meeting in December when we approve membership rates.

The motion is withdrawn.

Old Business

Venue and dates for a 2026 National Conference have not yet been established.

New Business & Closing

Announcements:

Next HAN deadline: September 25

Next NC meeting: likely October 18

Elections: Nominations open September 1

ABM: November 1; Constitution/Bylaws amendment proposals due September 29 (with 5 endorsement signatures from current members) One suggested amendment is to designate Conference co-chair as

an appointed position. Another suggested amendment is to reduce the minimum number of chapter members to 10 (8 recommended by NC members in response to this suggestion).

Chapters are encouraged to maintain the presenters database. The link is in the National Council shared resources page.

We're currently seeking a Financial Affairs Committee chair and a Sponsorship Committee chair.

14:43 ***Motion 5*: Motion to adjourn**

Passes by consensus at 15:43.