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; late 2024 expected)
- MSEd 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)
- 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, 2024 ESBB International TESOL Conference & KOTESOL National Conference (2024)
- Immediate Past President (2017-2019; 2020-2022)
- Chair, Membership Committee (2013-present)
- Registration Director, KOTESOL International Conference (2013-2015, 2018-present)
- Editor, KOTESOL News (email newsletter; 2014-present)
- Presenter, KOTESOL Teacher Training Program (KTT; 2014-present)
- 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-present)
- 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 ELT-Related Service**

- Publications Director, AsiaTEFL (2022-present)
- Program Book Chair, AsiaTEFL International Conference (2020, 2023)
- Organizing Committee, Indiana University International Conference in LCLE (2020)

## Other ELT-Related Memberships and More

- Lifetime Member, AsiaTEFL (2017-present)
- Member, TESOL International (2015-2017, 2019-present)
- Member, American Educational Research Association (AERA), 2018-2020, 2022-present
- Member, National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), 2021-present
- Member, National Council of Teachers of English Assembly for Research (NCTEAR), 2018-2020, 2023-2024
- Certificate in ELT Leadership Management from TESOL International Association, 2014

#### **Candidate's Statement**

As is evident in my record of service, I'm pleased to assist KOTESOL in any way necessary, continuously striving to improve the organization and better serve its members. In the coming year, I'm happy to keep my hands on the helm, maintaining a course that is steady and true until a new potential president is ready to step into the role.

In my various KOTESOL positions over the years, I've always sought to improve the membership experience, facilitate communication, and increase KOTESOL's global visibility and reputation for professionalism. If elected, I plan to continue this tradition in the coming year, building on the foundations that have been laid. I will strive, as always, to maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and good value; to expand and diversify our organization's reach, visibility, and offerings; to respond effectively and flexibly to changes in the world as well as trends in ELT and professional development; to cultivate new leadership and renewed volunteerism in our organization; and to seek innovative ways for our organization to creatively and compassionately face the uncertainties of today while preparing for tomorrow. Looking forward to 2025, I am pleased to offer my services to our organization, aiding it in productively expanding while also providing positive, meaningful membership experiences for everyone.

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

Lindsay Herron

Gwangju National University of Education

September 8, 2024

Lindsay Herron

# **Endorsement for Lindsay Herron**

For the position of Korea TESOL President

September 23, 2024

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee Chair,

I am writing to endorse Lindsay Herron for the position of Korea TESOL national president for the coming term.

There is always so much to say about all of the contributions Lindsay makes and what they mean for our organization. This year I had the pleasure of serving as International Conference Committee chair. I had already served in various other roles throughout KOTESOL, but our international conference is our biggest event, and taking on this role was daunting. I felt reassured, however, that Lindsay was both serving as president, and ready to contribute in vital ways within the ICC, especially in her role as registration director. My sense of reassurance was not misplaced. I was deeply impressed once again with how Lindsay combines an acute attention to detail with a sharp sense of the big picture. She balances a focus on quality and excellence with a supportive and collaborative approach to our organization's work.

Lindsay's contributions to KOTESOL have been extensive, rigorous, and dynamic. She is an exceptional organizer and has a great ability to bring together people within and across various layers of KOTESOL, as well as between KOTESOL and our partner organizations. Under her leadership KOTESOL has not only been finding its feet post-pandemic, but has also been flourishing in new and exciting ways. I believe that with Lindsay serving another term in the role of president, we will continue to see the organization grow in new directions and connect with new people, and so I wholeheartedly recommend her candidacy to KOTESOL's membership.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hale

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English Language Teacher, Jeonnam Foreign Language High School

Chair, KOTESOL 2024

Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter

# **Endorsement for**

# **LINDSAY HERRON**

# for the Position of KOTESOL President (2024–2025)

I am pleased to endorse Lindsay Herron for the position of Korea TESOL president for the 2024–2025 term. Throughout her years as a KOTESOL member and officer, Lindsay has consistently exhibited exceptional leadership, strong organizational management skills, and an unwavering dedication to service. Her expertise in TESOL, combined with her managerial acumen, problem-solving abilities, and commitment to professional development, make her a superb candidate for any role within KOTESOL, including that of president.

Among the members eligible for this position, it is my opinion that there is no one more qualified or more willing to take on the role for the upcoming term. Her broad experience, including previous experience as president, have prepared her to lead our organization effectively in the coming year.

Lindsay has served KOTESOL with distinction at both the chapter and national levels in numerous capacities. At Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, she has served as treasurer and president among other roles. At the national level, she has served as Membership chair, ICC chair and co-chair, and NatCon chair (for the second time this year), to name a few. At this time, when the position of national treasurer is vacant, Lindsay has stepped up to handle some of the important responsibilities of that position also.

Under Lindsay's leadership, KOTESOL has moved forward, a testament to her qualifications and commitment. While she's been president, the KOTESOL Non-Discriminatory Policy was created, a new chapter has recently been formed (Incheon), three special interest groups have been founded (SJ, EJ, and WAGE SIGs), and partnerships with two domestic (ALAK, KATE) and four international teachers' associations (MELTA, BELTA, NELTA, and TEFLIN) have been entered into to expand KOTESOL's collaboration in ELT. I am confident that Lindsay is the best choice to lead KOTESOL through the 2024–2025 term of office, given the challenges and opportunities before us.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Lindsay Herron for the position of Korea TESOL president for 2024–2025.

September 5, 2024

Sincerely,

David E. Shaffer, PhD

Chosun University (rtd.)

Korea TESOL Member: 1993-Present

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to endorse Lindsay Herron, who is running for President of KOTESOL.

I have known Lindsay since I have been involved in KOTESOL since 2013. During that time, I have seen Lindsay rise to the occasion numerous times when the call was out for volunteers for this great organization. Lindsay has volunteered at both the chapter level and national levels in so many ways, including as President of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter and KOTESOL. I could try to list all the different things she has done for KOTESOL, but for the sake of brevity, I will refrain.

I have had the pleasure of serving as National Treasurer during her tenure as President of KOTESOL. Her service made my job better and she led with composure, compassion, and dedication. I have no doubt that she will continue to lead KOTESOL with the same wonderful traits.

In short, I think electing Lindsay to serve as President of KOTESOL would be beneficial to our organization, our members, and ELT in Korea in general.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Phillip Schrank (Member since 2013, Lifetime member)

**Chosun University** 

Former Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Treasurer

Former KOTESOL National Treasurer