

## **2002 Korea TESOL Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

**Time: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**Place: Sookmyung W. University**

**Outgoing President's Report:** President Robert Dickey called the meeting to order at approximately 4:47 p.m. , and about forty attendees were present. It was reiterated that the organization needed new officers and members to carry Korea TESOL forward. New SIG's were formed during the year , which the president acknowledged as being an extremely positive development . The SIG leaders were asked to work closely with the National Executive Council in providing a strong union with its members. Suggestions were made regarding the holding of the international conference at a large venue as to attract a greater number of attendees. The president requested that members continue to provide Korea TESOL with solid support as it had during this particular year.

The next item on the agenda was the recognition of this past year's officers. The president requested that this past year's officers come up to the stage to accept congratulations from the attendees. President Dickey recognized the effort of such officers and the Executive Council members. The 2002 KOTESOL President's Award was given to David Shaffer for his contribution beyond the call of duty.

**Outgoing Conference Chair Report:** The second speaker was the Conference Chair, Craig Bartlett. The difficulties and hard work involved in organizing the 10<sup>th</sup> Korea TESOL International Conference were mentioned. Craig Bartlett asked the incoming Conference Chair , Dr. Yangdon Ju , to help present KOTESOL certificates of recognition. These certificates were issued to members and officers who helped organize the conference. The certificates were presented to the following people: On-site Registration Coordinator David Berry, Registration Chief, Bea Kyung Hyong, Conference Program Committee Chair, Gerry Lassche , Conference Team member, Dr. Young Kyung Sook , Pre-registration Team member, Sharon Morrisson , Treasurer's Assistant , Roxanne Slovaniuk, Conference Team members, Sharon Fast and Mark Taylor, Technologies Liaison, Sean O' Connor, Conference Webmaster, Harry Hoffarth, Hycheon College Coordinator, Robert Gallagher, and Conference/ National Treasurer, David Shaffer.

**Treasurer's Report:** The third speaker was the National Treasurer, David Shaffer. There was mention of the 2002 KOTESOL budget being calculated in a different way because a percentage of the conference fees were paid in advance. It was stated that the chapter dues shares seemed at a low total because many chapter presidents had not requested their

respective amounts. The chapter representatives were reminded to request their dues shares before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002. The largest expense thus far, was incurred by the Publications Committee, the amount is 8,541,070 Korean won. As of May, 2002, Korea TESOL expenses were 55,625,000 Korean won, and the closing balance was 61,975,000 won. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, a surplus of 36,394,970 won was ascertained, the expenses up to that period totaled 27,524,755 won. The closing balance as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 was 93,970,646 won. It was stated that Korea TESOL's financial status is improving at a constant rate. A concern from one of the attendees was addressed regarding the future use of Korea TESOL funds. It was decided that future Executive Council meetings would take this issue into serious consideration.

**Elections / Nominations Chair Report:** The fourth speaker was the Elections/ Nominations Chair, James Gongwer. It was stated that 400 ballots were printed , and 150 ballots were cast. This accounts for an increase of 300% in voters from last year. It was maintained that the rise in number of people voting, and potential candidates can be attributed to the spirit in which the Elections/ Nominations Chair conducted his duties. The philosophy being that if one makes personal contact with potential leaders of a chapter or individual members , then these individuals may be motivated to run as candidates. Other members would take interest in the elections and be prompted to vote.

**The 2002 Korea TESOL Election results are as follows : (the elections were held during the conference) ,** Myung Jai Kang, was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Paul Mead was re-elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, David Shaffer was re-elected as Treasurer, Kevin Landry was elected as Secretary, Joseph Nicholas was elected as Elections/ Nominations Chair, and David Kim was elected as Conference Co-Chair. By natural succession Yandon Ju became Conference Chair, as he was Conference Co-Chair during this past year. Also, by natural succession Sangdo Woo becomes the incoming Korea TESOL President.

At approximately 5:31 p.m.,outgoing KOTESOL President Robert Dickey congratulated and welcomed this year's incoming KOTESOL President Sangdo Woo. Kevin Landry was simultaneously welcomed and asked to take over the secretarial duties of incoming secretary. President Sangdo Woo was asked to preside over the meeting at this point.

**Incoming KOTESOL President's Report:** President Sangdo Woo's first act as incoming Korea TESOL President was to present outgoing Korea TESOL President Robert Dickey with a commemorative plaque for his fine work and leadership during the past year. Robert Dickey was awarded Korea TESOL lifetime membership.

President Woo thanked Robert Dickey for contributing to Korea TESOL's success in 2002. President Woo acknowledged the treasurer's remark regarding KOTESOL excellent financial status at this point. He also mentioned that the "official partners" of KOTESOL , formerly known as the " associate members", would be willing to significantly contribute financially to KOTESOL to a much higher degree, with the stipulation that KOTESOL's Annual International Conference be held in a larger and more favorable venue. President Woo also alluded to changing the focus of the regional conferences held in the Jeolla and the Seoul/ Gyeonggi areas to two national conference foci in the future. President Woo maintained that he would ensure that continued cooperation exists among Executive Council members by keeping close communication with them.

President Woo then opened the floor to questions. One member expressed that the conference fees should be reduced , so as to encourage more members to attend. It was decided that the question would be addressed at future Executive Council meetings. A second question involved the need to update the Korea TESOL website. Robert Dickey suggested that more volunteers come forward to lend their time and energy to help improve the website. A third question about the changing of regional conference titles to national ones was entertained. Again, President Woo reiterated his previous remarks regarding this subject , and stated that he would consult the new Executive Council members about this issue. At this juncture in the meeting, no other questions were asked. President Woo moved for the meeting to be adjourned at approximately 5:57 p.m.. Craig Bartlett and James Gongwer simultaneously seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Nicholas  
Outgoing National Secretary

**<< Font changed &spacing adjusted for this PDF >>**