KOTESOL  
(Executive) Council Meeting  
September 26, 1998  
Hannam University, Taejon  

The meeting began at 1:45pm.

IN ATTENDANCE  
Carl Dusthimer  President  
Tom McKinney  Seoul Chapter President  
Technologies Committee Chair  
Kirsten Reitan  Taejon Chapter President  
Conference Chair  
Robert Dickey  Secretary  
Yeom Ji-sook  Treasurer  
Cho Sook-eun  Pusan Chapter President  
Steve Garrigues  Taegu Chapter President  
Tony Joo  General Manager  
Gavin Farrell  KTT Chair  

GUESTS  
Jane Hoelker, Pan Asia Publicity Chair  

SEUL CHAPET REPORT  
Tom McKinney reported that Seoul Chapter's move to Sookmyung Univ (as of July) was working out well. He asked if KOTESOL, on the national level, might be interested in a partnership with Sookmyung Univ's TESOL Center Library. After some discussion, a consensus was that we should seek a partnership allowing KOTESOL members visiting privileges (not "check-out" privileges). Tony Joo suggested institutional membership for Sookmyung should be free for such a partnership. It was pointed out that a KOTESOL membership card would be needed, Tony Joo and Robert Dickey will be working
on that prior to the conference. Carl Dusthimer will meet with Sookmyung's Dr. Lee, in hopes of formalizing a relationship that can be announced at the Conference.

Tom also pointed out that Seoul Chapter will be needing a new President, and they haven't yet found a candidate, though other offices seem to be ok. As outgoing President, he offered the following thoughts to improve the Chapters:

1. More support from the national for chapter-level events.
3. More commitment from chapter officers to the real necessities of chapter management.

Specific comment he offered included having something similar to SeoulBeats "Across the Nation" in TEC. That is, more clear information about chapter meetings, so people can travel to other chapters where interest warrants. He also seeks more frequent attendance by national officers at local meetings. Discussion of rotating Executive Council meeting, to immediately follow various chapter meetings, suggested that this was an issue to be further investigated. Tom also strongly stressed the need to separate national and chapter roles, and gave himself as one example: he feels he is Seoul Chapter President first, and Technologies Committee Chair second, since that is the historic order in which he took his responsibilities. He pointed out that the national council should not be stripping the chapters of their talent, since KOTESOL is essentially a grass-roots, chapter-based organization.

TAEJON CHAPTER REPORT

Kirsten Reitan reported that there were no chapter meetings during the summer break, and that they too are looking for officers. Last week there were 30 present at their chapter meeting, the largest number in quite some time. They were considering the possibility of a joint Chongju-Taejon Chapters Spring Drama Festival, since Chongju had spun off from Taejon Chapter.

Kirsten also offered to edit Chapter Reports for TEC after the conference, in part to help with the issue presented by Tom McKinney (above).

TAEGU CHAPTER REPORT

Steve Garrigues reported that Taegu Chapter was looking forward to hosting a conference, and in fact had started discussions with Pusan Chapter about the possibility of co-hosting.

PUSAN CHAPTER

Cho Sook Eun reported that Pusan was having no problems in recruiting officers for the next year, a number of this year's team planned to stay on, though in different positions, and other persons were also being discussed.

CHONGJU CHAPTER REPORT

Carl Dusthimer reported that Chongju was undergoing a leadership change, since Rodney Gillette had accepted a job in Fiji.

CHEJU CHAPTER REPORT

Carl Dusthimer reported that Cheju was active, though Mr. Hyun couldn't be at the meeting today. Will Tweedle has taken a job at Korea Maritime University in Pusan, so is no longer with Cheju.

KOJE (MINICHAPE??) REPORT

Carl Dusthimer reported that there had been a "pre-meeting" on Koje, with the idea of forming a sub-chapter of Pusan. There appears to be genuine interest, even though there are only 3 native-speakers of English on the
island. Gerry Lassche encouraged them to investigate the Tongmyoung area, which is nearby, for more members. Robert Dickey replied that in his conversations with Koje’s leader, she had pointed out that Tongmyoung people didn’t generally go to Koje, it was “the wrong direction.”

CHOLLA CHAPTER - No Report, a discussion.
During a discussion about Cholla Chapter, Carl Dusthimer pointed out that it was basically without officers since Mary Wallace had left Korea. Concern was voiced over the February mini-conference Cholla had successfully hosted the previous years. Kirsten pointed out that KAIST Language Center was interested in hosting a mini-conference. Dusty and Park Joo Kyung have planned to meet to discuss this situation in the coming weeks.

CHAPTER NEEDS
A short discussion about chapter needs pointed out the need to get faster membership information to the chapters from the conference database. It was also pointed out that chapters need to send the full membership payment to the bank account, not just half.

KTT REPORT
Gavin Farrell reported that the presentations at the July meeting of Taejon Chapter of KOSETA went well. They will be headhunting for more presenters at the Conference, where they will have a table, and also looking for places to do presentations. They will have a certificate for people who attend all four KTT presentations at the conference. Their immediate schedule includes a number of sessions at David English House, which will be divided into groups of Elementary, Middle, and High School teachers, at Min Byung Chul’s school (in-house teacher training), and Taejon-KOSETA’s Nov 7 meeting. They need to make a plan concerning their future incomes - teachers should be compensated for travel, at least, and they should balance free vs. paid sessions. A current benchmark is W10,000 per student per day.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
Robert Dickey reported that minutes continue to be sent via email, and no hardcopies prepared for meetings.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT
Tom McKinney stated that their committee needs people. He stated there were four priorities (though this was added to, RJD):
1. The Website - national pages, promotion of chapters, assisting with the conference
2. Database Management - coordination under the National Database Management Project
3. Hardware - distribution and cataloguing of KOTESOL equipment and software, handle maintenance concerns, special assistance for the conference
4. Electronic Media - oversee production of electronic media, eg: CDROM

Tom also pointed out that he will be gone from Korea in 1999, so there was a need to find a replacement for him. Furthermore, the KNUE server was flaky, lots of problems, so they were looking into using the free 10MB webpage space offered by Chollian as part of the email service KOTESOL buys.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
Tony Joo asked for permission to open a permanent KOTESOL bank account in Taejon, to be handed by Central Office staff. Robert Dickey pointed out that it was not required for the Treasurer to do the banking, as long as she could oversee the finances of the organization. It was agreed that the Central office should open an account.
CONFERENCE BUDGET REVISION

Kirsten passed out a modified budget. Her modifications to previous budgets were briefly discussed. She was advised that she did not need council approval, so long as things were basically on track with previous budgets. (Budget attached, not emailed.)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Yeom Ji Sook made the financial report. She advised that we should be able to pay all our bills available cash reserves, Conference would be ok with just the w5,000,000 advance they had already received. Kirsten Reitan confirmed that they would deposit their conference proceeds a few weeks after the conference. (Financial Report attached, not emailed.)

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Robert Dickey reported that the TEC was late, but in the mail due to Tony Joo’s super-efforts. It was late due to late submissions caused by the summer vacation, as well as some computer headaches, which we think are largely solved.

Carl Dusthimer and Tony Joo reported that the Journal would be ready for the Conference.

Kirsten Reitan reported that the Conference Proceedings deadline will be November 30, and that Robert Dickey will handle it after Kirsten receives the submissions.

ELECTIONS

Robert Dickey announced that an announcement for nominations is in TEC. Kirsten Reitan stated that the ballots would be in the attendee bags. A discussion determined that Robert Dickey would ensure that posters reminding attendees to VOTE would be placed around the building. Election will close at noon on Sunday, winners announced at the “Meet the President” session on Sunday at 4pm. Kirsten Reitan will prepare a big ballot box, to be placed at the Information Desk. Robert Dickey will prepare ballots based on nominations, with a blank for write-ins.

MEMBERSHIPS

Carl Dusthimer announced that this would be a topic for the Leadership Retreat, planned to be held in Taejon at the same place as last year. Areas of interest include teachers at Elementary, Secondary, University and Institute levels, students, group memberships, and Corporate-employee memberships, as well as confirmation of the current fee structure.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Scheduled for December 5-6. Carl Dusthimer asked each Chapter President to bring a non-involved (at the national level) member, in hopes of developing more national resources. This should be someone with Chapter-level commitments, in keeping with the chapter-support ideas presented earlier by Tom McKinney. Also attending will be Council members, Chapter President, and guests invited by the President. Chapter and division (KTT, PAC2, book project) budgets will be required. It was agreed that KOTESOL should fund NSIGs as well, that it was a mistake to not fund them in the past. Fundraising as a national priority will be discussed as well.

BOOK PROJECT

The book is in editing, perhaps to be ready for TESOL ’99 (New York).
CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday night special events were cancelled. Robert Dickey requested that they consider a small reception/snack gathering to welcome folks coming in the night before the conference. Kirsten Reitan promised to investigate, said there could be a budget of up to w300,000 for such. Saturday has been changed to a showcase of student talent, including Latin Dancers. Also a group of English Teachers doing Keltic singing.

FULBRIGHT ETAS

Carl Dusthimer will meet with Fulbright representatives to discuss how they can best be included in the conference. It was agreed that we could offer them the same membership package as on offer for Elementary teachers (w60,000), or a non-membership registration only for about w35,000. Could also offer a small table, and a few unpublicized session of their own. Details and discretion left to Dusthimer in his dealings with them.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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