National Council Meeting Minutes

To: Phil Owen, President

From: Dionne Silver, Secretary

CC: Marilyn Plumlee, Past President; Tory Thorkelson, 1st VP; Jake Kimball, 2nd VP; David Shaffer, Treasurer

Date: August 30, 2008


Meeting Minutes:

3:30 Call to order and Opening Comments

3:34 Reading and adoption of previous meeting minutes. No issues arising from minutes.
Motion by Steve Garrigues made to adopt minutes.
Seconded by Tory Thorkelson
Vote result: 9 Approval, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions

3:35 Treasurer’s Report by David Schaffer, Treasurer (see report also)

3:38 President’s Report by Phil Owen (see report also)
• 2006 Audit Report: The full audit report was not available for the Council to view. It was suggested that the committee needs to see the full report, then printed in TEC. An internal audit of the 2007 books is being arranged with Tim Whitman.
• One Concern: Lack of visible Koreans in the KOTESOL leadership was brought up and discussed.

3:48 1st VP’s Report by Tory Thorkelson (see report also)
• Franklin-TESOL Spelling Bee: Organization of this event is moving forward.
• Publications Chair: Bill Snyder is no longer KOTESOL Publications Chair. However, Grace Wang is interested in the position as a possible managing editor or something similar.

3:51 2nd VP Report by Jake Kimball (not present, no report submitted)
• **Franklin-TESOL Spelling Bee** (as reported by Phil) This Bee will be for Junior HS students. They have completed the selection of the 8 schools that will participate. The top 8 schools happened to be in Seoul this year. Hoping to expand this next year. Tried to keep it small for the first year. Scheduling logistics were discussed that students are hoping to be chosen by April 2009 so that the students can go to Washington DC by August 2009.

3:54

**Conference Committee** by Rob Dickey (also see report)
- **Website**: Still in development. More information will be uploaded this weekend.
- **Timetable**: Saturday lunch is dosirak in featured sessions. There is a proposal to start 3 minutes earlier on Sunday. There will be a speaker during the Saturday evening banquet, Marti Anderson.
- **Speakers**: Mary Slattery is no longer speaking on Sunday at 3:30pm. Conference committee would like to get a new speaker.
- **Posters**: Have more than needed. Every TEC will include a small poster and brochure. Suggestion was made to send a small poster to each school.
- **Pre-Conference Event**: There will be a pre-conference visit on Friday afternoon to an English Village.

4:01

**OPs Liaison** by Rob Dickey (see report also)
- **Listing of OPs**:
  - 2 new donators: Bridge Learning (previously Houghton Mifflin), Oxford e-public
  - 17 Associates
  - 6 Teacher/Training Associates: School of Teaching ESL is new
  - Had inquiries from Kongbuk Y-TESOL program
  - Louisa made an announcement that she is open for ideas for next year’s conference theme and presenters. Send her your ideas and recommendations.
  - Suggestion was made to look for an International Conference Liaison (works with other EFL organizations, attends conferences, gathers information, etc.)

4:10

**Nomination/Elections Committee** by Aaron Jolly (had to leave early)
- Have a candidate for every office; 2 for Secretary.
- Idea that we have no Publicity or Domestic Relations Committee Chairs yet was brought up during this time. If have suggestions, please make them known. It was suggested that having one person do both chairs would also make it easier.

4:15

**Research Committee** by Dave Shaffer (see report also)
- One research grant was given. One is still available to use. Suggestion was made that it could be used for the Spring 2009 National Conference. Another suggestion was made to put an ad about the research grant on the website at the same time as the Call for Papers.
- Four grants @ 200,000won are available
• Suggestions were requested as to ways to allocate funds from the budget to individual grant awardees.

4:18 Technologies Committee
• Have had a little trouble with hackers on the website. If you have trouble with anything on the website, feel free to call John.
• No matter what John’s job location in Korea, the KOTESOL website will be kept up somehow.

(National Council Committees that did not report because no representative was present: International Relations, Domestic Relations, Publicity, Publications, Membership)

4:21 Chapter Reports: (also see report handed in before conference, unless otherwise noted)
• Busan-Gyeongnam: No rep, No report sent
• Daegu-Gyeongbuk: The chapter was invited to participate in the 1st Annual English Festival of Daegu sponsored by the city of Daegu. 50-60 people turned out. The city wants to make it an annual event and have KOTESOL participate.
• Daejeon-Chungnam: See report
• Gangwon: No rep, No report sent
• Gwangju-Jeonnam: See report
• Jeju: No rep; no report sent
  o Currently have 25 members on due share
• Jeonju-North Jeolla: See report
• Seoul: Trying to have quality presenters at workshops. Next month will have Scott Miles and Aaron Jolly presenting on Extensive Reading.
• Suwon-Gyeonggi: No rep, no report sent

4:27 Old Business:
• Proposal 1: Sunday-only Graduate Students (incl. TESOL certificate program candidates) in Korean Universities walk-in registration of 10,000won. Add to the budget a line item “conference committee” budget income allocation of 50@10,000won.
  o Proposed: Rob Dickey
  o Seconded: Steve Garrigues
  o Approval: 11, Opposition: 1, Abstention: 0
  o Motion carries
• Proposal 2: Office of Education group registration of 8 or more teachers/administrators, all of whom can show/confirm employment status at check-in, at 25,000won each.
  o Proposed: Rob Dickey
  o Seconded: Bob Capriles
  o Approval: 12, Opposition: 0, Abstention: 0
  o Motion carries

4:47 New Business:
• Drupal: Dave Addressed issues with sending out member renewal emails. And making sure membership dates stay on site user list. Need time to work on this as well as a membership chair to oversee it.

• National Conference: Daejeon-Chungcheong chapter has agreed on the budget, time, place, date and theme. Council would like to know the details of the budget since it is contributing money to the conference.
  o Motion: Accept that the Daejeon-Chungcheong KOTESOL chapter host the 2009 National Conference based on the amendments proposed by the review committee and discussed with the Daejeon-Chungcheong committee members.
    Proposed by Tory, Seconded by Bob.
  o Move that motion be amended that the budget be approved with the following change: any surplus in revenue exceeding 1 million won be shared equally with KOTESOL National Treasury in partial reimbursement of the National grant.
    ▪ Motion amendment Proposed: Rob Dickey
    ▪ Seconded: Steve Garrigues
    ▪ Approved: 11, Opposed: 1, Abstained: 0
    ▪ Motion Carries

Entire motion with amendment:
  • Proposed: Tory Thorkelson
  • Seconded: Bob Capriles
  • Approved: 12, Opposed: 0, Abstained: 0
  • Motion Carries

5:25 Motion: The KOTESOL President of Nov 2008 should appoint an executive to the National Conference Committee.
  • Proposed: Rob Dickey
  • Seconded: Dave Shaffer
  • Approved: 2, Opposed: 4, Abstained: 4
  • Motion does not pass

5:47 Motion: That the President be empowered with the authority to award, with the agreement of the National council, lifetime KOTESOL membership to past presidents of KOTESOL, and to KOTESOL members who have contributed outstanding service to KOTESOL over an extended period of time.
  • Proposed: Dave Shaffer
  • Seconded: Marilyn Plumlee
  • Approved: 7, Opposed: 3, Abstained: 1
  • Motion Carries

6:15 Motion: That the President may appoint an assistant to the National Treasurer.
  • Proposed: Bob Capriles
  • Seconded: Louisa Kim
  • Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstained: 4
  • Motion Carries
6:25 **Motion:** That the “Franklin Spelling Bee” be created in the national budget and 350,000 be allocated to this budget item.

- **Proposed:** Dave Shaffer
- **Seconded:** John Phillips
- **Approved:** 10, **Opposed:** 0, **Abstained:** 2
- **Motion Carries**

6:32 Leadership Retreat Date to be determined.

**Next meeting:** At ABM meeting, Sunday afternoon of the KOTESOL International Conference. Time and Place TBD. Before next meeting, submit reports and motions.

Thanks for all your hard work!!

6:35 **Motion** to adjourn by Phil Owen

**Seconded** by Tory Thorkelson

**Voting results:** unanimous, no oppositions, no abstentions.

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