



Korea TESOL Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

2024.11.01 (Friday, 1st November 2024)

Time: 19:00 to 19:39 KST

Location: Zoom

Present

Lindsay Herron
Heidi Nam
Lisa MacIntyre Park
Rhea Metituk
Mike Peacock
Anika Casem
J. Tom Wyatt
Rhett Burton
Stafford Lumsden
Gabriela Villafradez
Wesley Martin
Bryan Meadows
Robert Dickey (from 19:15)
Dave Shaffer (from 19:23)
Victor Reeser (from 19:27)

Opening

12 Present at call to order.

All members are able to vote.

19:00 Meeting is called to order

19:02 **Motion 1: That the agenda be adopted.**

Result: *Passes by consensus*

19:03 **Motion 2: That the minutes of the last ABM (November 1, 2023) be approved and posted to the KOTESOL website with edits allowed for spelling, grammar, etc.**

Result: *Passes by consensus*

Reports and updates

19:03 Reports

Treasury (Lindsay Herron)

- Vivi Soyeon Gallo is our bookkeeper
- No treasurer at present
- Chapter Dues Shares (CDS) up-to-date

- Exchange rate has not been changed (1,250 KRW =1 USD)
- Detailed financial information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/Treas-ABM2024>

Financial Affairs (J. Tom Wyatt)

- Most of 2023 audit complete; 2024 started; no irregularities found

Nominations & Elections (Anika Casem)

- 430 eligible voters, 130 ballots cast

2024 Election Results:

President: Lindsay Herron - 122 votes, 7 write-ins

First Vice President: Mike Peacock - 121 votes, 4 write-ins

Second Vice President: Wesley Martin - 120 votes, 3 write-ins

Secretary: Heidi Vande Voort Nam - 122 votes, 3 write-ins

Treasurer: No Nominee; 17* write-ins

ICC co-chair: No nominee; 20* write-ins

Nominations and Elections Chair: David Shaffer - 120 votes, write-ins

* threshold not met to attain position; declared vacant

President (Lindsay Herron)

- Year in Review: 427 members, 55 Chapter/SIG events since January, 20+ publications, 15 International partners, 9 active SIGs, 8 domestic partners, 1 new chapter
- Events since last ABM: KOTESOL National Conference, KOTESOL Connections Day 2023, Chapter Leaders' Retreat, 31st Korea TESOL International Conference, The Social@KOTESOL2024, 2024 ESBB International conference and Kotesol National Conference, 2024 national elections
- 31st Korea TESOL International Conference: 400+ participants, 145 sessions, 25 countries represented, 14 invited speakers
- Awards: KTJ research paper of the year - Nicolas E. Caballero & Meghan Yu; TEC article of the year - Steven Adoranti; KOTESOL Proceedings best paper - Yutaka Fujieda, Reflective Language Teacher of the Year - Jake Kimball
- 2024 EBB International Conference and KOTESOL National Conference: 210 participants, 118 sessions, 24 countries represented, 20 invited speakers
- International partnerships: Reps at 2024 IC from ELTAM, ETA-ROC, HAAL, JALT, MELTA, PALT, ThaiTESOL, TEFLIN, BELTA (online only); our reps sent to ThaiTESOL, JALT, ETA-ROC, CAMTesol, TEFLIN, Mongolia TESOL/ELTAM
- Domestic Partners: 8 partners; Korea Association of Secondary English Education (KASEE) is a new domestic partner; ALAK and KAFLA were represented at our IC, our rep sent to ALAK (online only)
- Membership Committee: organized TheSocial@KOTESOL2024; purchased new name card cases and notebooks; arranged discounts on IATEFL membership renewal, ZenKimchi Tours, Twinkl Ultimate; provided complimentary booth space at IC
- Publications: 2 issues of KTJ published, KTJ moving online in 2025; 4 issues of TEC published, Proceedings 2023 published; Scribes' Square published; KOTESOL News published monthly; 3 issues of HAN published
- New this year: HAN publication, Canva Pro Account, YLT SIG, Incheon Chapter
- Coming soon: KOTESOL Connections Day, New International Partnerships, New SIG, new branded items, new website, International Conference 2025 - May 10,11

Unfinished business

There is no identified unfinished business from the previous ABM.

New business

David Shaffer and Victor Reeser arrive.

19:22 **Motion 3: That the proposed amendments to [Articles III and IV](#) of the bylaws are adopted to make conference co-chair an appointed rather than elected position.**

Currently, elections are held in the fall, and the International Conference is held in the spring, which means that the co-chair will serve for only a few months before the International Conference. The proposed amendment would allow the National Council to appoint a Co-Chair at least 8 months before the International Conference. The Co-Chair would ascend to Chair following the International Conference. It was suggested that the National Council issue a call for Co-Chair nominations before making an appointment.

A ⅔ majority of those present (9/15) is necessary to pass the amendment.

Yes: 8 No: 2 Abstain: 5

Result: *The amendment fails at 19:34*

Awards

19:35 Awards

Service Awards

Allison Bill, Anika Casem, Tyler Clark, Robert Dickey, Bryan Hale, Virginia Hanslien, André Jacobs, James Kimball, Ju Seong Lee, Maria Lisak, Kara Mac Donald, Lisa MacIntyre-Park, Rhea Metituk, Heidi Nam, Mike Peacock, John Phillips, Reece Randall, Victor Reeser, David Shaffer, Tory Thorkelson, Daniela Trinks, Andrew White, Tom Wyatt

Stepping up Awards

Victor Reeser

Meritorious Service Award

Bryan Hale, James Kimball, Rhea Metituk, Heidi Nam, Mike Peacock

Outstanding Service Award

Rob Dickey, Kara Mac Donald, John Phillips, David Shaffer, Andrew White

Lifetime Service Award

Rob Dickey

Announcements and adjournment

- 19:38 Announcements
- KOTESOL Connections Day TBA
 - Committee Chair approvals at budget meeting TBA
 - IC Call for proposals is open

19:39 **Motion 4: Motion to adjourn**

Result: *passes by consensus*