KOREA TESOL
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
October 16, 2016
Sookmyung University Gemma Hall

Call to Order:

President Lindsay Herron  4:05  (24 members in attendance.)

>> President reminds all that an abstention is equivalent to a “Nay” due to the constitutional passage requirements. Colored paper has been provided to members, please raise at time of votes-counting.

Adoption of the Agenda:

clarification – there is time for question and answers on the Bylaws amendments votes. 10 minutes, one minute each speaker (alternating pro & con), plus questions. Adopted by Consensus.

Adoption to the Minutes from 2015:

allowing for typographical/grammatical corrections.  Adopted by Consensus

Reports of the Officers:

- Treasurer (Handouts)  518 total memberships as of today. Discussion on past savings accounts.
- International Conference Committee chair & co-chair busy with conference breakdown, but Lindsay reports 840-850 attendance (subject to final verification)
- President  great conference, everyone has worked hard to cut back expenses while maintaining top-quality services… New group membership, with 2 groups and 19 members in this year’s try-out program. Question from audience on Audit / Finance Committee. All invited to attend Leadership Retreat, not limited to invitations as in the past.
- Elections Report by Mike Peacock, Allison Bill, and Bill Mulligan (only candidates with more than 8 votes are listed here)

78 ballots cast online, 38 Ballots cast onsite: Final votes cast: 116

1VP  David E. Shaffer  104
2VP  Ingrid Zwaal  103
Treasurer  Phillip Schrank  102
Secretary
  - Christopher Miller  61
  - Martin Todd  31
  - Susan Kang  8
Nominations & Elections  Michael Peacock  104
International Conference Co-chair  Kathleen Kelley  14 *

(see footnote below signature on this document)
Request made by David Kim for KOTESOL to look into the question of those not receiving ballots.

Motion to accept the results of the elections. Seconded. 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.

Amendments Proposed to the Bylaws (published online more than 30 days in advance, 60% approval requirement).

Item 1.
Addition to Bylaws Article VI. Chapters.
Section 6. A Chapter shall upon request by the President or Council prepare and submit in a timely manner chapter reports to the Council, detailing professional development, financial, or other activities of the Chapter.

Discussion, Q&A. 17 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention. Amendment passes.

Item 2.
Addition to Bylaws Article IV. The Council.
Section 7. Urgent Matters. Electronic Motions may be entertained, discussed, and voted upon by the National Council. Electronic motions require (a) an email submitted to the President and Secretary stating the definitive motion and the need for urgency; (b) the name, email address, and telephone number of the maker of the motion and a second; and (c) acceptance by two of three among the President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President of the urgency of the motion. At least one week prior to the announced voting date, the motion under discussion must be posted online for review by KOTESOL members. The posting must include the voting date and discussion/vote media. Motions proposed electronically must receive approval from a majority of National Council members eligible to vote in order to pass. All votes shall be entered into the minutes of the subsequent National Council meeting as the first item(s) under “Old Business.”

Discussion, Q&A. 16 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions. Amendment passes.

Item 3.
Revision to Bylaws Article IX. Audits.
The current Article IX of the Bylaws is revised to read as follows:

Article IX. Reports and Audits.
Section 1. Quarterly financial reports (in full) of National finances be produced and be uploaded to the KOTESOL website and be made accessible to members. And members shall be notified of the availability of financial reports.
Section 2. An audit of the financial transactions of KOTESOL shall be performed at least (but not limited to) once a year as directed by the Council.

Discussion, Q&A. 4 in favor, 14 opposed, 5 abstentions. Amendment fails.

Unfinished Business: None
New Business:

David Kim moves that members, if they request a full financial report, be provided full financial report by the treasurer. Motion fails for lack of a second.

Awards:

KOTESOL Meritorious Service Awards:

- Heidi Nam, Grace Wang, Virginia Hanslien, Robert Kim

KOTESOL Outstanding Service Awards:

- Jamie Carson, Sean O’Connor, Michael Free, Michael Peacock, Robert Dickey, John Phillips, Julian Warmington, Maria Pinto

President’s Service Awards:

- Dr. Kara Mac Donald, Dr. David Shaffer

Announcements:

Next meeting of national council probably at Leadership Retreat.

Phil Owen’s award, presented at National Conference prior to his departure, is noted by Tory Thorkelson

Motion to Adjourn: Adopted by consensus. 5:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Dickey
Interim Secretary

Footnote (added October 20, 2016) --

A total of 34 valid votes were cast for the office of International Conference Committee Co-Chair, thereby meeting the 25% minimum votes cast rule as specified in KOTESOL Bylaws article VI section 2. (RJD)