New Officers Elected

1989 AETK Annual Business Meeting

The Association of English Teachers in Korea held its 1989 Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, October 22, at the Hilton Hotel in Seoul. The meeting was held at the conclusion of the second annual AETK Conference and Book Fair.

The following persons were elected to serve as members of the AETK Council until the next Annual Meeting in 1990:

- President: Marie Fellbaum, English Language and Literature Department, Chungang University, Seoul.
- Vice President: Kim Nam Soon, Department of English Education, Han Nam University, Taejon.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Jake Aller, English Department, Kyunghee University, Seoul, and Korean Institute for Economics and Technology, Seoul.

In a special action, Margaret Elliott (Department of English Language and Literature, Han Nam University, Taejon) was also chosen to serve as a member of the AETK Council in order to fill the position usually held by the immediate past president.

John Harvey (Sogang University Institute for English as an International Language, Seoul) remains on the AETK Council as Member-at-Large 1988-1990, having been named in June as a replacement for William Burns.

In other business, there was also a discussion of the formation of a special committee to deal with questions related to the development of local AETK groups and revision of the Constitution and Bylaws.

The formation of a new AETK group in Seoul will be discussed at the meeting on November 18 at the Sogang Institute for English as an International Language after the presentation by Ronald and Suzanne Scollon (see the Calendar of Events, page 2).

From the President’s Desk

As the 1988-89 term comes to an end, we can be proud of its successful accomplishments. Last year’s goals were relatively small, but nonetheless significant. After a year of struggle, Korea now has a growing, dynamic new group of English teachers in Taejon, Pusan hosted its first annual Bookfair/conference, and Seoul held its first bookfair in the Fall of 1988 followed by an even larger Bookfair/conference in the Fall of 1989. Now, we are off to a fresh start for the 1989-90 year. The new slate of officers and the make-up of the AETK Council is in itself testimony to the changes begun last year and the future direction of AETK. We now have officers on the Council from the entire country, not just Seoul, two representing the newest group in Taejon. New groups are forming in Seoul, Pusan, and the Southeast area. A variety of interests in language and language teaching are represented by Council members: applied linguistics, higher education, adult education, business, and program administration. Most exciting are the years of experience the officers bring to the organization from administration, research, teaching, and even Peace Corps service in Korea.

These years of experience are proof of each individual Council member’s past accomplishments, and their pasts are the motivation for their eagerness and willingness to project AETK into the 90’s with a strong and capable start. Now is the time for each member to be more vocal about your interests, needs, and criticisms. Tell us what you like, so we can expand and improve it. Tell us what you don’t like so we can work together to make the desired changes. If you want help in starting a new chapter in your area, we can provide help in finding speakers, administrative guidebooks, and mailing lists of English programs in your local area. Write, call, or talk to any member of the Council. All of your input is especially important this year while we are drafting the document which will outline responsibilities and relationships between potential chapters in Korea and the national TESOL affiliate, AETK. The Council will be holding its second meeting on Saturday, November 25 in Taejon. We look forward to hearing from you.  

—Marie Fellbaum
The Association of English Teachers in Korea (AETK), a TESOL affiliate, was formed in November 1981 to promote scholarship, strengthen instruction, foster research, disseminate information and facilitate cross-cultural understanding among professional persons concerned with foreign-language teaching and learning in Korea. Membership is open to all who support the Association’s goals.

AETK Bulletin, published as a service to members and available through joining the Association, welcomes articles and announcements in English concerning all aspects of foreign language teaching and learning relevant to Korea. All material should be neatly typed and should follow the APA style used in the TESOL Quarterly. The Editor reserves the right to make editorial changes to enhance clarity or style; authors will be consulted only when substantial editing is needed. The deadlines for each issue are:

- January issue: Nov. 15
- March issue: Jan. 15
- May issue: Mar. 15
- July issue: May 15
- September issue: July 15
- November issue: Sept. 15

New Council Holds First Meeting

The new AETK Council met on October 22 after the Annual Business Meeting and decided to explore the possibility of jointly hosting a summer symposium/conference with JALT and other Pacific area TESOL groups. Dr. Kim Byong Won was designated, at the invitation of JALT, to represent AETK at the JALT conference in November, and will report back to the Council at its November meeting. The Council will have its November meeting in Taejon on November 25 at 12:00 noon.

Please send membership applications, dues payments and change of address notices to Jake Aller, the new AETK Secretary-Treasurer, at the address shown at the right:

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