# Bryan Hale

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# Candidate for Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter President

#### Candidate Statement

I am running for the position of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL chapter president for 2023.

For the past two years I have served as national KOTESOL president. My experience at the national level during challenging times has reinvigorated my conviction that creating community at the chapter level is the lifeblood of our organization. Inevitably, chapter activities and membership have decreased somewhat during the pandemic, throughout KOTESOL. Our chapter has a strong history of providing monthly professional development events. If I am elected, I will endeavor to keep that tradition alive, through both established and innovative formats.

I believe that my leadership style is considerate, solicitous, open, and inclusive, and that such an approach will help our chapter to adapt to the changing professional development needs of Gwangju-Jeonnam's English language teachers in this decade. I am excited about the prospect of seeking creative ways to connect with and serve our community. I am confident that I will be able to work incredibly well with the candidates running for other chapter officer roles. I am and will continue to be passionate about our chapter.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hale

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### Education

- ♦ Master of Applied Linguistics (TESOL), University of New England (New South Wales, Australia; 2020)
- ❖ Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, University of New England (New South Wales, Australia; 2004)
- ❖ CELTA, International House Sydney (2010)

## Teaching Experience

- ❖ Jeonnam Foreign Language High School, Jeollanam-do (2022 present)
- ❖ Yeongam High School, Jeollanam-do (2017 2021)
- ❖ Sunkyung Foreign Language Institute, Gwangju (2014 2016)
- ❖ Shinan Middle School, Gyeonggi-do (2012 2013)

#### **KOTESOL** Service

### National

- Publicity Committee Chair (2023)
- President (2021 2022)
- ❖ First Vice-President (2020)
- ❖ Co-facilitator, Reflective Practice Special Interest Group (2016 2020)
  - ➤ Co-organizer, Day of Reflection 2019
  - ➤ Co-organizer, Day of Reflection 2017

### Chapter

- President, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2019 2020)
- ❖ Treasurer, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2018)
- ♦ Membership Coordinator, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter (2015 2016)
- ❖ Lifetime Member, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

#### **Awards**

- Outstanding Service Award 2020
- ❖ Meritorious Service Award 2019
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