

I, Phillip Gary Schrank, wish to be a candidate for the Treasurer position for KOTESOL's Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter.

I believe, based on my history of exceptional service to KOTESOL, and especially due to my experience serving as the National Treasurer of KOTESOL for over 2 years, that I am well suited to serve the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter as Treasurer. I have a keen understanding of the overall workings of KOTESOL's finances and will use that knowledge to faithfully and honestly manage the finances of the Gwangju-Jeonnam chapter.

I have been a member of KOTESOL since 2013 and am a Lifetime Member. Through KOTESOL's professional development and networking opportunities, I have been able to enhance my teaching and writing abilities, and I have been able to grow as an educator and as a person. Even though I now teach and research outside the realm of English Education, I still teach using English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI), and count KOTESOL as vital to my continued success.

While KOTESOL has given so much to me both professionally and personally, I have tried to give back to KOTESOL by volunteering in the following roles:

- National Treasurer (2016-2018; 2019-2020; 2022-Present)
- International Conference Financial Affairs Team (2016-2017)
- Content Based Instruction Special Interest Group Facilitator (2015-2018)
- International Conference Registration Manager (2013; 2019)
- *The English Connection* Associate Editor (2013-2014)

Additionally, I have been honored to accept the following from KOTESOL:

- Service Award (Gwangju-Jeonnam chapter), 2019; 2021
- Meritorious Service Award, 2018
- Outstanding Service Award, 2017
- Certificate of Service, 2017
- Certificate of Appreciation, 2016

I came to Korea in 2009 after a 5-year career working in Financial and Fiscal Affairs for a private university. I spent my first 4 years living and working as an English Teacher in Gwangju for several Hagwons and finally as a NEST at Salesio Elementary School. I then moved to Seoul for 5 years where I was a lecturer at the Korea Military Academy in the Department of English. While in Seoul, I completed coursework for a PhD in International Relations. I am now ABD for that PhD and have moved back to Gwangju to take a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Diplomacy at Chosun University. I have a BA in History and Broad Field Social Sciences from Wisconsin Lutheran College and an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from Arizona State University. In addition to KOTESOL, I am also a member of the International Studies Association, Korea International Studies Association, Korean Association of Local Government Studies, and the Association for Political Theory.

Sincerely,



Phillip Gary Schrank