

# David E. Shaffer

Candidate for **Vice President**, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL

I am seeking re-election as chapter vice president for another term. Drawing on my extensive leadership experience at both the chapter and national levels, I am confident that my skills will contribute effectively to my role as vice president, aiding the president in various assigned responsibilities. My previous positions as chapter president and national president, along with other national-level committee-chair roles, have equipped me with valuable experience that will greatly benefit me in fulfilling the duties of chapter vice president.

Recognizing that chapters are the foundation of KOTESOL, I emphasize the significance of maintaining their strength. The challenges created by the pandemic have impacted our chapter's membership and activities. I am committed to revitalizing our chapter by working towards increasing membership through offering engaging events.

In collaboration with the president, I aim to ensure the organization of high-quality presentations for our monthly meetings and diligently prepare for chapter events. Additionally, I am ready to support the president in any projects assigned to the vice president.

My in-depth knowledge of chapter affairs and KOTESOL as a whole, combined with an understanding of Korea, Korean culture, and Koreana, position me to serve the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter effectively.

I pledge to dedicate my best efforts as vice president to foster the continued growth of our chapter, aiming for it to remain one of the strongest and most active chapters within KOTESOL.

December 3, 2024

Sincerely,



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## Biographical Information

### **Dr. David Shaffer**

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#### **KOTESOL SERVICE**

##### **— Chapter Level**

1. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President (2009-2016);
2. Vice-President (2016-present).
3. Conference Comm. (Chair, 2011-2016; Member 2005-2009, 2017-2018; Jeolla Chair [site], 2004; Site Coordinator, 2002-2003)
4. Program Coordinator (2009-2017)
5. Newsletter Editor (2009-2019);
6. Webeditor (2009-2021);
7. Chapter Advisor (2005-2009).
8. Presenter: Chapter Workshops & Conferences, Natl. & Intl. Conferences, KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT). (1998-present; 130+ presentations at KOTESOL events)

##### **— National Level**

1. Publications Committee Chair (2013–2017; 2019–present).
2. National Nominations and Elections Committee Chair (2020–2022, 2024–present)
3. National President (2017–2019).
4. Immediate Past President (2019–2020).
5. National First Vice-President (2015–2017).
6. National Conference Co-Chair (2016).
7. National Treasurer (2001–2009).
8. International Conference Committee, director-level positions (2001–present).
9. Research Committee Chair (2006–2009).
10. *The English Connection* (TEC): Deputy/Associate Editor (2004–2011), Advisor (2011–2012), Production Editor (2017–present), and other positions.
11. *KOTESOL Proceedings*: Editor-in-Chief / aka Supervising Editor (1999, 2001, 2003–present), Assoc. Editor (2002), and other positions.
12. *Korea TESOL Journal*: Assoc. Editor (2013–present), Board Member & Editor (2000–2010), and other positions.
13. KOTESOL Committee Memberships: National Conference Comm. (2006, 2009–2010, 2012–2016), Membership Comm. (2009–10, 2012–13), Financial Affairs (2011–2013, 2018, 2023), Publicity Comm. (2013), Research Comm. (2009–2011, 2017–23), Intl. Outreach Comm. (2011, 2014–2019).
14. KOTESOL Web Calendar of Events Editor (2013–present).
  - KOTESOL Member (since 1993), KOTESOL Lifetime Member (present).

#### **EDUCATION**

1. PhD, Linguistics, Chosun University (1990).
2. MA, Linguistics (Engl. & Korean), Chosun U. (1980).
3. TESOL Adv. Grad. Certificate, Chosun U. (2009).
4. BS, Education, The Pennsylvania State University.

## **AWARDS (KOTESOL)**

1. KOTESOL President's Plaque (2019).
2. Korea TESOL President's Award (2002-2023 multiple awards).
3. Korea TESOL Lifetime Achievement Award (2011).
4. Korea TESOL ICC Outstanding Service Award (2013).
5. KOTESOL Outstanding Service Award (2004, 2012, 2023).
6. KOTESOL Meritorious Service Award (2002, 2010, 2012, 2013).
7. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Service Award (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023).

## **AWARDS (General)**

1. Gwangju Intl. Center Plaque of Appreciation (2021, for service as Board Chair)
2. ROK Order of Merit – conferred by ROK President (2015).
3. AsiaTEFL Outstanding Service Award [for 2003–2017] (2017).
4. ROK Minister of Home Affairs Commendation (1984).
5. KATE Plaque of Appreciation (2002, for service as Board Member)
6. Chosun University Meritorious Service Plaque (2015, CU Foundation).
7. Chosun University Distinguished Service Plaque (2015, CU President).
8. Chosun University Service Awards: 20 yrs. (1996), 30 yrs, (2006), 40th yr. (2015).
9. *Korea Times* Literature Translation Award (1994).
10. Pennsylvania Certificate of Citizen Service (1991).
11. ETS (Educational Testing Service) Certificate of Appreciation (1990).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. Gwangju International Center, TESOL Program Instructor (2019–2022).
2. Chosun University, professor (tenured), graduate & undergrad programs. English depts. (1976–2016).
3. Chosun University, Foreign Languages Programs Director, LEI (2008–2010).
4. Chosun University, TESOL Program Director (2008–2010).
5. Gwangju & Jeollanam-do In-service Teacher Training Programs (1980s–2000s).
6. U.S. Peace Corps / Korea (1971–1975).

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

1. Gwangju International Center, Chairman of the Board (2018–2021).
2. *Gwangju News* Editor-in-Chief (2017–present).
3. AsiaTEFL Executive Director (2003–present).
4. Gwangju International Center, Board of Directors (2016–present).
5. AsiaTEFL 20th Anniversary Book, Editor (2022–2023).
6. ALAK Vice President & Conference Chair (2016).
7. GETA Executive Director (2006–2010).
8. KATE Executive Director (2000–2002).
9. Professional Association Memberships: Numerous ELT, Applied Linguistics, Linguistics, and Language and Literature associations past and present.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author of numerous research papers on ELT, applied linguistics, and linguistics; as well as books, essays, and newspaper and magazine columns on English language teaching and learning; and on Korean language, culture, and poetry.

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# **Endorsement for Dr. David E. Shaffer**

**For the Office of Vice President, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter**

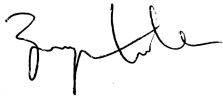
December 4, 2024

I am pleased to offer this endorsement of Dr. David E. Shaffer for re-election to the position of vice president. Dr. Shaffer's contributions are a crucial part of our chapter's strong history and ongoing success, and his continued presence will be of great benefit in 2025.

Throughout the decade I have known Dr. Shaffer, I have been consistently impressed with his diligence, attention to detail, generous commitment of time, and, above all, his conscientious attitude towards KOTESOL and its members.

I emphatically endorse Dr. Shaffer for the role of chapter vice president, and encourage all Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL members to recognize the incredible contributions Dr. Shaffer makes to our professional development community.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Hale', written in a cursive style.

Bryan Hale

Lifetime member of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter

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December 3, 2024

Dear Chapter Elections Committee:

I'm pleased to formally endorse Dr. David Shaffer for the position of chapter vice president. Dave has served in this capacity for multiple years now, deftly assisting the current chapter president and contributing insights and advice from his varied experiences in KOTESOL leadership positions.

When Dave was our chapter president, the Gwangju-Jeonnam chapter expanded its membership, events, offerings, and visibility. Our chapter has Dave to thank for the *Gwangju Communicator* (our old chapter newsletter), our monthly column in the *Gwangju News*, and the innovative workshop formats we started exploring at our meetings a few years ago.

Dave is also active in KOTESOL at the national level, having served in nearly every leadership position available: president, immediate past president, first vice-president, national conference co-chair, Nominations & Elections Committee chair, treasurer, and more. Currently, he serves on multiple national committees and for many years has chaired the Publications Committee, where he has rejuvenated our flagging academic journal, the *Korea TESOL Journal*; established KOTESOL's new ethical standards for research; and ensured the quality and timely release of all of our publications. He has handled the finances of both the national and international conferences, coordinated invited speakers for both conferences, represented KOTESOL overseas at PAC partners' conferences, and selflessly volunteers himself wherever there is a need.

Dave's involvement with KOTESOL cannot be overstated. As long as he continues to be willing to serve the organization, I will be happy to endorse him in whatever role he desires. KOTESOL is fortunate to have him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Herron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Lindsay Herron  
Lifetime Member  
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter