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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*, the impressive quality of our regional conference, and the diverse workshop formats we've been exploring at our meetings. Dave was also the impetus behind our chapter's partnership with the ALAK conference a few years ago, increasing our visibility in the ELT community and securing for KOTESOL members a discount on conference admission.

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 several 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,



Lindsay Herron
Lifetime Member
Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter