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Dear Nominations & Elections Committee:

I'd like to formally endorse Dr. David Shaffer for first vice-president. During his past year in the position, he has successfully negotiated domestic partnerships with both ALAK and KATE, including arranging a discount for KOTESOL members to the 2016 AILA/ALAK/GETA International Conference and integrating the Gwangju chapter's September meeting into the conference; has approached GETA about a partnership; has laid the groundwork for an international partnership with CamTESOL; and has been in discussions with the FAB conference organizers about the possibility of bringing FAB to Korea. He has also facilitated communications with (and among) chapter leaders by creating an online group for discussion, the sharing of resources, and reminders about upcoming deadlines.

Besides his role as 1VP, Dr. Shaffer devotes his time to multiple other responsibilities at the national level. As Publications Committee Chair, he has rejuvenated our flagging academic journal, the *Korea TESOL Journal*, and ensured the quality and timely release of all of our publications. He has handled with equanimity the finances of both the National and International Conferences, contacted and coordinated invited speakers for both conferences, represented KOTESOL overseas at PAC partners' conferences, and selflessly volunteers himself wherever there is a need.

He works harder than anyone I know for the benefit of KOTESOL on both the chapter and national level. His dedication during his tenure as chapter president has led to the expansion of Gwangju chapter's membership and its events, as well as its activity and visibility in the Gwangju community. The *Gwangju Communicator* (our chapter newsletter), our monthly column in the *Gwangju News*, the impressive quality of our spring conference and the presentations at our meetings, the continuing reflection and concern that leads to novel meeting formats and events—all these are to Dr. Shaffer's credit.

Dr. Shaffer has done a lot more for KOTESOL than I'm listing here—but really, whatever I write can't do justice to his tireless effort. 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, and I would be honored to have him serve as first vice-president for another year.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Herron  
KOTESOL President