

## 1. CANDIDATE'S RESUME/INFORMATION

- Name: Lucinda Dena Estrada
- KOTESOL Elected Position Sought: First Vice President
- Work Affiliation(s): SUNY Korea, Incheon, Republic of Korea
- KOTESOL Membership Period: 2017-Present
- Education (Institutions, dates, degrees/qualifications)
  - TESOL, TEFL, TESL Teaching Certificate, Oxford Seminars 2016
  - Bachelor of Arts, Evergreen College, Emphasis in English Language Education 2016
  - MATESOL, New School NY 2019
- Work Experience (Institutions, dates, positions)
  - English Language Instructor 2016, Soundlearning Language Academy - Shelton, Washington
  - ESL Native Teacher 2016 to 2018, Dongdaejon Middle School - Daejeon, South Korea
  - ESL Native Teacher 2018 to 2021, Yeoksam Middle School - Gangnam, South Korea
  - Assistant Professor 2021 to 2022, Soonchunhyang University - Asan, South Korea
  - Assistant Professor 2022 to Present, SUNY Korea - Incheon, South Korea
- Service
  - Chapter
    - Daejeon Member 2017 to 2018
    - Seoul Member 2018 to 2021
    - Seoul Chapter Web-Editor 2019 to 2021
    - Seoul Chapter President 2020 to 2021
  - National
    - 2nd Vice President 2021
    - 1st Vice President 2022

## 2. CANDIDATES' STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Dear Election Committee,

I am pleased to present myself as a candidate for the 1st Vice President position on the KOTESOL National Council.

Main Qualifications:

This is an exciting time for KOTESOL as we navigate the lessening COVID restrictions and return to face to face events. It's important that all of us work together to support our chapters, SIGS, and members in adjusting to the changes that are ahead. I hope that I can serve as an aid in that regard using the experience I've gained while serving in the Seoul chapter as a Vice President and President, and serving on National as the 2nd Vice President and most recently as 1st Vice President.

Reasons for Seeking the Position: I am committed to utilizing the diverse talents and interests of our chapter representatives to better meet the needs of our members. In the coming year I have been blessed with a change in position that allows me the time and availability to fully commit to the demands of the 1st Vice President. I have long strived to serve the needs of the KOTESOL community in whatever way was most needed. At this moment in time, I believe that the best way I can serve is as 1st Vice President.

Action Statement: I hope to continue serving our members and their students in the capacity of 1st Vice President. If elected to the position, I hope to facilitate communication between the members of the council. To me this means encouraging positive, healthy, and productive communication between diverse members with often differing views. I also wish to encourage active leadership from our chapters. This means engaging with chapter representatives to aid in organizing workshops, providing speakers and resources, encouraging online engagement with potential members, and acting as a liaison between regions. Thank you for considering me for the role.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Dena Estrada  
September 15th 2022



Note: I have read and am aware of the contents of the Korea TESOL Code of Conduct.

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September 25, 2022

**Attention: Dr. David Shaffer, Nominations and Elections Chair**

**Subject: Endorsement of Lucinda Estrada for First Vice-President**

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee,

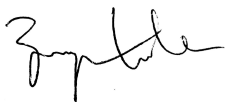
I wholeheartedly offer my endorsement of Lucinda Estrada for an additional term as first vice-president.

Throughout the two years in which I have served as president, Lucinda has been a constant and invaluable source of support, advice, ideas, rational and creative thinking, and a model of professionalism. Her leadership style is considerate and thoughtful, but also bold and assertive when necessary. I am certain that she will continue to be an incredible asset to the National Council.

I have been a KOTESOL member since 2012, and a lifetime member since 2018. I have been working with Lucinda on National Council for several years, and have had great respect and admiration for her throughout that time. Collaborating with and learning from people like Lucinda is part of what makes KOTESOL so worthwhile. Recently I have also gotten to know Lucinda in another world, as I have ventured into volunteer pet fostering, a world in which Lucinda is quite experienced and somewhat of a leader and role model. It has been gratifying to see that in such a different area of activity, Lucinda shows all the same strengths, and is a pillar of support not only for those she has helped directly, but for entire communities.

As we increasingly return to in-person KOTESOL activities, I am really excited to see what Lucinda will do as first vice-president in the year ahead.

Sincerely,



Bryan Hale  
KOTESOL President 2021-2022

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September 26, 2022

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee:

I am delighted to endorse the nomination of Lucinda Estrada for the position of first vice-president. Over the past several years, I've had the pleasure of working with Lucinda as part of the KOTESOL National Council, first in her position as Seoul Chapter president and later as second and then first vice-president. In that time, I've been extremely impressed with Lucinda; not only does she demonstrate excellent organizational and communication skills, but she is also a reflective and considerate leader who consistently faces obstacles with confidence, creativity, grace, and equanimity.

Lucinda's leadership ability has shone through clearly during her time as an officer in KOTESOL. The Seoul Chapter thrived under her guidance as chapter president; I, personally, have fond memories of attending some of the outstanding events Lucinda and her team facilitated. As second vice-president, meanwhile, Lucinda was very active in liaising with KOTESOL's special interest groups (SIGs) and planning the annual leadership retreat (now called KOTESOL Connections), two of the primary responsibilities of the position. In fact, Lucinda organized the first-ever online KOTESOL Connections event, which took place during the 2021 KOTESOL International Conference. This groundbreaking undertaking required extensive logistical acrobatics, creativity, and flexibility as Lucinda coordinated among KOTESOL's SIGs, national committees, and the conference organizers. Thanks to her leadership, the ten-day conference boasted not only multiple weekend sessions by the SIGs, all of which were free and open to the public, but also a full schedule of KOTESOL Connections events every weeknight. As the conference co-chair, I had the pleasure of working with Lucinda throughout the planning process, and I found her consistently positive, thoughtful, thorough, and reliable—an absolute joy to work with.

Overall, Lucinda strikes me as responsible and meticulous, conscientious and encouraging, insightful and genuine—all excellent qualities for a leader in our organization. I am confident her combination of skills and experience (not to mention her truly lovely personality) perfectly suit the role of first vice-president, a position in which she has successfully served for the past year. Indeed, Lucinda is an ideal candidate for this position or any other that interests her; we are fortunate to have her. I truly look forward to her continued involvement as a leader in KOTESOL.

Sincerely,



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