



Korea TESOL National Council Meeting
2025.09.14 (Sunday, 14th Sept. 2025)
Time: 14:00 to 16:33
Location: Zoom

Present

Lindsay Herron	President / Membership Comm.
Mike Peacock	1VP
Wesley Martin	2VP
Heidi Nam	Secretary
Meerbek Kudaibergenov	IC Chair
David Shaffer	N&E Comm. / Publications Comm.
Lisa MacIntyre-Park	Publicity Comm.
J. Tom Wyatt	Financial Affairs Comm.
Robert Dickey	Sponsorship Comm.
John Phillips	Technologies Comm. (from 14:34)
Victor Reeser	International Outreach Comm. / Incheon Pres.
Gabriela Villafradez	Busan-Gyeongnam Pres.
James "Jake" Kimball	Daegu Chapter Pres.
Eric Reynolds	Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres. (from 14:07)
Michael Free	Gangwon Pres.
Maria Lisak	Gwangju-Jeonnam Pres.
André Jacobs	Gyeonggi Chapter Pres
Lisa MacIntyre Park	Jeonju-North Jeolla Pres.
Chris Miller	Seoul Chapter President

Non-Voting

Andrew White
Catherine Shin Marcus

Absent

Bryan Hale	Immediate Past Pres.
Jocelyn Wright	Treasurer
Melvin Dixon	Diversity Comm.
Ian Moodie	Research Comm.

Opening

In this section, we will deal with procedural matters.

14:00 Meeting is called to order with 16/22 present. Quorum = 12.

Motion 1: That the agenda be adopted.

Passes by consensus at 14:01

Motion 2: That the minutes of the last meeting ([6.22.2025](#)) be approved and posted to the KOTESOL website with edits allowed for spelling, grammar, etc.

Passes by consensus at 14:02

Reports and Updates

14:05 **Lightning Round**

Eric Reynolds arrives at 14:07.

John Phillips arrives at 14:34.

Lindsay Herron - President

- Met with IC team in Seoul
- Meerbeck will represent us at the ALAK Conference

Lindsay Herron - Membership Comm.

- Sold 21 KOTESOL water bottles to a TESOL course, merchandise is available for sales at or to other events.

Mike Peacock - 1VP

- Presenter database created; link sent to chapter leaders by email. Chapter leaders are encouraged to contribute recommended presenters.

Wesley Martin - 2VP

- Participated in Ad hoc SIG committee

Meerbek Kudaibergenov - IC Chair

- Met with Dr. Kang about IC dates and venue
- Conference budget available
- 2026 IC Webpage launched, committee chairs encouraged to fill out their forms
- Invited speakers have accepted invitations and are posted on the website
- CFP will be released after the NatCon CFP closes
- Publicity and HR directors sought

David Shaffer - Publications Comm.

- Recent publications HAN (July), Scribes Square (July), TEC (September) KTJ (September)
- Forthcoming: HAN (Sept 25 deadline), Proceeding (November) Winter TEC (December)
- Andrew and Dave will be presenting on KOTESOL publishing opportunities at 5 PM today

David Shaffer - N&E Comm.

- Rob will take care of balloting, using Survey Monkey again
- Candidate materials received for Pres, 1VP, 2VP, and Secretary

J. Tom Wyatt - Financial Affairs Comm.

- Audited Q2 2025, no discrepancies

Lisa MacIntyre Park - Jeonju-North Jeolla Pres.

- Events held: workshop and silent auction fundraiser in September (35 attendees)
- Events planned: regional conference in March, elections in December

Lisa MacIntyre Park - Publicity

- Thanks to committee members who have been in contact; committee is recruiting volunteers
- New publicity request form sent out by email. Chapters and SIGs may send in text, graphics, release dates. The Publicity request form and Zoom room request form will be in the resources folder on Google Drive. [Update after the meeting: The file is called "National Council Resource Collection"]
- New National Council Google account with more storage space will allow us to upload and share more photos, ads, and other resources

Robert Dickey - Sponsorship Comm.

- Preparing for NatCon and IC

John Phillips - Technologies Comm.

- John Phillips is leaving Korea within the next year or year and a half and will not be able to direct the move to the new website.
- Updates have not been made consistently on the old website. We cannot isolate chapters and SIGs on the new website in the same way as in the old site.
- We may need to set up a central committee to input new information on the website or allow all those who need to have access with a promise that people will only edit their own area.

- After the membership database is trimmed, it will be added to the new website. Then memberships can be moved to the new website. Information that has been moved needs to be reformatted.

Victor Reeser - International Outreach Comm.

- Sending Lindsay to ELTAM, Gabriella to JALT, Meerbeck to PALT
- Call open for ThaiTESOL (Bangkok) until end of September, call open for CAMTESOL
- JACET not ready to partner with us; Victor met with IATEFL BESIG representative about online opportunities, Victor has been invited to present at the TESOL HEIS Coffee Chat, several TESOL memberships available for new TESOL members on the National Council

Victor Reeser - Incheon Pres.

- Events held: social events in June, today
- National Conference preparations underway, 15 proposals submitted so far
- Everyone is encouraged to come to Incheon for National Conference

Victor Reeser - New Website

- Reached out to our developer; progress is being made.

Gabriela Villafradez - Busan-Gyeongnam Pres.

- Events held: social event in August
- Events planned: Publications committee online presentation tonight, Networking event in Busan this Saturday, Thanksgiving Symposium (with DCC), Christmas dinner
- Putting ads in Chapter newsletter to raise revenue, changing banks to avoid fees

James "Jake" Kimball - Daegu Chapter Pres.

- No news, lost venue in Spring, considering online meetings
- Maybe next meeting we can consider making the chapter inactive or combining with another chapter

Eric Reynolds - Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres.

- Events held: homecoming workshop yesterday (20-25 attendees)
- Events planned: Buyeo cultural trip, (14-15 registered, a few spaces remaining); joint BG-DCC Thanksgiving Symposium on November 28)

Michael Free - Gangwon Pres.

- Events held: online workshop with Robert Stroud, online training with Michael Free

Maria Lisak - Gwangju-Jeonnang Pres.

- Events held: social dinner with Mongolian teachers (30 attendees), potluck and swapshop workshop (12 attendees)
- Events planned: Social event (October), Workshop in November, Seeking presenters on AI for December, elections in December

André Jacobs - Gyeonggi Chapter Pres

- Events held: June, July
- Events planned: September, October

Chris Miller - Seoul Chapter President

- Events held: Online event, reflective practice workshop
- Events planned: September in-person workshop, October online event, November workshop, social event, chapter elections

Special reports

Gabriela Villafradez - SIG Ad hoc. Com

- Topics addressed: the SIG formation process, how guidelines are presented to members, how to determine whether SIGs are inactive, what to do with inactive SIGs, definition of SIGs
- Suggested SIG formation process: Instead of collecting 20 signatures (which did not accurately reflect future participation in a SIG), aspiring SIG leaders would host a meeting (possibly with a chapter or conference) to gauge interest. After the event, they may submit an application with a plan for future activities.
- Inactive SIGs: SIGs must hold synchronous events to be considered active. If there are no events after 18 months, then a SIG is no longer considered active. Facilitators will be contacted before this happens.

- Reporting: quarterly or semi annual HAN report, report to 2VP
- It was suggested at the meeting that the 2VP should coordinate SIG submissions to HAN.
- Comments on the SIG ad hoc committee will be accepted until October 20; We may also hold a face-to-face discussion at NatCon.
- The committee will formalize their suggestions into SIG-creation guidelines to be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Scheduled Items

In this section of the meeting, we will discuss and vote on items that have been put on the agenda prior to the meeting.

15:49 One-time email access for promotional mailing

Motion 3: That this council approve the data access request of the Technologies Committee and IC2026 committee chair.

Explanation: Rob Dickey (TechComm) at the request of Meerbek Kudaibergenov (ICC chair) is developing a mailing list to promote the upcoming KOTESOL2026 call for proposals. He would like to request access to the email addresses of members as well as those of “recent national and international conference participant[s].” An official request was initially emailed to national officers for consideration on August 20.

Motion: Meerbek Kudaibergenov **Second:** Lisa MacIntyre Park **Yes: 8** **No: 6** **Abstain: 3**

The motion passes at 16:16

16:17 IC2026 proposed budget

Motion 4: That this council approve the proposed budget for IC2026.

- The budget is largely the same as last year’s.
- Conference fees have been increased to include lunch (kimbab, sandwiches).
- There is no cafe this time.

Motion: Dave Shaffer **Second:** Meerbek Kudaibergenov **Yes: 16** **No: 0** **Abstain: 1**

The motion passes at 16:21.

16:22 New bookkeeper

Motion 5: That this council offer Heidi Park a bookkeeping honorarium for assistance with organizing our treasury records.

Explanation: The deadline for bookkeeper applications is September 15; if we don’t receive any additional applications, it would be useful to have NC pre-approval to engage our sole applicant for a probationary period lasting until our December budget meeting. At that time, the National Council and Heidi Park can decide whether or not to continue the relationship. [Here are [Heidi’s cover letter and resume.](#)]

Motion: Victor Reeser **Second:** Gabriella Villafradez **Yes: 15** **No: 0** **Abstain: 2**
(Rob Dickey)

The motion passes at 16:31.

Old Business

None identified at this time.

New Business & Closing

Announcements:

HAN contributions due 9/25, please!

Please review the minutes for this meeting as soon as Heidi sends them out for collaborative review and suggest changes while the meeting is fresh in your mind.

Next NC meeting: December 7? (depending on everyone's availability)

ABM: November 1; proposed amendments due 9/30.

Tables at NatCon: Contact Victor if you would like a table. The membership table can also display materials for KOTESOL chapters and SIGs.

16:33 The meeting is adjourned