

Motion: Dave Shaffer

Second: Victor Reeser

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 1

The motion passes at 1:04

Reports and Updates

Rob Dickey arrives at 13:11

13:05 **Lightning Round**

Lindsay Herron (President)

- Hosted VIP dinner for conference

Lindsay Herron (Membership Comm.)

- Replenished pens, magnets
- Sold almost 400,000 won worth of merchandise at the conference
- The social was a success, attended by 90 people
- Special thanks to chapters and individuals who donated to the event, including David Shaffer, and to Mike Peacock for assistance

Mike Peacock (1VP)

- Coordinated tables for chapters at the IC
- Will contact chapter presidents about presenter database

Wesley Martin (2VP)

- Reviving KTT, putting ad in TEC
- Appointed a chair and co-chair for SIG policies ad hoc committee

Rhea Metituk (Outgoing 2025 IC Chair)

- The conference ran a surplus of nearly 8.5 million won.
- 580 attendees (535 face-to-face), 17 invited speakers from 11 countries
- The Council thanks Rhea for the hard work that went into a successful conference

Jocelyn Wright (Treasurer)

- Daegu chapter has not claimed CDS (Chapter Dues Shares).
- RAD form has been updated and will be added to the forms folder in the shared National Council Google Drive folder. Completed RADs should be addressed to the treasury's email.
- Our bookkeeper is resigning at the end of the month. Since this job is a specialized position, our manual allows us to hire someone. We will seek someone trustworthy and detail-oriented who speaks Korean and English.
- The National Council expresses its gratitude to Vivi, our current bookkeeper, for her service.

Meerbek Kudaibergenov (IC Chair)

- Created the conference theme and a draft of the invited speakers list.
- Will request money for 1000 copies of postcard.

David Shaffer (N&E Comm.)

- Will be contacting members of council to find out if they are interested in running again next year.

David Shaffer (Publications Comm.)

- Published: HAN in April, TEC in June, Scribes Square contribution from Maria Lisak in June (others are encouraged to contribute)
- Forthcoming: Summer HAN issue (deadline: June 25), KTJ (first digital only issue in layout), fall TEC, Proceedings (Deadline June 15)

Melvin Dixon (Diversity Comm.)

- Will lead an online workshop for Busan Chapter on growing diverse and inclusive chapters; willing to bring presentation to other chapters
- Recruiting new members for the committee

J. Tom Wyatt (Financial Affairs Comm.)

- Completed 2025 Q1 audit. No discrepancies.
- Thanks to the financial affairs committee and the treasury team.

Lindsay Herron on behalf of Research Comm.

- Received application, but it was not of sufficient merit to receive a grant

Robert Dickey (Sponsorship Comm.)

- We should hold future discussions about how to manage the Marketplace effectively
- The Council thanks Sponsorship Comm. for arranging the Marketplace at the conference

Victor Reeser (International Outreach Comm.)

- We will send Lindsay to ELTAM conference, Gabriella to JALT, Lindsay to ETA-ROC, Meerbeck to PALT/PAC,
- At the IC, partner organizations were well-represented. The VIP dinner, luncheon and social were appreciated.
- We may need to increase the budgeted amount for event day hospitality or hotel fees. IOC discretionary funds can be applied, but more may be needed.

Victor Reeser (Incheon Pres.)

- Past events: 1 day symposium in April (30 attendees), social event in May
- Future events: June event after this meeting

Gabriela Villafradez (Busan-Gyeongnam Pres.)

- Past events: Zoom events in April; Global Gathering 2025 in May, in-person PhD talk in June.
- Future events: Zoom on Thursday
- Issues: Declining membership

Eric Reynolds (Daejeon-Chungcheong Pres.)

- New initiatives: Outreach to local universities and lapsed members (Rob can provide old membership lists) chapter treasurer updating records
- Past events: summer picnic
- Future events: welcome back workshop/BBQ in September, symposium and dinner in September

Michael Free (Gangwon Pres.)

- Zoom event held in June, upcoming Zoom event in July

Maria Lisak (Gwangju-Jeonnam Pres.)

- Past events: April workshop (21 attendees), June workshop
- Future events: pizza party with Mongolian teachers in July, potluck and workshop in September
- Seeking presenters who can talk about young learners, role play, drama

André Jacobs (Gyeonggi Chapter Pres.)

- Past events: BBQ in June
- Future initiatives: July event, restarting podcast, working on GKT. (GKT is a Teacher training series for private academy teachers within the chapter. This is a separate initiative from KTT.)
- Issues: low membership and attendance, building an independent Website.

Lisa MacIntyre Park (Jeonju-North Jeolla Pres.)

- Past events: Workshop held in April, moved chapter supplies to Jeonbuk University which will also host chapter meetings going forward
- Future events: Officers meetings over the summer, fundraiser in the fall
- It's suggested that Chapter leaders compare notes about how to ensure quality presentations.

Chris Miller (Seoul Chapter President)

- Past events: workshop in June
- Upcoming events: Zoom event on July 2 and in-person reflective practice session on July 12
- Considering different venues (SWU and SeoulTech). The chapter has had similar attendance at both venues.

Special reports/updates:

Gabriela Villafradez (SIG policies ad hoc comm.)

- Planning to hold a meeting with SIG Facilitators in July to gather information about current SIGs
- A second meeting will be held to revise guidelines for SIG formation and archiving inactive SIGs

Victor Reeser (Website ad hoc comm.)

- The independent contractor who was contacted in March is currently unavailable to work for us
- Currently, only volunteers are working on Website. They are working on fixing broken links and testing the payment plugin system.

- The team was able to solve issues related to editing privileges at different levels for leadership accounts
- The previous developer may expect compensation for developing a system to migrate the membership database from the old Website to the new Website.

Scheduled Items

14:49 Adjustment to the IC2026 budget

Motion 3: That this council add 200,000 KRW to the IC2026 printing budget (7421 Printing [Publicity-type]).

Explanation: This would cover the expense of creating postcards, flyers, and similar printed materials for advance promotion; currently, there is no money allotted in the budget under this line-item. This will keep the 2026 IC chair's discretionary funds available for unexpected expenses.

Motion: Meerbek Kudaibergenov **Second:** Wesley Martin **Yes: 16** **No: 0** **Abstain: 1**

The motion passes at 14:52.

Follow-up: Add to budget (Lindsay)

14:53 Publicity Committee chair resignation

Motion 4: That this council accept the resignation of the current Publicity Comm. chair Christina Tsoy.

Motion: Victor Reeser **Second:** Dave Shaffer **Yes: 17** **No: 0** **Abstain: 0**

The motion passes at 14:55.

14:56 New Publicity Committee chair

Motion 5: That this council appoint Lisa MacIntyre-Park to the position of Publicity Committee chair for the remainder of the year.

Lisa has worked on publicity for Jeonju Chapter and for the Marketplace. She would like to work with chapter leaders and get in touch with organizations that can promote KOTESOL.

Motion: Maria Lisak **Second:** Gabriella Villafradez **Yes: 15** **No: 0** **Abstain: 2**

The motion passes at 14:59.

Follow-up: Christina to send the login info to Lisa

15:00 2025 National Conference hosts

Motion 6: That this council approve Incheon Chapter's request to host the 2025 National Conference.

After a successful chapter launch and a well-attended symposium, the Incheon chapter has volunteered to host the 2025 KOTESOL National Conference. The host university, SUNY Korea, is willing to open classrooms for the event free of charge. The school and chapter leadership are currently identifying dates when appropriate rooms will be available. It was suggested that the chapter raise the estimated number of attendees to 150, which would make the conference more attractive to sponsors. The Incheon Chapter is currently planning to fund the conference on its own. After drawing up a budget, the chapter could also request funds from the National Council. If funding from the national budget were approved, the chapter would have to split profits with national KOTESOL.

Motion: Victor Reeser **Second:** Mike Peacock **Yes: 16** **No: 0** **Abstain: 1**

The motion passes at 15:13

Follow-up: Victor to get the NC2025 webpage, email, etc.

15:14 Creating a “members only” policy for annual KOTESOL awards

Motion 7: That this council create a policy that eligibility for official organizational awards and grants that require organizational financial commitment should be exclusively reserved for KOTESOL members.

Explanation: The Membership Committee’s strong recommendation is that only KOTESOL members should qualify to receive organizational awards and grants. By reserving these opportunities for those who have formally committed to our organization, we can enhance the perceived value of membership, encourage sustained engagement, and strategically allot our limited resources to benefit our core supporters. Exceptions can be made in extraordinary circumstances (e.g., KOTESOL Patron Award). Publication awards would require a membership valid at the time of paper submission or publication (to be decided by the Publications Committee).

Discussion: The Publications Committee expressed a concern that some non-member contributors to TEC might react negatively to the proposed policy. It was suggested that clarifying the purpose of organizational awards and grants would be helpful.

Motion: Victor Reeser **Second:** Meerbeck Kudaibergen **Yes: 12** **No: 2** **Abstain: 3**

The motion passes at 15:49.

Follow-up: Proposed rule to be added for possible adjustment to the PPM2026

Old Business

None identified at this time.

New Business & Closing

Announcements:

HAN contributions due 6/25, 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: September (depending on everyone's availability)

ABM: probably November 1

15:53 adjournment

Motion & Motion to adjourn

Passes by consensus at 15:53 PM