

# James Kimball

## Candidate for Nominations and Elections Committee Chair



### ● AFFILIATIONS

- Daegu Chapter

### ● KOTESOL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD

- 2000-present (Lifetime member)

### ● EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts: English, Gettysburg College (1996)
- MSc Educational Management in TESOL, Aston University (2007)
- Celta, IGSE, Seoul (2020)

### ● EXPERIENCE

- Semyung University, Assistant Professor (2012-present)
- ILE Academy, Director of Studies (2001-2012)

### ● KOTESOL NATIONAL SERVICE

- National First Vice-President (2018)
- National Second Vice-President (2006, 2007, 2008, 2012)
- Nominations & Elections Committee Chair (2004, 2005)
  - Nominations & Elections Committee member (2019, 2021)
- Publications Chair (2018)
  - Research Committee member (2005-2012, 2017-present)

### ● OTHER KOTESOL SERVICE

- Daegu Chapter Vice-President (2003, 2004)
- Young Learners Special Interest Group, Facilitator (2002-2012)
- *The English Connection* (TEC), Editor-in-Chief (2004-2007)
- *Korea TESOL Journal*, Reviews Editor (2016-present)
- *Korea TESOL Proceedings* (Co-Editor-in-Chief 2018, 2019, 2021; Supervising Editor 2005, 2006; Senior Editor 2004; Editor 2003, 2007, 2008)

### ● KOTESOL AWARDS

- President's Award (2006, 2007)
- Meritorious Service (2017, 2019, 2021)
- Outstanding Service (2002-2005)

## • MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER ELT AND RELATED ASSOCIATIONS

- Asia TEFL (current membership)
- IATEFL (current membership)
- TESOL International (current membership)

## Candidate's Statement

### Nominations & Elections Committee Chair

With nominations for the 2022 KOTESOL National Elections now open, I wish to be considered as a candidate for the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair on the National Council.

My involvement with KOTESOL dates back to 2000 when I attended my first KOTESOL conference. Since then, I have been committed to seeing this organization grow in size and stature, expand its offerings to members, and adapt to Korea's ever-changing ELT landscape. Taking part in projects and accomplishing tasks is much more meaningful when working with a team of friends and colleagues, and KOTESOL provides opportunities to do just that. I owe a great deal of my professional development to KOTESOL. Consequently, running for this position allows me to support the KOTESOL community and ensure that members have the same positive experience I had.

Over the years, I have held a variety of leadership positions. This experience gives me first-hand knowledge of our elected offices, duties, qualifications, and nominating and voting procedures. I believe my education, experience, and extensive KOTESOL service would enable me to fulfill the responsibilities of Nominations and Elections Committee Chair. In addition, I would add a stable voice at National Council meetings and facilitate the continuity of quality leadership that our organization needs to thrive.

This National Council position is critical to ensuring the longevity of the organization. I intend to network with other officers and KOTESOL leaders to identify and mentor individuals who would excel at specific positions next year and down the road. To avoid reinventing the wheel, communicating with past Chairs regarding their experiences—successes and difficulties—would also be of help to me when offering a slate of candidates for 2023 and conducting voting.

If elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair position, I will do my best to further the goals of KOTESOL. And I thank you for your support and goodwill in carrying out KOTESOL's mission.

**I have read the Korea TESOL Code of Conduct, am aware of its content, and promise to adhere to campaigning rules.**

September 15, 2022

*James Kimball*

## Letter of Recommendation

Sept. 15, 2022

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for **Mr. James (Jake) Kimball** as a candidate for the office of **KOTESOL Nominations & Elections Chair** in the election of October, 2022.

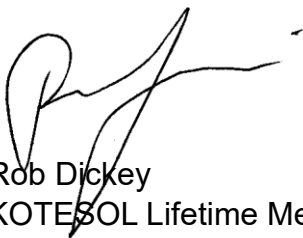
I've known Jake for over 20 years. He has been engaged in many aspects of KOTESOL in chapter, national committees, SIG, and national elected office roles. My closest early work with him was in the Publications Committee which I chaired. His efforts and performance quickly had him rise to Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly newsmagazine *The English Connection* from 2004 through 2007. He was also an Editor and later Senior Editor for the *KOTESOL Proceedings* around this time. Ultimately, he was appointed the Publications Committee Chair.

Jake has also served in several nationally-elected offices, as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, was previously elected as Nominations & Elections Chair on two occasions, and most recently was a member of the Nominations & Elections Committee for the past two years.

Jake has also served in various other roles, including Daegu Chapter Vice President, Young Learners SIG facilitator, Research Committee member, and Book Reviews Editor for the *Korea TESOL Journal*. Jake also holds an MSc TESOL, the CELTA, has completed several DELTA modules, and is an IELTS examiner.

In short, I can't imagine anyone more qualified to lead the Nominations & Elections committee: he has a deep awareness of the many aspects of KOTESOL, has served in nearly every elective office, and retains connections at the grassroots of the organization.

Respectfully,



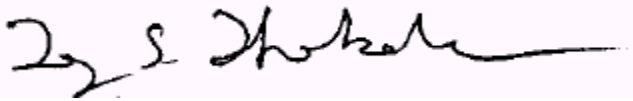
Rob Dickey  
KOTESOL Lifetime Member (and single years since 1995)  
Sponsorship Committee Chair 2020-present  
KOTESOL Past President

## **Endorsement for James (Jake) Kimball**

### **For Nominations and Elections Committee Chair**

Jake Kimball has a long and well-respected career within KOTESOL at both the chapter and national levels. He has always been willing to take on a job that suits his talents or learn to do one that he is needed for. He is willing to both mentor and be mentored by leaders at all levels of the organization, and I am happy to endorse his candidacy for Nominations and Elections Committee Chair this year.

(Dr.) Tory S. Thorkelson

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Work Affiliation: Hanyang University, Seoul

KOTESOL Membership: 1998(?) to Present (Lifetime Member)

Date: September 7, 2022