

Jake Kimball

Candidate for Second Vice-President



- **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

- **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, 2022)
 - Nominations & Elections Committee member (2019, 2021)
- Publications Chair (2018)
 - Research Committee member (2005-2012, 2017-2022)

- **OTHER KOTESOL SERVICE**

- Daegu Chapter Vice-President (2003, 2004)
- Young Learners Special Interest Group, Facilitator (2002-2012)
- Classroom Management Special Interest Group, Facilitator (2023)
- *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)
 - Teacher Development SIG, Committee Member
- TESOL International (current membership)

Candidate's Statement

Second Vice-President

With nominations for the 2023 KOTESOL National Elections now open, I wish to be considered as a candidate for Second Vice-President on the National Council.

When I attended my first KOTESOL conference in 2000, little did I know KOTESOL would play an instrumental role in my career. Over 20 years later, I still enjoy the academic inspiration offered by conferences and Zoom meetings—moreover, personal relationships forged with colleagues and friends also inspire me. This kind of collaboration and teamwork continues to be a meaningful experience for me.

Over the years, I have held a variety of leadership positions in and outside of KOTESOL. My education, leadership experience, and extensive KOTESOL service enable me to fulfill the responsibilities of Second Vice-President.

Teachers Helping Teachers. That is our general mission. It is the core of what we do and who we are. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT) exemplify *Teachers Helping Teachers*. Both of these groups fall under the purview of the Second Vice-President, so I am excited about growing and promoting these two groups. In organizing an inclusive Connections Day and promoting SIGs and KTT, I hope to reinvigorate KOTESOL in this post-Covid era.

And if elected as Second Vice-President, I will organize KOTESOL Connections Day, advocate for Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and oversee the KOTESOL Teacher Training (KTT) program. In short, I will do my best to further KOTESOL's mission.

Thank you for your support and goodwill.

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

September 15, 2023

James Kimball

September 20, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of endorsement to express my strong support for James Kimball, who is running for the position of Second Vice President of KOTESOL. Having had the privilege of working closely with James over the years, I am confident that he is the ideal candidate to lead and foster Special Interest Groups (SIGs) within our esteemed organization.

James Kimball has been a dedicated and active member of KOTESOL for more than two decades, demonstrating a deep commitment to our community. His extensive experience and exceptional contributions to the field of English language teaching make him an outstanding choice for Second Vice President.

In 2023, James has already proven his dedication to KOTESOL by actively supporting the Classroom Management SIG and various other SIGs through the effective use of online platforms, such as Zoom. His willingness to adapt to the changing landscape of ELT and his ability to leverage technology to connect and engage with members are clear indicators of his leadership capabilities.

James's impressive resume speaks for itself. With a Bachelor of Arts in English, a Master of Science in Educational Management in TESOL, and a CELTA certification, he possesses a solid educational background. Furthermore, his professional experience as an Assistant Professor at Semyung University and his tenure as Director of Studies at ILE Academy demonstrate his strong leadership and organizational skills.

James has also been an active participant in KOTESOL's national service, holding various roles such as National First Vice-President, National Second Vice-President, and Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee, among others. His commitment to KOTESOL is further evidenced by the numerous awards he has received, including the President's Award and Meritorious Service Awards.

Beyond his contributions to KOTESOL, James Kimball is an active member of other ELT and related associations, including Asia TEFL, IATEFL, and TESOL International. His engagement in these organizations showcases his dedication to the field of English language teaching on a global scale.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse James Kimball for the position of Second Vice President of KOTESOL. His extensive experience, unwavering dedication, and leadership qualities make him exceptionally qualified for this role. I have full confidence that under James's guidance, KOTESOL's SIGs will continue to thrive and provide valuable support and resources to our members.

Sincerely,

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September 15, 2023

RE: Jake Kimball's Nomination for KOTESOL's 2nd Vice-President

KOTESOL Elections & Nominations Committee,

I endorse Jake Kimball for 2nd Vice-President for the KOTESOL 2023-2024 term, as he has the extensive leadership experience, academic background, and sincere dedication to KOTESOL that will permit him to be effective in this role.

I will begin by sharing my experience working with Jake as evidence of his professionalism, leadership skills, and dedication to KOTESOL, as I have worked with Jake in a variety of roles over the past sixteen years. I first directly worked with him in 2007 while transitioning into the role as Editor-in-Chief of The English Connection (2007-2010), when he mentored me to take over the position, he had held for four years. I currently work with him as Editor-in-Chief of The Korea TESOL Journal (2014-present), where he has served as Managing Editor of Book Reviews for the Korea TESOL Journal since 2021. Over this time, Jake has demonstrated a sincere dedication to KOTESOL, mentorship of new members and vision for future possibilities. He has worked in a professional manner, upholding academic standards and adheres to timelines and deadlines.

Jake possesses great leadership skills. He has extensive experience and longstanding involvement in KOTESOL leadership. Jake has provided leadership for KOTESOL in numerous ways through his past positions as National Treasurer and his roles as part of International Conference committees, National Conference committees, Research Chair and Publications committees. He has also served a vital role at the chapter level as Daegu Chapter President among other roles within the chapter over the years. He therefore possesses the institutional memory, association knowledge and foresight to lead KOTESOL, as well as the administrative and financial skills needed for the role as 2nd Vice-President. Additionally, as a longtime resident of Korea and KOTESOL member, he offers connections to the community and other academic associations that KOTESOL members without his experience in Korea may not yet have.

Next, he has demonstrated dedication to and the advancement of KOTESOL as an association. He has continually been active in KOTESOL at the chapter, SIG and national levels, serving in volunteer and elected office positions. In addition to the previously mentioned positions, he has served as Editor and Senior Editor for the KOTESOL Proceedings, as well as serving in the position of Publications Committee Chair. As mentioned, he currently is Managing Editor of the Book Reviews for the Korea TESOL Journal. He has also served in several nationally elected offices, as 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President, and was previously elected as Nominations & Elections Chair on two occasions. Jake has also served in various other roles, including Daegu Chapter Vice President, Young Learners SIG facilitator, and Research Committee member.

Jake also possesses a robust academic experience, holding an MSc TESOL, the CELTA, and has completed several DELTA modules, and is an IELTS examiner. This experience provides him the insights into the needs of ELT instructors in Korea from classroom instruction to assessment, as well as how KOTESOL can best serve its members.

Jake is a vital member of KOTESOL for the dedication and service he has provided to establish the affiliate, maintain its growth, and ensure its healthy existence in the future. Based on this experience and dedication to in KOTESOL, I nominate him for the position of KOTESOL 2nd Vice-President.

Regards,


Kara Mac Donald

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