

Heidi Vande Voort Nam

Candidate for National Secretary

Work Affiliation

Chongshin University

KOTESOL Membership

2003-present (lifetime member)



Education

2007	MA TESL/TEFL	University of Birmingham
1996	BA English Literature	Calvin University

Work Experience

1999-present	Chongshin University	Assistant professor
1997-1999	Oedae Language Institute	English teacher

KOTESOL Service

- National Facebook Page Administrator (2019-present)
- Co-facilitator, KOTESOL Christian Teachers SIG (2005-present)
- Presenter, Korea Teacher Training (2008-present)
- Human Resources Director, 2021 KOTESOL Film Festival and National Conference
- Conference Chair, 2016 Christians in ELT International Conference (KOTESOL Christian Teachers SIG)
- SIG Liason, 2008 KOTESOL International Conference

KOTESOL Awards

- Meritorious Service Award (2021)
- KOTESOL Performance Award (Non-Student Made) Reel to Real KOTESOL Filmmaking Festival and National Conference 2021

Candidate Statement of Interest

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the position of Secretary of the National Council for the 2022-2023 year.

From the time I attended my first KOTESOL conference in 2003, the organization has been helping me to think about my teaching in new ways, make connections with other teachers, and eventually, take on leadership roles - as co-facilitator of the Christian Teachers SIG, chair of the 2016 Christians in ELT Conference, human resources director for the 2021 Filmmaking Festival and National Conference, and administrator for the KOTESOL Facebook page. I feel that these experiences have helped prepare me for taking on the role of national secretary.

In these different positions, I have seen how important it is for the health of an organization to have clear communication among its various branches and between the members and the leadership. The national secretary plays a crucial role in maintaining organizational transparency by creating a faithful record of national council meetings and making organizational documents publicly available. As KOTESOL moves to the new national website in the coming year, the web pages that are maintained by the secretary will need to be updated or archived, and organizational documents will need to be transferred to the new website. If am elected national secretary, I will do my best to take the National Council meeting minutes accurately, maintain and post organizational documents in a timely manner, and promote communication within the organization.

KOTESOL has given me many friendships and rewarding experiences over the years, and I hope that through this position I will be able to give back to the organization.

I have read the KOTESOL Code of Conduct, and I promise to abide by its rules.



Heidi Vande Voort Nam

September 25, 2022

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September 27, 2022

Dear Nominations and Elections Committee:

I am delighted to endorse the nomination of Heidi Nam for the position of national secretary. I first became familiar with Heidi years ago when I attended one of her outstanding workshops, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her as a fellow presenter ever since. I have also been extremely impressed with the many ways Heidi has stepped up to serve in our organization over the years, from her role as the co-facilitator of the Christian Teachers special interest group (CT SIG) to volunteering at many of our conferences.

The quality of Heidi's workshops, alone, suggest she is well-suited to serving as a national officer. The workshops' careful structure, meticulous organization, and thoughtful content all reveal how reflective, detail-oriented, and perceptive she is. The innovative and useful activities she provides during the workshops further speak to her creativity, criticality, conscientiousness, and consideration for her audience. When I'm asked to recommend responsible, engaging presenters for workshops, Heidi is definitely one of the first people that comes to mind; she is highly professional, and I would trust her with any task.

Heidi has also been active at the national level in disparate ways, reflecting not only her flexibility but also her outstanding communication, organizational, and leadership skills. She regularly volunteers to help with conferences; when I chaired the 2022 KOTESOL International Conference, for example, Heidi served as a session moderator and submission vetter, contributing her time and energy and proving (as expected) exceedingly reliable. At the 2021 KOTESOL National Conference, meanwhile, she not only served as the HR director but also led by example by participating in the filmmaking competition. In addition, it is thanks to Heidi and her fellow SIG co-facilitator that the CT SIG is one of the most active SIGs in the organization, routinely providing events and even an annual newsletter.

I am thrilled that Heidi is willing to serve as secretary for the organization. She is positive, perspicacious, thoughtful, and insightful, a combination perfect for the position—or, indeed, for any position that interests her. I truly look forward to her continued involvement as a leader in KOTESOL.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Herron
Gwangju National University of Education
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To
Nominations and Elections Committee
KOTESOL

Subject: Endorsement of Heidi Vande Voort Nam for National Secretary

I would like to endorse Heidi Vande Voort Nam for the position of KOTESOL National Secretary. I met Heidi a number of years ago and have always admired her professionalism and determination. She has a strong work ethic and is quite creative. The projects in which I've seen her participating are always successful. I enjoyed getting to know Heidi more while we helped each other with projects such as a calligraphy workshop and an award winning skit for the 2021 KOTESOL Film Festival. She's quick to jump in and help out where she sees a need and she also performs very confidently in a leadership role.

When I heard that Heidi is interested in taking on the role of secretary, I was very pleased because I'm confident she'll give it her all and do a great job.

KOTESOL National Secretary 2019- pres.
Jeonju North Jeolla officer from 2019
"I Can!" English Academy Vice Principal