

The IRC was busy the last few months with many different projects. First as Russia became not one but two new areas (3 total now) we have been in constant contact with them to update their meeting lists both physical and virtual. We have answered questions about intergroup and trustee responsibilities.

We have also helped countries like Romania, Hungary, Netherlands, update their websites and meeting lists. We are fortunate to have members who are in contact with us to give this updated information.

We have spent some time assisting Iran in growing their program with the challenges of the internal political strife they are going thru. We have had trustee who are not part of the IRC assist in making agenda items, language and other assistance. Though their program is not even two years old they have requested to become a new area with a trustee. One of our members (past trustee) has agreed to serve as their trustee since he is very familiar with Iran.

We are assisting South America with establishing a new RSO in Columbia and reinstating the trustee allocations for Brazil. Uruguay has also asked a discussion item to be handled at the trustee meeting regarding the Unity program.

Mexico has been struggling opening up their meetings and moving from virtual back to in person meetings. We are assisting them in this process. I am sure this same struggle is happening everywhere since the pandemic closed most of our meetings.

We have had many requests for help from Kenya and Nigeria in Africa. This is a struggle because their governments have not been much in assistance or cooperation with setting a self help groups. Thanks to our IRC members we have kept on having people contact each other in these countries to help each other or get online to get help thru virtual meetings.

It has been a busy few month and it has been an honor to serve and give back as the chairman of the IRC.

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