

The IRC members have been busy again the last few months assisting our international brothers and sisters. We have been in communication with the following countries updating and uploading the website with their meetings in both in person and virtual meetings. The countries are Russia, Romania, Kazakhstan, Georgia and Iran. With Iran they have voted for a new trustee who is very young and lives in Iran. Their previous trustee lived in the US and helped them get established. We also had discussion with the Netherlands regarding translation and changes in literature as per our procedures. We explained the process and if they wanted to make a change. Helped define gambling for members in Belarus because their members were trying to find some loopholes in the definition in our literature. Poland also is asking for permission to translate the remaining pieces of literature they had not translated yet.

As for the Spanish speaking South and Central America countries. Our committee members have assisted the following.,

Puerto Rico:

Contacted Juan P. as far as he found out since the Pandemic most of the Groups closed and has not reactivated. Area 6B is listed as follows:

AREA 6B – WEST COAST OF FLORIDA, PANAMA, JAMAICA, PUERTO RICO, AND TRINIDAD – 3 TRUSTEES

Trinidad only has one meeting listed at the ISO website, but I don't know if they still exist. As far as I know Panama has never had an official meeting.

Panamá:

Several compulsive gamblers are in the process of establishing meetings there.

Guatemala:

We responded to the email (April 11, 2024) but haven't heard back from Daniel yet.

México:

A new Group in Mexico City started to meet the paperwork will be sent to ISO this week. Some members of Polanco Group are the ones starting these new meetings. Martha attended two Group Anniversaries, one in Ciudad Obregón Sonora (14 years) and the other in Tijuana, BC (12 years).

Monterrey where I live will be hosting the 10th Annual Conference of Area 28 México next october 18-20, 2024.

Colombia:

Elena is more in contact with them, maybe she can add any development there.

I would like to thank Martha, Elena and Luis for helping in this area.

Some of our members have been communicating with African countries asking for help. But it has been difficult to establish any permanent groups there within the last few months.

I would like to thank committee member Igor for assisting with the Russian groups in communication and Kazakhstan. He also helped reach out to emails from Turkey who were interested in starting groups there. A form has been sent to them and we are waiting for a response.

Hope everyone has a safe trip and see everyone in Pleasanton, Ca.

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