

IRC Report for Fall 2024 Trustee Meeting

Another six months have passed, and the IRC has been busy helping out the world in many different ways to spread the word of hope to all. Here are some places that we helped in different ways.

Romania was asking about using AA literature in our GA meetings, we had to explain why we do not allow it and where it is pointed out in our guidance code. This had caused issues and some groups insisted they continue. We explained then they will be removed from the ISO website. I am confident they have followed our direction since.

Portugal was asking questions about translation and we explained the process because they wanted to add coins and medallions.

We had an inquiry about meetings in France and were told the group they went to did not meet anymore. So, we had to remove that group from the ISO website.

Argentina has been very active updating their meeting list both virtual and in person on our website. We are in good contact with them and things are going well. Leo R, past trustee has also submitted an agenda item asking to have the RSO more defined and its service members duties. This is agenda item 35.

Iran is growing quickly; in three short years they have grown to multiple in person meetings and virtual meetings. They have a new trustee who is eager to learn and make sure they proceed with policies that conforms with our guidance code.

Kenya has opened another new group and the other three are growing. They were asking for a new group packet because the literature is important.

Latvia had questions about the difference of promotion and attraction. They are willing to spend money on billboards and advertising and were asking many questions and we did our best to guide them correctly.

We have received many inquiries from Turkey and India asking for help to open new groups and information and direction.

Unfortunately, we have had personality conflicts in the new area of Philippines with struggle with other groups asking for recognition and elections of trustee to represent them. We had to reach out to Pete, our BOT chair, to help in this matter. They did elect a new trustee and are asking for a new area and new trustee position.

We had one IRC committee member assist with all Russian speaking meetings, there are three areas now and they are constantly growing and asking questions. He has also assisted

Kazakhstan with their group (Russian speaking) and they want to get permission to translate our literature into Kazakh.

Finally, I have been in contact with members in Armenia, the group is using Russian literature and were asking about the process to translate the literature, though I had copies of previously translated Armenian literature (not GA approved yet)...Hope they can use this literature and if not they can get permission to translate at the next conference in 2025.

There are still many countries with no GA and I am anticipating more countries reaching out for help soon.

Best regards,

Ara H
IRC Chair