

This new year we have had a busy month with the IRC, we first did some housekeeping with the committee. First the first time since 2017 we went over all the members and confirmed who wanted to remain on the committee.

As for the month, we had someone in Kazakhstan contact us with the new meetings that have started there. I explained to them the process they needed to follow and he was very cooperative. Waiting for the forms to be filled out.

We received an email about the Philippines, they wanted to ask about meeting locations and we were able to give them the information.

We were notified from Iran that they had finally started a group, we had been in communication with them for over a year. I spoke with them and they filled the form. I have the privilege to be invited to facilitate an introduction to the steps workshop with an interpreter. Which will be an amazing experience. They are willing and going to do the translation to Farsi. Even though the group is only a couple of weeks old they have 15 regulars.

We were also notified of a new group starting in Tanzania. They also have filled out the form and returned it, the group is listed on the ISO website already. New group packet was sent to them.

Portugal is in the middle of translations and had questions, was able to respond and one inquiry they had was about the deadlines for submission. Which is still unclear since we don't have dates for Trustee meetings.

Greece also contacted us with some updates to their groups for us to make on the ISO website.

And finally I was asked by our committee member from Sweden if I would consider being the guest speaker on a zoom meeting. I agreed it was a great experience.

Looking forward to see what February has in store for us.

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