

Spanish Literature Committee Report
January 29, 2017

Our Spanish Literature Committee has temporarily put on the brakes to re-evaluate and re-assess our work and strategy and insure that we are following the GA Guidance Code per the request of Andy R. (BOT Chair). Just before we put on the brakes we have completed the new translation of “Suggestions for New Member Retention” pamphlet.

I have received a letter and other documentation from the Spain RSO office dated January 10th, 2017. This letter was also addressed to the BOT Chair (Andy R) and ISO (Karen H). The letter discusses a couple of issues that the RSO from Spain (Area 21) has with Andres G being the Co-Chair of the Spanish Literature Committee. Bottom line, the RSO from Area 21 refuses to accept Andres G. as representing Spain in regards to the literature translation efforts being coordinated by our Spanish Literature Committee. I have started to investigate the various accusations by Area 21 RSO against Andres G. I have discussed these with Andres G. He has only admitted to one of the accusations and claims the others are false or inaccurate. The one true accusation is that he was removed as Trustee by the BOT Chair for not attending or submitting absentee ballots during 2 consecutive BOT meetings. Andres told me that he cares deeply about the work this committee is doing and he is willing to step down as committee Co-Chair if this issue will continue to impair the work and success of our committee. From what Andres tells me, there may be a witch hunt going on as well as a power struggle that places personalities over principles. I am saddened that this may be going on! I will reach out to Spain’s RSO Office through Juan B (one of two current trustees) since he is supported by Spain’s RSO. If I can get Spain’s RSO to get onboard and assign a representative to be a member of our committee, we will then move forward and reevaluate our strategy. I will also reach out to Argentina’s RSO and trustees of other Spanish speaking areas.

A second goal next month is to study and understand completely the Guidance Code Article VIII (BOT), Section 11B, step #2 to make sure that our committee is following this step so we can refocus the work of our committee. I may have a couple of questions about step #2 that I want to discuss with the BOT Chair (Andy R) over the phone during the first two weeks of February.

Our committee is not asking for permission to translate existing GA approved literature into Spanish. We are seeking to unify literature translation efforts by coordinating and improving relations of Spanish speaking GA Areas (almost 1000 Spanish speaking groups around the world) that are already authorized to translate and print GA approved literature through their RSO office to come up with, if possible, a single Spanish version of GA literature that is free of regionalisms as much as possible and that can be used by all Spanish speaking Areas (or as many as possible). Among other things, this will help insure the literature translation accuracy as well as help in keeping Spanish GA literature consistently up to date.

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