



Commons Photographers User Group Board meeting notes – January 23, 2022

Attendees:

- Ailura (Austria)
- Filipinayzd (Philippines)
- Frank Schulenburg (United States)
- OtuNwachinemere (Nigeria)
- Shreya.Bhopal (India)
- Suyash.dwivedi (India)
- Kwameghana (Ghana)

Item #1: Introductions

Attendees introduce themselves. Due to connectivity issues, the group decides to move the rest of the meeting to the Zoom chat.

Item #2: Goals of the user group for 2022

Brainstorming for this year's activities:

- Clarify the role of the user group with regard to the existing online photo competitions
- Continue the quarterly meetups with presentations
- Encourage winning photographers or people who participate in events like Wiki Loves Africa to join our group
- Skills development workshops (e.g. postprocessing, workshops on Photoshop and Lightroom)

- Publication of photographs in an e-zine
- Increase the visibility of our user group through posts in the difference language version “Signposts”
- Offer help for people who encounter problems with Commons
- Help with broken tools like Vicuna Uploader
- Share resources for personal development
- Present at Wikimania 2022
- Meet in real-life in 2023 (planning a real-life meeting this year will be problematic, as the pandemic isn’t over yet)
- Use Facebook to scout for new members and announce events organized by our group

Item #3: Mode of communication going forward

It is consensus among the attendees that we’ll use Telegram for daily board communication going forward, while invitations and other important items will be sent via email.

Item #4: Event coordinators role

It is consensus that Wilsn and Shreya will share the responsibility of being event coordinators for the group going forward.

Item #5: Next steps

- Date of our first quarterly meetup: March (Shreya will take the lead on organizing a postprocessing workshop; Wilsn had already left the meeting when we discussed this item)
- Next board meeting date: April

We’ll move the discussion about the exact dates for the two upcoming events to Telegram.

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