Fourth RNE Chapter Meeting 2020-2021
Friday, May 14, 2021
1-4PM, Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Via Zoom - Link sent following registration.

2020-2021 RNE Executive Board
Asuncion Cora, President
Elisa Garcia, Vice President
Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Past President
Jessica Agudelo, Secretary
Manny Figueroa, Treasurer

Meeting Agenda

1. Presentation on the Horn Book Magazine by Elissa Gershowitz
   - May/June Special issue in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Pura Belpré award. Big thanks to Sujei Lugo!
   - Single issue order information.
   - Always looking for article contributions, contact: egershowitz@hbook.com
   - About Horn Book: Recommended only titles; Newsletters, blogs, book lists
   - Everything is currently available for free on the website, including the digital archive of the magazine.

2. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Executive Board
   b. RNE Membership
      i. Attendees:
         Jessica Agudelo
         Asuncion Cora
         Elisa Garcia
         Elissa Gershowitz
3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes from 3rd Membership Meeting 3/12/2021: correction noted for Tania Maria Marrero's name; language clarification; repeated word. Adriana: suggested adding the group photo to notes. Motion to approve with corrections by Asuncion Cora, seconded by Louis Muñoz. Motion passed. Yesenia Lopez abstains.


5. Committee Information/Updates/Sign-Up Here
   b. Communications/Social Media Committee: Asuncion/Linda-the Reforma website has been updated with Mini Conference registration info. Please review and share. Ismael Alicea winner info will be up soon. Contact if you notice anything in need of update
   c. Election Committee: Asuncion Cora-nominations/candidates are on the website. Voting should start today, email will be sent out but info can be viewed now on the website. 2 week voting period. Louis-bylaws call for 21 days for voting, not 2 weeks.
   d. Finance Committee: Manny Figueroa-committee is chaired by immediate past president. Members are encouraged to volunteer for the Finance
Committee. Function of the committee: Quarterly meetings are held to review finances, review proposals and suggestions, make recommendations to the EB.

e. Fundraising Committee: no updates.

f. Inter-Ethnic Affiliates Liaison Committee: no updates.

g. Ismael Alicea Professional Development Committee: Winner of this year’s award is Evelyn Muriel-Cooper.

h. Judith Rivas Mini-Grant: Asuncion Cora-committee requested giving out 2 awards because of two strong candidates. Consideration by membership. Manny-must consider precedent being set. EB will schedule a meeting with Tess to discuss applications and changes in the disbursement amount proposed.

i. Leadership Institute Committee: Mary Marques- Closing with 2 programs-hoping with new FY to develop other formats and schedule in person events or continue with virtual setting, makes it more accessible.

j. Lillian Marrero Scholarship Committee: no applicants this year. Encourage people to apply. Angelina-students not aware of scholarships available. Suggested additional outreach.

k. Membership Committee: 104 members, no new members. Will reach out to members to renew. Hoping to encourage people to join and be active members. Email reformane@gmail.com if interested in a particular committee.

l. Spanish Book Buzz Committee: no updates.

m. Teresa Mlawer Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: no updates

n. Annual Joint Mini-Conference Committee: Registration is live. Keynotes Ray Pun and Candice Mack. Program is forthcoming. No exhibitors, but donations are being requested and we will promote those during the event.

6. New Business:
Louis Muñoz-RNC VII, November 4-7; Request made to change the night of the gala, originally Friday evening, likely to be Saturday, but awaiting confirmation. Noche de cuentos will be rescheduled. Loida Garcia-Febo is a candidate for IFLA President, she has received ALA endorsement.
Manny Figueroa: Chapters donate to the RNC; we can go by what we’ve donated in the past. Funds will be part of the budget. JCLC: all affiliates contribute funds, but it is more an investment, but is on a national level. Chapter does not provide money to JCLC. Conference registration opens soon. Adriana: Currently accepting proposals for RNC.

Linda Caycedo: Suggested swag to raise funds for the chapter.

Louis Muñoz: REFORMA National elections are going on through May 31.

Manny Figueroa: General membership meeting during ALA-Monday, June 28 from 3 to 5. Info not posted on the website as of yet. Louis: all meetings are open unless otherwise noted. Non-board members cannot vote on motions.

7. Novedades
8. Group Photo
9. Donations

Conference Registration!

- The REFORMA Northeast Joint Mini-Conference will be held, virtually, on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 11-2:30PM EST. You can register here.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14PM