



The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking
Connecticut - Massachusetts - New Jersey - New York- Pennsylvania - Rhode Island

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



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Evelyn Cooper
Haydee Hodis
Angelina Anzalone
Linda Caycedo
Manny Figueroa
Yesenia Lopez
Adriana Blancarte-Hayward
Louis Muñoz
Mary Marques

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.
4. [Treasurer's Report from 3/12/2021 to 5/14/2021](#): total as of March 12/2021 (12,512.04). No income to report. Expenses: check sent for Ismael Alicea award in the amount of (179). Additional funds in Paypal account. Manny will transfer funds to bank account and send an updated report with the new amount. Finances are healthy. (150) honorarium for Mini Conference keynote.
5. [Committee Information/Updates/Sign-Up Here](#)
 - a. **Bylaws Committee**: Louis Muñoz-No update.
 - 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



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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.



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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