



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

**2nd RNE Membership Meeting  
Friday, December 9, 2022  
11:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Location:** Newark Public Library - Main Branch  
**APPROVED MINUTES 3/24/23**

**In person:**

Newark Public Library - Main Branch  
5 Washington Street Newark, NJ 07102

**11:00 am:** Welcome/Tour

**12:00 pm:** Lunch\*

\*Generously provided by the NJ Hispanic Research & Information Center @ The Newark Public Library

**1:00 - 4:00 pm:** Membership Meeting

**2:30 pm - Group Photo TBA**

**Online Access:**

**REFORMA Northeast Chapter Membership Meeting**

Fri, December 9, 2022

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT**

**Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468784310?pwd=eINDZ1czL0x1cGU2UXdveisrSHN3dz09>

**Meeting ID: 864 6878 4310**

**Passcode: 2022**

**2022-2023 RNE Executive Board**

Linda Caycedo - President/Elect

**Vacant**, Vice President

Elisa Garcia - Past President

Angelina Anzalone - Secretary

Manny Figueroa -Treasurer

**11:00 am - Tour:** Yesenia Lopez, Director

NJ Hispanic Research & Information Center @ The Newark Public Library

*Continental Breakfast and Lunch has been generously provided thanks to the NJ Hispanic Research & Information Center*

**Meeting Agenda**

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**1:00 pm - RNE Membership**

1. Welcome/Acknowledge Host/Introductions

In Attendance: Total - 21 (8 remotely)

Linda Caycedo

Angelina Anzalone

Manny Figueroa

Elisa Garcia

Tess Tobin

Evelyn Muriel-Cooper

Asuncion Cora  
Violeta Aybar-Maki  
Ruth Rodriguez  
Yesenia Lopez  
Loida Garcia-Febo  
Lee Moonan  
Louis Muñoz

Attending Virtually:

Haydee Hodis  
Alicia Roman  
Janice Hochstat-Greenberg  
Jessica Agudelo  
Mary Marques  
Maria Cotto  
Maria Saiz Angulom  
Cheyanne Wolf

Meeting called to order at 1:25.

2. Presentation 1 - Mary Marques, Chair of Leadership Institute  
[Beyond Virtual and Hybrid Webinar and Ebook Launch 12/2/22](#) - Mary Marques joined via Zoom and shared her screen to present her new [ebook](#) with the gathered RNE members. The information and link to this ebook was sent to the RNE listserv. Mary will email Loida more information so that Loida can share it with larger platforms like ALA and IFLA.
3. Presentation 2 - [Gente y Cuentos](#) - Maria Saiz Angulom and Cheyanne Wolf joined the meeting to present via Zoom. Cheyanne shared her screen to present the slideshow "People & Stories Gente y Cuentos: Opening door to Literature one short story at a time."
4. Approval of Minutes: [1st RNE Meeting](#) (9/23/22) Motion to approve minutes called by Louis Muñoz. Yesenia Lopez seconds. Motion passed.
5. [Treasurer's Report](#) Money collected at the September meeting is in the budget. No expenses. Balance is \$13,646.68. \$81 collected at this meeting for the scholarship fund and \$20 for the chapter fund.
6. [Call for Nomination for Vice President](#) - Elisa Garcia, Elections Committee Chair. EB is still seeking a candidate for chapter VP to complete the leadership team for the Northeast. EB is working on a succession plan in the event of no VP nomination/election. Reach out to Elisa ([elisagarcia@nypl.org](mailto:elisagarcia@nypl.org)) with questions about the role. Linda, Tess, Louis, Manny, Loida, Evelyn, and Asuncion all encouraged people to become VP. Yesenia had questions about the role and bylaws about past presidents serving on the EB again. She also had questions about State Coordinators.
  - a. Manny and Elisa suggested having someone step up and train to enter this position for the following year, while for this current year, a past president should step up and take over the role. And then during the normal VP elections in June, a new person could be formally elected to the position.
  - b. There was an idea proposed by Yesenia and taken up by Manny and Elisa to do more with the State Coordinators. This will be discussed further at another time.
7. [RNE Committees 2022-2023 Updates](#)
  - i. The committee sign up sheet was passed around asking for those who signed up for a committee to contact the committee chairs if they haven't yet been contacted.

Committee chairs update:

- b. [Bylaws](#) Committee: Louis Muñoz no updates. Anyone who is interested can join.
- c. [Communications/Social Media](#) Committee: Linda Caycedo is the chair and needs help and for members to join.

- d. Election Committee: Elisa Garcia is the chair and already had spoken when we talked about the VP position.
  - e. Finance Committee: Manny Figueroa. No news, information shared in the budget.
  - f. Fundraising Committee: Haven't yet met this year.
  - g. [Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award Committee](#) Linda Caycedo gave information about the grant: It's a \$600 grant to attend ALA. Applications open January 31st.
  - h. Joint Mini-Conference: Linda will be contacting whoever signed up for the committee to start planning.
  - i. [Judith Rivas Mini-Grant](#): Tess Tobin gave a background on who Judith Rivas was. The grant is offered every 2 years to do programming at libraries. \$500 award. Opens January 1st, closes April 1st.
  - j. [Lillian Marrero Scholarship Committee](#) Louis Muñoz is the chair. The award started in 2010 given to a grad or Ph.d. student to encourage students in their work with Latinos. You need to be an active member of the chapter. Materials for his year's application will go out to the 13 library schools within RNE's range next week. Applications open Jan 1 - April 1st. The budget for the award is \$1,000 and it is given out in two disbursements, the first at the mini-conference, the next at the following meeting or event that the award winner attends.
  - k. Membership Committee: Linda Caycedo. 89 person membership. Some people need to renew. They can renew on the website on the first page. Email [membership@reforma.org](mailto:membership@reforma.org) with any questions.
  - l. Spanish Book Buzz Committee: Elisa Garcia is the chair. She will be renaming the book buzz because they do not only feature Spanish language books, but any centering Latino creators, to Winter Book Buzz or a name featuring Latinos. Will take place on Feb 24th virtually. Contact Elisa if anyone wants to join at [elisagarcia@nypl.org](mailto:elisagarcia@nypl.org). Sample 2020 Book Buzz booklet ('20) was passed around, it is also available online.
  - m. Teresa Mlawer Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Louis Muñoz is not the chair, Libbhy is, but she is not here so Louis spoke about it. This award is not bestowed yearly, but as a special award to someone who has performed long and significant service to the chapter.
8. New Business
- a. Tess Tobin and Haydee Hodis met a Bolivian librarian at IFLA who they are partnering with to do a program in Peru in the Spring. They're working with two Bolivian librarians. If it doesn't happen this Spring, they will work on it to happen at a future date. Future programs are in the idea process for starting additional programs in other Latin American countries. Tess and Haydee will have a conversation with REFORMA NE about who will support it and give their name to it. But they're not at the stage yet.
  - b. Louis Muñoz shared that 5-6 weeks ago the loss of [Roberto Delgadillo](#), not from the RNE chapter, but a REFORMA member.
  - c. Yesenia announced that NPL is partnering with the Embassy of Spain on May 16th for a children's program "Children's Books Workday". A flier will be forthcoming.
  - d. Janice asked people to consider sharing microaggressions fighting white supremacy on certain committees claiming this RNE chapter would be a safe place to share these things.
9. Novedades
- a. Louis Muñoz wanted to give props to Alicia about her event, "Diversity and Outreach Un-Conference: Breaking Down Barriers." Notes and resources will be shared from the breakout sessions. Workshop slides are available online.

- b. Louis Muñoz is in NJLA and wanted to say that meetings have been great and it's been wonderful meeting other folks. Sessions are open to people outside of NJ. You can email Alicia Roman to send the link to the meetings.
  - c. Manny Figueroa shared that the Afro Latino Affiliate Group is meeting on Dec 16 from 2-3pm online. REFORMA National sent out the link, but contacted Manny for the link.
  - d. Tess Tobin thinks we should post all programs we host at our libraries to the RNE website, not just programs hosted by/for RNE.
10. Group Photo
11. Donations [Paypal](#) <https://www.reformanortheast.org/join.html>

### **Save the Date:**

- **Virtual RNE Winter Book Buzz will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023. Volunteers welcome. Contact: Elisa Garcia**
- **3rd RNE Membership Meeting will be held on March 24, 2023 at the [Hartford Public Library - Park Street Library @ The Lyric](#)**
- **Annual Joint Mini-Conference is scheduled for Friday, June 2023 - TBC  
Volunteers welcome. Contact: Linda Caycedo**
- **[Awards/Scholarship, Grants Applications/Deadlines](#) Volunteers encouraged to support Committee chairs.**

Motion to adjourn by Elisa, seconded by Asuncion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.