



The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking
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Second RNE Chapter Meeting 2020-2021
Friday, December 4, 2020
1-4:30PM, Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Via Zoom

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcu-hqTopEtEa9L6DVtgBX76nmic1AyiQ>

2020-2021 RNE Executive Board

Asuncion Cora, President

Elisa Garcia, Vice President

Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Past President

Jessica Agudelo, Secretary

Manny Figueroa, Treasurer

Meeting minutes by Jessica Agudelo

Attendees: 20

Start time: 1:06 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Presentation of the University Of Massachusetts-Amherst Library by Isabel Espinal. Student body makeup information can be found [here](#).
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Executive Board
 - b. Patricia Valdovinos - [Reforma LA](#) President:
 - c. RNE Membership
3. Approval of Minutes: Review of minutes by membership. Name corrections and additions of names of members who attended the last meeting. Motion to approve by Louis Muñoz, seconded by Manny Figueroa. Motion passed unanimously, pending addition of attendees.
 - a. [Minutes from 1st Membership Meeting 9/18/2020](#)
4. [Treasurer's Report 9/18/2020-12/4/2020](#): No new income. Few expenses, except for Pura Belpré Award plaque, expenses amounted to \$164.47. Balance:



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\$11,189. More funds to be raised by upcoming fundraiser; \$1,140 left over for next and first scholarship disbursement.

5. [Committee Information/Updates/Sign-Up Here](#)
 - a. Bylaws Committee: Louis Muñoz- Recommendations for changes/amending bylaws. Committee has reviewed bylaws by other chapters/ethnic affiliates for reference, reviewed Reforma National to ensure our bylaws align. Moved forward with proposed changes, Finalizing and will send to EB and membership, should be up for vote before next meeting.
 - b. Communications/Social Media Committee: Linda Caycedo/Asunción Cora- Social media presence includes Facebook, website, IG, Twitter. Committee is always looking for members to participate. Looking to increase website traffic this year. News, programs, articles and other contributions are welcome by committee to share in the news section of the site. All members are encouraged to become familiar with the site. Email reformane@gmail.com to share events etc. Suggestions: Weebly is used for NE website, but the committee can consider other products and make recs for other site hosting, but the product must be secure. Increase traffic by sharing links/updates/content on social media. Social media should be linked on website as well.
 - c. Election Committee: Adriana Blancarte-Hayward-Recommendations for anyone interested in running for president of the chapter are welcome. Treasurer election coming up as well. Elections will take place in Spring.
 - d. Finance Committee: Adriana Blancarte-Hayward-no updates to report. Last meeting held to review the budget for the year. Adriana promoted upcoming fundraiser.
 - e. Fundraising Committee: Asuncion Cora- Committee hasn't met yet, but hoping to meet for new ideas for fundraising for scholarship and chapter.
 - f. Inter-Ethnic Affiliates Liaison Committee: Haven't met. Focus was for Mini-conference. No updates.
 - g. Ismael Alicea Professional Development Committee: Linda Caycedo & Elizabeth Garcia- Offers \$600 scholarship for attending ALA conference. This year unsure of how it will work. Can still be awarded for virtual conference attendance. Amount would have to be adjusted/reconsidered if



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the conference is virtual. Cost is less, perhaps more people can be awarded. Motion to change award funding allocated for RNC instead/in addition ALA Annual. Wording needs to change on website description. Announcement usually goes out in January. In lieu or addition to annual, funds can be used for attending RNC 7. Manny offered to change the wording, bring it up to the executive board, and can be voted on during the next meeting.

- h. Judith Rivas Mini-Grant: Tess Tobin-\$500 stipend used for programming. Last year Georgina Rivas held a Noche de cuentos. January/February announcement for next round, winner announced in April.
- i. Leadership Institute Committee: Mary Marques: first webinar began a few months ago. Second presentation: Champions' Showcase: Ideas We Should Steal!! Friday, February 5th 2021 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Accepting proposals. Presentations are 10 mins, 5 mins for questions. Seek to highlight work chapter members are doing during the pandemic. Website has link of the first webinar video recording.
- j. Lillian Marrero Scholarship Committee: Louis Muñoz- Awarded to a library school student to encourage work with Latinos in their libraries. Tania Maria Marrero Rios was recipient this year (2020). Next year's award criteria was updated and sent to EB, will be sent to membership & shared with library schools from Jan 1-April 1. Committee meets 4/15 and then winner is announced. Typically the award is given at the Joint Mini conference. Consideration to expand our awards, not necessarily monetary but recognition. Oversight Committee to determine whether it's feasible to start new awards and determine fundraising. Reforma del Valle is an example for various awards.
- k. Membership Committee: Elisa Garcia-100 active members, reaching out to members who have not been as active. Looking for more committee participation by members.
- l. Spanish Book Buzz Committee: Elisa Garcia/Jessica Agudelo- Collaboration with LA Chapter. Dates are Feb 2nd, 4th, 9th & 11. Will be recruiting members to present/host during presentations. Encourage members to participate. Loida: suggested publishing about collaboration, perhaps in the International Relations newsletter.



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- m. Teresa Mlauer Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: no updates
- n. Annual Joint Mini Conference Committee: begin planning in January. Looking to plan virtually, but looking to adapt to in person event. If you want to volunteer you can add your name to the [volunteer spreadsheet](#).
- 6. [REFORMA National Familia Fund](#): Tess Tobin- Exec committee launched fund on Giving Tuesday to gift a year of membership for those experiencing financial difficulties. Limited to people who are current members, but may change depending on funding.
- 7. **New Business:**
Louis Muñoz: Three candidates running for ALA President: Ed Garcia, Stacey Aldrich, Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada. Tessa noted that REFORMA National must endorse a candidate before the chapters do. January 24-next Executive Committee meeting.

Louis Muñoz: ALA Council updates: Holding 6 meetings about future direction of organization. Constitutional convention expected sometime in March.

Manny Figueroa: Updates on Steering Committee- REFORMA is seeking legal advice to make a final decision for the format of RNC 7, should be able to give more info in January. Due to Coronavirus cancellations, the contract process is being considered. Looked for assistance from ALA, considering risk and liability for covering expenses.

8. Novedades

Linda Caycedo/Evelyn Cooper: Gallery exhibits at the Bronx Library Center have been promoted through virtual tours and displayed digitally on social media & [Vimeo](#). Recent virtual exhibits included subjects like Arturo Schomburg, [Pura Belpre](#), and art by members of a local senior center. Mary suggested BLC staff present at the Leadership Institute.

Maria Cotto: Spanish Book Fair was canceled this year, but will hopefully be rescheduled next year. Nominees were announced in September for the [Latino](#)



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[Books Month](#) Book Award, titles are for kids from K-12th grade. From January to May authors will be invited to connect with students. Rhode Island Latino arts nominees and past winners are invited to do Zoom meetings with libraries and public schools.

Elizabeth Garcia: Shared information about the damage Storm Eta caused to libraries in Guatemala, severely damaging library building and materials and the [Riecken Community Libraries](#) organization's efforts to open locations.

Isabel Espinal/Elisa Garcia: Promoted Alianza Dominicana a group of librarians of Dominican heritage. Interested librarians reach out to Isabel. Linda also shared the link to the [Dominican Studies Institute](#).

9. [Holiday Fundraiser](#): First Holiday fundraiser with JuanMa of Sonido Costeño playing the cuatro in the tradition of parrandas. Friday, December 18, 8PM EST. Tickets available [here](#) and funds go to the [Lillian Marrero Scholarship](#).
10. Group Photo
11. [Donations](#): Members are asked to share link with others. Link is also found on the REFORMA [NE website](#).

Save the Date:

- Second REFORMA Northeast Leadership Institute Webinar will be held on Friday, February 5th, 2021 from 11-12:30PM. Registration will open in January. Information and updates on these webinars can be found on the Leadership Institute [website](#).
- 3rd Membership meeting will be held (virtually) on Friday, March 12th from 1-4:30PM
- Spanish Book Buzz will be held virtually on February 2nd, 4th, 9th, & 11th.

Meeting adjourned: 3:59pm



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Attendees:

Isabel Espinal
Louis Muñoz
Tess Tobin
Patricia Valdovinos
Manny Figueroa
Linda Caycedo
Elizabeth Garcia
Maria Cotto
Loida Garcia-Febo
Susan Paredes
Tania Rios
Haydee Hodis
Evelyn Muriel-Cooper
Jennifer Daddio
Adriana Blancarte-Hayward
Roxana Benavides
Elisa Garcia
Jessica Agudelo
Asuncion Cora
Jetzabel Gonzalez
Mary Marquez