



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

**Second RNE Chapter Meeting 2021-2022**  
**Friday, December 10, 2021**  
**1-4:00 PM, Virtually via Zoom**

**Meeting Information/Zoom link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsd-iqqDkjHtWwiD9LRT0SAbhULEbgw3ZQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsd-iqqDkjHtWwiD9LRT0SAbhULEbgw3ZQ)

**2021-2022 RNE Executive Board**

Elisa Garcia- President

Linda Caycedo- Vice President

Asuncion Cora-Past President

Jessica Agudelo- Secretary

Manny Figueroa-Treasurer

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Executive Board

RNE Membership

**Attendees:**

- Elisa Garcia
- Asuncion Cora
- Jessica Agudelo
- Elizabeth Garcia
- Haydee Hodis
- Tess Tobin
- Sandy L
- Janice Hochstat-Greenberg
- Natalia Umaña
- Mary Marques
- Lisa Melendez
- Susan Paredes
- Linda Caycedo
- Angelina Anzalone
- Emily Nichols
- Margo Franklin
- Louis Muñoz
- Josselyn Atahualpa
- Mayra Quiñones



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- Manny Figueroa
  - Adriana Blancarte-Hayward
  - Erin Power
  - Loida Garcia-Febo
  - Paloma Celis-Carvajal
  - Fred Gitner
  - Millie Gonzalez
  - Ruth Rodriguez
  - Yesenia Lopez
2. Approval of Minutes: [RNE 1st general membership meeting 9/24/21](#) Manny Figueroa motions to approve minutes with edits, Louis Muñoz seconds. Passed unanimously.
  3. [Treasurer's report: 9/25/21-12/10/21](#): nothing to report in income. Every new membership brings in 50% of fees to our chapter. Expenses included sending the chapter president to the RNC VII conference. Ending balance (14,757.90).
  4. Speaker: [Paloma Celis Carvajal](#): Started in September 2018 at NYPL. Goal is to connect research collections to the general public and encourage new users.
    - 900,000+ titles in Spanish and Portuguese. First person to serve as curator for this collection.
    - Notable and foundational Latino figures at NYPL: Arturo Schomburg and Pura Belpré.
    - [Posada Collection/Exhibition](#): NYPL has one of the largest collections of Posada works outside of Mexico. Posada collection is digitized.
    - [Polonsky Exhibition of NYPL's Treasures](#): Paloma worked on the translation of the audio guide. Exhibition includes several items from the Hispanic collection.
    - [Jose Limon exhibit at LPA](#)
    - Additional [links and resources](#) shared by Paloma (added 12/29/2021)
    - Potential for an in person visit to the collection during a future RNE meeting!
  5. RNE Committees 2021-2022  
[Committee information](#)  
Committee chairs-update:
    - a. Bylaws Committee: no updates
    - b. **Communications/Social Media Committee**: Linda Caycedo-always looking for ideas and feedback, always accepting volunteers. Please email Linda: [lacoqui@gmail.com](mailto:lacoqui@gmail.com) or Asuncion Cora. Hoping for monthly meetings to plan how to spread the word about the chapter & set goals for the year.
    - c. Election Committee: no updates
    - d. Finance Committee: no updates
    - e. Fundraising Committee: no updates
    - f. Inter-Ethnic Affiliates Liaison Committee: no updates



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- g. **Ismael Alicea Professional Development Committee:** Linda Caycedo-[Link to award information](#). This award covers the cost of registering for ALA, since the conference is virtual. January-the award will be announced, March is the deadline for applications.
- h. Judith Rivas Mini-Grant: no updates
- i. Leadership Institute Committee: Mary Marques- virtual meetings still taking place, is thinking of alternate ideas.
- j. **Lillian Marrero Scholarship Committee:** Louis Muñoz-1K scholarship given out once a year to library school students who are members, one criteria is to be an active member which includes being part of committees. Not given out yearly, only if there is a suitable candidate. Info will be posted within this week. Update: [Link to scholarship announcement](#)

Words of appreciation from Louis to the Northeast familia for all the well wishes.

Manny-suggests using social media to reach students in addition to letter mailed out. Angelina Anzalone-active on Discord and posts info from chapter, suggests reaching out to student chapters and their social media coordinators and discuss in-person outreach opportunities.

- k. **Membership Committee:** Elisa Garcia-114 chapter members as of now.
- l. **Spanish Book Buzz Committee:** Jessica Agudelo-encourage members who are interested in publishing and event planning to sign up. Book buzz moved to February. Previous [book buzz link](#).
- m. Teresa Mlawer Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: no updates
- n. **Joint mini conference:** Asuncion Cora-Theme being decided. Invites colleagues to submit proposals for presentations, keynote speaker, entertainment. [Past conferences](#). Will take place in June 2022, and is always a big event for the chapter.

Sign up for committees:

To [Sign up for committees](#), add your name and email to the spreadsheet.

- 6. Phishing emails: Beware of phishing emails. If emails are not sent from official REFORMA Northeast email ([reformane@gmail.com](mailto:reformane@gmail.com)) do not reply. Look carefully at the sender email. Email addresses for executive board were removed from the NE website.

- 7. New business:

Manny-There will be an Afro Latino affinity group within REFORMA starting in 2022, working with Ana Ndumu. Manny is representing the executive committee. It will be a space for staff members who want to get together and share info. Announcement will be



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made in Jan/Feb. REFORMA National is on board with creating other affinity groups, such as LGBTQIA.

Janice-On the Presidential Advisory Committee, subgroup with EDI focus.  
Sent message to black caucus and ALA about Carla Hayden's upcoming 70th birthday.  
Hoping to get chapters involved to honor her for her birthday.

Louis- RNC VII recording is available now for attendees on website and Whova app and will be available until May 7.

Adriana-still has book donations available for [Children in Crisis](#). If you know of any organizations that can benefit from receiving books, Adriana can send books in Spanish.  
Fred-Possibly CARECEN in Suffolk County? Reminder that we have this as a resource.

LAPL is celebrating their 40th anniversary. How old is Reforma NE? Janice volunteered to reach out to Ingrid Betancourt to ask about CIC and the history of the chapter.  
Possibility of developing a sound bites/oral history project for NE Chapter.

Yesenia-Celebrating 40 years of partnership with the community. Has many of Ingrid's papers and found materials related to REFORMA. Interested in helping out with an oral history project (email: [yes.prcarchivist@gmail.com](mailto:yes.prcarchivist@gmail.com)). Manny-suggests Queens Memory project as an example.

Fred Gitner-Northeast Chapter page on the REFORMA National website needs updating: <https://www.reforma.org/northeast>

8. Novedades
9. Donations:  
[Donations-Reforma Northeast](#)

### **Save the Date:**

- **The 3rd RNE meeting will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022, and will be held virtually.**
- **Spanish language book buzz will be held virtually on Friday, February 25, 2022.**

**Meeting adjourned 3:32pm**

Motion to end meeting Asuncion Cora, seconded by Manny Figueroa.