



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

First RNE Chapter Meeting 2021-2022
Friday, September 24, 2021
1-4:00PM, Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Information/Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012020000?pwd=ZlVkdUoqTkRHN2I4OrrC6j1f9owPpCoFLvR>

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 Borges-Ocasio
Janice Hochstat-Greenberg
Linda Caycedo
Lisa Melendez
Manny Figueroa
Evelyn Muriel-Cooper
Adriana Blancarte-Hayward
Ida D. McGhee
Margo Franklin
Tess Tobin
Madellen Garcia*
Maria Cotto
Louis Muñoz
Haydee Hodis
Libbhy Romero



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2. [2020-2021 Annual Report](#): Asuncion-Summary of report was presented during the membership meeting at Annual conference. Highlights included four membership meetings; virtual library tours by members; Horn Book presentation celebrating the Belpré award anniversary; two virtual book buzzes (Summer and Winter); leadership institute chaired by Mary Marques; Joint Mini-Conference. Balance of account included, reflecting a healthy budget and money raised for scholarship fund.
3. **Approval of Minutes** from 4th RNE Meeting: [RNE Meeting minutes 5/14/21](#): Adriana-grammatical corrections suggested. Motion to approve minutes made by Manny Figueroa. Linda Caycedo seconds the motion. Minutes approved.
4. **Evelyn Muriel-Cooper**: winner of the Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award Sentiments shared by Evelyn and presentation on experience at ALA Annual 2021.
5. **Treasurer's report**: [Treasurer's report 5/14/21-7/8/21](#)
Report extended fiscal year to July 8 to include added funds from early July. During May-July received scholarship contributions, proceeds (2154.45), including (1000) Lectorum donation. Book Buzz income and chapter reimbursements totaled (1662.50). Expenses: Paypal fees (*checks are preferred so we don't have to pay fees. These fees get taken out of the general fund, not scholarship fund) Total expenses: (745), ended fiscal year chapter fund with (12,003.38).
 - [Profit & Loss Report](#): Is a rundown of expenses and income, and how money is being spent for the whole year. Includes income sources like membership & scholarship fundraising. Expenses: grants & awards, net income (187.18), healthy amount of funds.
6. [Presidential Plan: 2021-2022](#):
 - Draft of [Proposed budget 2021-2022](#): Reviewed budget. State coordinators can request money for programming, etc. Not everyone would get the same amount.
 - Proposed setting aside funding for RNE president to travel to the National Conference, need to clarify if the money is designated for the pres or for membership. Motion by Manny Figueroa to cover the cost for Elisa to attend RNC VII. Louis Muñoz seconds. Motion passes.
 - Manny Figueroa: Motion to establish a line in our scholarship fund to allow us to award a conference grant for RNC and JCLC attendance. Starting with 1K from the general fund and going forward be supplemented by fundraising. Includes a committee to explore how the awarding will function and allow for members to apply for funding. Will need to fundraise to replenish in the future to allow it to continue. Seconded by Janice Hochstat-Greenberg. Motion passes unanimously.
 - Motion to pass the draft budget with amendments by Louis Muñoz. Ida McGhee seconds. Passed unanimously.
7. RNE Committees 2021-2022
[Committee Information](#)



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Committee chairs update: We need members to volunteer for committees!

- a. **Bylaws Committee:** Louis Muñoz-nothing to report. Reach out to members and anyone else interested in joining the committee
- b. **Communications/Social Media Committee:** Linda/Asuncion-no updates
- c. **Election Committee:** no updates
- d. Finance Committee: no updates
- e. Fundraising Committee: no updates
- f. Inter-Ethnic Affiliates Liaison Committee: no updates
- g. **Ismael Alicea Professional Development Committee:** no updates
- h. **Judith Rivas Mini-Grant:** Lisa Melendez- Latino Arts Council of Long Island presenting art/photography virtual workshops in Colombia, expanded to additional regions. Film festival and exhibit on campus are tentatively planned. Work will be exhibited in a Medellin library and travel to other libraries. Hoping to publish a collection of the photography and distribute to libraries in the participating regions. Proposed having participants present to RNE members at an upcoming meeting.
- i. **Leadership Institute Committee:** More updates at a later date on the future of the leadership committee.
- j. **Lillian Marrero Scholarship Committee:** Louis Muñoz- no applicants last year, so money rolled over into this year. Considered revising timetables, but consensus was that the same timetable be kept; applications accepted Jan 1-Apr 1, winner announced by April 15 >>first disbursement is given out ahead of Joint Mini-conference. Plan is to work with library schools and chapters/state coordinators, to nurture and grow the next generation of chapter colleagues and leaders.
- k. **Membership Committee:** Elisa Garcia-Hoping to reach out to other NE states for more involvement. 104 current members, but not active. Janice-suggestion to reach out to paraprofessionals to encourage them to join and engage.
- l. **Spanish Book Buzz Committee:** Next Book Buzz will be held virtually on 1/14/2022 [see update in meeting notes 12/10/2022]. Planning will begin next month. Anyone interested can join the committee.
- m. **Teresa Mlawer Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Libbhy Romero-will start promoting it in the listserv. Last awardee was Tess Tobin. Libbhy will update information and Jessica will send out to the membership.

Sign up for committees:

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8. New Business

Maria Cotto: [Feria del Libro y Artes de Providence](#) is a virtual, two-week event. Featured a presentation by Naibe Reynoso, author of [How to Fold a Taco: Como Doblar Un Taco](#), will also feature Emma Otheguy, promoting [A Sled for Gabo](#).

[Rhode Island Latino Book Award](#). Follow Latino Books Award Rhode Island on social media [[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)]. Celebrates authors, art, music, poetry.

Cornucopia of Rhode Island: [Fall Mini-Conference 2021](#) (part of the RI Library Assoc) will take place Thursday 11/4 virtually. Theme is "Empowering Rhode Island Communities Through History and Service." Working to recruit new members; welcomed 3 new Latinx librarians in Rhode Island, encouraging those on the RI Book Committee to join Reforma.

BCALA Awarded Ida McGhee an [advocacy award](#).

9. Novedades

Janice Hochstat-Greenberg: encouraged people to volunteer for ALA committees. Lessa Pelayo-Lozada, 2021-22 ALA President-Elect, is beginning to review volunteer applications. Active member of [American Folklore Society](#) Latinx subgroup [Janice will send links to append]. Hoping to establish a partnership with AFS and ALA. Reach out to Janice with questions: morjan1027@gmail.com.

Linda: BLC is hosting an exhibit, [virtual walking tour](#). Esmeralda Santiago book discussion <https://linktr.ee/BronxLibraryCenter>

Evelyn: BLC Podcast will now be bilingual. First library podcast to do it in Spanish, first discussion to be posted soon. Podcast archive [here](#).

Manny- RNC VII: register at the [REFORMA website](#). Challenge is that it conflicts with other events. Encourage everyone to register and attend. Manny and Louis are on the steering committee, and you can reach out to them if you have questions.

Website could use a facelift. Manny has ideas for updating the website, including bringing in a consultant. <https://www.reformanortheast.org/>

[Committee sign up](#)

Linda- Recommends the book, [The Taste of Sugar](#). Suggestion to begin recording membership meetings. Suggestion will be considered, permission is needed from attendees. Discussion will continue.



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10. Group Photo

11. [Donations](#)

Save the Date:

- **2nd RNE meeting will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 1-4:30pm.**
- **Spanish language book buzz will be held virtually on Friday, January 14, 2022**

Meeting adjourned at 3:06pm