

**REFORMA Northeast Chapter
Nomination for Treasurer
2019-2021**



Manny Figueroa

Manny Figueroa began his career in Libraries as a Young Adult Librarian Trainee with the New York Public Library in April of 1994. His career at the New York Public Library spanned 13 1/2 years during which he held several positions. He was District Librarian of the Manhattan North District upon leaving NYPL in December 2007.

In January of 2008 Manny joined the Queens Library as the Assistant Director of Community Library Services, a position he held for six years. Manny is now the Talent Development and Training Manager for Queens Library where he coordinates training programs and assists in the professional development of all full-time Queens Library staff. In his current role he hopes to build a solid training and development program to assist Queens Library employees to develop and grow to achieve their full potential within the Queens Library Community and beyond.

Manny is a member of ALA, PLA, NYLA, and REFORMA. He joined REFORMA Northeast Chapter (RNE) in the spring of 2008, and has served as President of the Chapter in 2010. Since 2012 he has served as Treasurer of RNE and is currently serving on the executive committee of REFORMA National as the East Region Chapter Representative. Manny is also active in the Ethnic Services Roundtable of the New York Library Association (NYLA). In his spare time he enjoys binge-watching Netflix series, long walks through the city streets, and travelling.

Statement of Purpose

I have been the treasurer of REFORMA Northeast Chapter since 2012. In the seven years that I have been the treasurer of RNC, I have been responsible for handling all financial transactions of the Chapter, providing the Treasurer's Report at each meeting, assisting the incoming Presidents to create a budget, and recording all of the chapter's financial transactions to ensure that the chapter's accounts are up to date and that we are able to meet all of our financial responsibilities. Some of my accomplishments in this role have included, creating processes and forms to improve the way our financial transactions are handled, making them clear and transparent; changing our accounts from HSBC, who closed our accounts, to TD Bank; completing the process of having our 501C3 non-profit status reinstated; and working with efficient board members to increase our funds from about \$7,000 to over \$10,000 through financial planning and fund-raising. If re-elected I hope to continue to develop procedures and implement financial practices to ensure that the chapter continues to be fiscally solvent and will work with the fund-raising committee to grow our scholarship and ensure that we can continue to award a scholarship each year.