



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

1st RNE Chapter Membership Meeting 2019-2020

Friday September 27th, 2019

Central Library, Brooklyn Public Library

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introduction of Executive Board Committee Members for 2019-2020

Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, President

Asunción Cora, Vice President

Evelyn Muriel-Cooper, Past President

Linda Caycedo, Secretary

Manny Figueroa, Treasurer

11:00 am – BPL/Central Library Tour: Norman Eriksen (Thank you for an enlightening Tour)

12:00 noon - Lunch (thanks to BPL for a delicious lunch and BPL info packets)

Jesse Montero, welcomed everyone to BPL. Norman Eriksen tour of BPL. Frank Xu, shared information about World Languages Collection. Eva Raison, Janel Peterson and Miguel Angeles shared work they do at the Immigrant Services and the Outreach Department.

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

Attendance: - 29

Virtual - Online Access: Fred Gitner, QPL; Nicolette Archambault, Simmons College

Welcome & Introductions

Adrian Blancarte-Hayward, RNE President 2019-2020

REFORMA National Update - President, Kenny Garcia, from California State University, Monterey, California acknowledged RNE efforts and shared REFORMA commitment to support National and Chapter mission: to build strategic taskforce, hold quarterly meetings, visit local chapters; strengthen relationships with affiliates and create and share organizational checklists. UPCOMING EVENTS: 25th Anniversary of Pura Belpre 2020, 50th Anniversary of REFORMA 2021.

RNE 2018-2019 Annual Report & Minutes Approval

Past President, Evelyn Muriel-Cooper shared highlights. Report & photos may be viewed on RNE webpage. Past RNE Mtg Minutes for 3rd & 4th RNE mtgs were reviewed and approved with minor corrections. Manny motioned to approve 3rd RNE Mtg minutes; Luis seconded the motion. Tess motioned to approve 4th RNE mtg minutes. Asuncion seconded the motion. Minutes can be viewed on RNE WEBSITE under “About RNE – Meeting Minutes”

I.A.P.D.A.2019 Recipient Report - Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award recipient, Asunción Cora, expressed her appreciation and benefits of attending the ALA conference in Washington D.C. in June 2019. Highlights included: REFORMA Institute: Power of Communication, Noche de Cuentos, and REFORMA mtgs, ALA exhibits in Washington DC and connecting with others library professionals.

Treasurer's Report - Manny Figueroa, Treasurer shared the report. Corrections were made and approved. Treasurer's report was passed with correction in regard to Pura Belpre Award amount – \$100.00 NOT \$500.00. It was suggested we consider using Zelle (no fee) along with PayPal. Manny will research possibly having both available

Adriana presented her ***Upcoming President Plan for 2019-2020***. Mission highlights included: increasing membership, enhancing RNE visibility, building RNE Legacy. Adriana urged members to volunteer & be active in one or more of the many RNE committees. Encouraging membership to fill or recommend for vacant State representative positions. Connecticut, NJ, Pennsylvania slots are open. N.Y. Rep is Elizabeth García.

Proposed Budget 2018-2019 - was approved by the membership . Proposed budget for 2019-2020 included correction on Pura Belpre amount (\$100.00 not \$500.00) and was approved. Motion was made to accept with correction by Elizabeth Garcia; seconded by Roxana Benavides.

RNE COMMITTEES - Call for Volunteers: RNE Committee chairs gave brief introductions and invitations to join one or more RNE Committee. Support from membership is welcome and encouraged. For more information, contact Committee chairs and check info on RNE website.

- a. ***Bylaws Committee*** – Louis Muñoz, Chairs
This is a continued work in progress. Modifications/clarifications are always helpful and needed. Suggested we follow REFORMA National standards. Issues include: electronic voting procedures, quorum issues, E.B. officers disciplinary actions & procedures. Additional Committee members are welcome to join in this effort to clarify and update the RNE BYLAWS.
- b. ***Membership Committee*** – Asuncion (as of 9/8/19 - 110 members) Mission to increase outreach, to library schools, library personnel, technical schools)
- c. ***Communications/Media Committee*** – Linda Caycedo, Mary Marques, Asunción Cora promote and update RNE events and activities via social media, website, twitter, etc. Call for volunteers to join in strategizing new ways to enhance RNE visibility and mission via communication technology. Request for committee member access to FB account. Password is not listed on RNE PASSWORD LIST.
- d. ***Finance Committee*** – Chair Immediate Past President – Evelyn Muriel-Cooper with Manny Figueroa.
- e. ***Fundraising Committee*** – Asunción Cora, Manny, Tess are brainstorming ideas on

how to add to the Scholarship fund. Direct online donations, Gala event, merchandising. Your ideas and participation are welcome on this committee.

- f. *Annual Joint Conference Committee* – Adriana, Chair – Co-chair welcome to work with ALA affiliates: APALA, BCALA, CALA, IALA, JCLC and other groups interested in this exciting Annual event. Assist with reviewing proposals and outreach for Annual JCC event beginning of June 2020
- g. *Annual Spanish Book Buzz Committee* – Alexandra Gomez and ASBBC promote publishing vendors. Presentations made by authors, publishers. Target audience: Librarians, teachers, Spanish language professionals, editors, etc.
- h. *Election Committee Chair* – Evelyn Muriel Cooper Annual Call for Nominations (See Bylaws for guidelines on website)
- i. *Lillian Marrero Scholarship* (\$1,000.00) – Louis Muñoz connects with over 13 library schools to promote this award opportunity. Given out in two disbursements. See for details see RNE website) Eligible candidates should contact reformane@gmail.com or apply directly to the RNE website.
- j. *Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award* – Linda Caycedo, Chair Elizabeth García, Co-chair promote this annual professional development award. Award is \$600.00. Offers financial assistance to attend ALA conference in June. This award/application is posted in January, application/essay is due in March; and awarded at the Joint Mini Conference in June. Eligible candidates should contact reformane@gmail.com or apply directly to the RNE website. Please refer candidates to us.
- k. *Pura Belpré Librarian of the Year Award* – Haydee/Roxana (Rotates with Judi Rivas Grant). Eligible candidates and nominations should contact reformane@gmail.com or apply directly via the RNE website.
- l. *Life Achievement Award* – Libby Romero, Chair – see link for nominating and eligibility requirements. Not annual but via nominations. Eligible candidates should contact reformane@gmail.com or apply directly to the RNE website.
- m. **NEW: Leadership Institute** – Chair, Mary Marques - Mary (was online) gave a brief update on the progress of the RNE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. Committee members include: Adriana, Manny, Elisa, Asunción. Will be meeting in 2 weeks to discuss data collection, blogGing, new trends, skill development on a local and national level.
- n. **NEW: Inter-Ethnic Affiliates Liaison Committee** - Chair, Adriana
- 9. **New Business**
RNC VII & RNCVIII Update – Roxana Benavides, Chair – RNE proposal for RNCVII was not accepted. But encouraged RNE to apply for the RNCVIII.

REFORMA Children In Crisis - Adriana - Over 300 books were delivered to children in detention shelters.
Elizabeth Garcia visit to Guatemala included book donations to community libraries.
Urban Libraries Unite received 95,000.00 to cover 4 states. BPL provided backpacks with school supplies for unsupervised children in immigration courts.

RNE Tertulia - Linda briefly spoke about the idea of having an RNE book club or tertulia January 2020. Interested members should email Adriana or Linda.

RNE BANNER - Everyone agreed we need to get a new banner - A fabric banner or tablecloth was suggested. Cost estimates and options will be researched and discussed at the next meeting.

12. **NOVEDADES**

Announcement: [Bank Street Conference](#) October 19, 2019

13. Lillian Marrero Scholarship Fund - \$170.00 was collected today. Thank you for your generous support
Meeting Adjourned. 4:30 pm

14. Save the dates*

15. Group Photo

***Save the Dates**

2nd RNE Chapter meeting
Friday, December 13, 2019
Newark Public Library, Newark, NJ

4th Annual Spanish Book Buzz
Friday, January 10, 2020
Penguin Random House, NY

Upcoming RNE events pending confirmation:

- **REFORMA Northeast Leadership Institute, Philadelphia, PA**
- **3rd RNE Chapter meeting**
- **4th RNE Chapter meeting**
- **Annual Joint Mini-Conference & Book Fair**

DRAFT - Approved on 12/13/19

