

**ESRT General Membership Meeting
Ramapo-Catskill Library System
Middletown, New York
June 10, 2013**

Attendance:

Tom Brogan, BPL; Cherie Chigama, Southeast Steuben County Library; Manny Figueroa, Queens Library; Tracey Y. Allen, Finkelstein Memorial Library; David Nochimson, NYPL; Tejas Desai, Queens Library; Kacper Jarecki, Queens Library; Selina Sharmin, Queens Library; Maria Martinez, Florida Public Library; Irina Kuharets, Finkelstein Memorial Library; Brigid Cahalan, NYPL; Fred Gitner, Queens Library; Grace Riario, Ramapo Catskill Library System; Wilma Glover-Koonison, Haverstraw Library.

President Manny Figueroa started the meeting at 10:44 AM. Grace introduced her boss, Robert Hubscher, Director, who welcomed all present to the Ramapo-Catskill Library System. Manny asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the last ESRT Membership Meeting, held on 3/1/13, at the Aguilar Branch of NTPL in Manhattan, was approved with amendments:

The word “attendance” was changed to “attendence.” The name “Adriana Blancarte-Haywood” was changed to “Adriana Blancarte-Hayward” in the Attendance section and List of ESRT Board. In the list of the new Officers of the ESRT Board the names should be listed first, followed by the title. On the second page, in the Publications and Newsletter Committee Report, “biblioghrapies” is changed to “bibliographies.” On the third page, “the life of refues” is changed to “the life of refugees.” Lastly, in the last sentence on page 3, “meet” is changed to “meeting.”

ESRT Elections- Kacper Jarecki, Past President, will serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. Grace Riario and Cherie Chigama volunteered to assist on the Nominating Committee.

The positions open for the 2013 election are: One Member at Large, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President/President-elect. Kacper will send out an email to the ESRT Round Table asking for nominations.

Candidates for each position need at least two nominations to be on the ballot. If we don't have two candidates for a position, then we can have a slate of candidates. Nominees will be asked to write a short biography. The ballot will be released on July 15, 2013 and close on August 12, 2013.

Fred Gitner presented the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance as of January 31, 2013:	\$2,630.80
February 2013-April 2013:	
Revenue	
Dues: February-April: \$85.00	\$185.00
Contrib. from Anne Hofmann: \$100.00	
Expenses:	\$0.00
April 30, 2013 Closing Balance:	\$2,815.80

Publications Committee Update- Irina Kuharets, Chair, reported: The Editorial Committee consisting of Fred, Brigid Cahalan, and I have been working on the 2nd edition of Bridging Cultures. We hope to have it completed for this year's conference in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Russian Publishing House will help with the printing costs. Other contributions will be solicited. The new title will be Connecting Cultures. 26 articles have been accepted and possibly two more may be accepted.

Bibliographies- This year we have had no bibliography submissions so far. If you want to submit, you need to submit by the deadline- June 29. We recommend having 25 titles of books or films. If interested, you need to first send your bibliography's scope to Irina at irinakuharets@gmail.com. The most recent bibliographies can be found on the NYLA website under ESRT and publications.

ESRT Newsletter- Cherie Chigama has graciously volunteered to work on the newsletter.

NYLA Annual Conference- Manny showed a copy of the conference bulletin for the next conference in Niagara Falls, NY from Sept. 25-28, 2013. Adriana Blancarte-Hayward planned and coordinated all the conference programs. She will monitor the first program listed below. Brigid offered to monitor the 2nd program and Grace offered to monitor the 3rd program. Manny will serve as Moderator for the 1st program. Adriana will serve as Moderator for the 2nd and 3rd programs.

Conference Programs-

Program 1: Disseminating Multicultural Works Through Self –Publishing

Sponsor: ESRT, Co-Sponsor: REFORMA

Thursday 9/26/13
4:00-5:15PM

Writers of different ethnic backgrounds anxious to tell their stories have encountered many challenges attempting to publish their work using conventional means. The ease with which anyone can now self-publish via Amazon and other Internet publishing venues has turned the publishing industry on its head. These new authors will now be able to self-publish relatively easily, thus creating greater access to different voices and providing an outlet to tell their stories. A panel composed of two self-published authors of multicultural literature and a professional in the publishing industry will present their experiences in self-publishing.

Track: Diverse & Special Populations

Speaker(s):

Tejas Desai, Queens Library

Neesha Meminger, Author and Filmmaker

Dr. Rahimeh Andalibian, Author and Clinical Psychologist

Ron Pramschufer, Self-Publishing Inc

ESRT Membership meeting. Ethnic Services- Round Table, Igniting the Flame

Thursday, 9/26/13 at 6:15PM

Location: Pyung Taik Restaurant, 420 Niagara Street,
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301

Everyone is invited to join us for a Korean meal. Not a member yet? You can join at this meeting. Learn how you can get involved in the Ethnic Services Round Table. This Round Table services as a forum for an exchange of information on designing services to diverse ethnic groups, finding funding available from public and private sources in support of ethnic programs, and on developing and promoting ethnic collections.

Program 2: Sparking a New Life for Refugees

Sponsor: ESRT, Co-Sponsor: REFORMA

Friday, 9/27/13

11:00AM-12:15PM

Join a panel of speakers from a Library, a Center for Refugees, and a multi-ethnic association as they share their experiences working together to foster the integration of immigrants and refugees in Utica, NY, and how this has helped to the revitalization of the community from 1979 to the present.

Track: Diverse & Special Populations

Speaker(s):

Darby O'Brien, Utica Public Library

Kevin Marken, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees

Program 3. The ABCSs of ESOL

Sponsor: ESRT, Co-Sponsors: REFORMA, CORT

Friday, 9/27/13

3:45-5:00PM

How can you take your English as a Second Language classes to the next level? Come and learn what different librarians in varied library settings have done to provide their communities with a much needed and welcomed service which is vital to all new immigrants to this country.

Track: Diverse & Special Populations

Speaker(s):

Beth Donovan, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

Carmen Navarro-Gao, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

Steven Mahoney, New York Public Library

ESRT Booth- Manny reported that now we have to submit an application for a booth in the trade show and pay \$100 for it. Manny said that he has been in charge of the booth for the last three years and would like someone else to run the booth. Being in charge of the booth entails: creating flyers listing the ESRT programs, running a raffle with prizes, hanging the ESRT banner, creating a poster board design, and setting up a schedule to staff the booth. Manny offered to help out. Irina mentioned that we will sell the new book at the booth.

Awards Committee- Manny, chair of the Awards Committee, reported that this year we will offer a Professional Development Award. We will send out an email inviting people to apply for this award. Applicants need to write an essay on how this award many benefit them. Information about the ESRT Professional Development Award can be found on the NYLA website site under ESRT. Tom will also help Manny on the Awards Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12 Noon. Afterwards we went out to lunch together and were invited on a tour of the Middletown Thrall Library by Matt Pfisterer, Library Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Brogan

ESRT Secretary