

**Ethnic Services Round Table
Board/Membership Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2015
Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, NYPL**

Attendees: Galina Chernykh, Fred Gitner, Cathy Chen, David Nochimson, Wilma Glover-Koomson, Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Selina Sharmin, Grace Riario, Irina Kuharets, Brigid Cahalan

1. Acting President Grace Riario opened the meeting at 11 a.m.
2. Minutes of 5/29 were approved with minor corrections.
3. Treasurer's Report: Fred Gitner reported that we have a balance of \$3,392.10. The book flyer has been corrected; Irina will send it to Galina Tsvaygenbaum at NYLA. NYLA is trying to raise money for their mortgage and is asking roundtables to give 10% of their bank balance; a vote of ESRT members will be taken at the conference on this.
4. Conference programs:
 - a. *Fifty Shades of Brown*, to be presented by Wilma Glover-Koomson. Manny will be moderator, Selina will be room monitor. Wilma is preparing a bibliography to go along with the program.
 - b. *Getting International Language Materials Your Customers Want*, to be presented by Irina Kuharets and Fred Gitner. Grace will be moderator. Adriana will be room monitor. Fred and Irina are preparing a list of vendors to go along with the program.
5. Galina is handling booth at conference; Grace is coordinating raffle.
6. Nominating Committee: will nominate Cathy Chen as member-at-large and Wilma Glover-Koomson as V.P./President-Elect.
7. Awards Committee: Manny has sent out application for Professional Development Award. Deadline for nominations is 9/7. Send possibly sponsors for next year's award to Grace.
8. Membership/P.R. Committee: Brigid is chair. At last report, ESRT had 55 members.
9. New Business: Many libraries ask Grace to translate their materials into Spanish; she asked if we, as a roundtable, would be interested in having qualified members do this for a fee. The discussion was lively, but feeling was this would be a lot of work and there may not be qualified members willing to invest a lot of time into this work. It was noted that there are other resources out there for this. David, Grace, and Cathy Chen will form a task force to look for library translation resources that ESRT can make known to libraries.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

After the meeting, NYPL's Michelle Misner gave an informative tour of highlights of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, and then most of the group shared lunch at the nearby Evergreen Shanghai Chinese Restaurant.