

**Ethnic Services Round Table  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, May 29, 2015, 10:30 a.m.  
Montclair (N.J.) Public Library**

**Attendees:** Galina Chernykh, Fred Gitner, Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Manuel Figueroa, Selina Sharmin, Brigid Cahalan

1. **Minutes** of 3/27/15 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Fred Gitner reported that as of April 2015 balance was \$3,165.54. No copies of ESRT's book *Connecting Cultures* were sold in this period. Fred will contact NYPL and BPL about buying copies for their collections.
3. **Conference:** 2015 theme is *Explore, Learn, Grow*. Galina agreed to coordinate ESRT booth activities.
4. **Professional Development Award:** Manny will handle.
5. **Nominations:** Adriana is chair of Nominating Committee. Positions up for re-election are Vice-President/President-Elect and 1 Member-at-Large.

Board meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m., after which there was a combined membership meeting of ESRT and the New Jersey Library Association's Diversity and Outreach Section, lunch and a tour of the Montclair Public Library. The combined meeting was sponsored by the New Jersey State Library and the Montclair Public Library, and was facilitated by Mimi Lee of the New Jersey State Library.

In addition to the board members listed above, several other ESRT members joined for the membership meeting: Irina Kuharets, Wilma Glover-Koomson, and Doreen O'Sullivan.

The combined meeting consisted of:

1. Presentation on NJLA's Diversity and Outreach section.
2. Presentation on NYLA's Ethnic Services Round Table.
3. Box lunch at topical discussion tables.
4. Presentation by Fred Gitner on *Working with Foreign Language Collections and Vendors*.

After the tour of the Montclair Public Library, the combined meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.