

**Ethnic Services Round Table  
Combined Board/Membership Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 23, 2015  
2015 NYLA Annual Conference**

Attendees: Grace Riario-RCLS, Fred J. Gitner, Queens Library, Manny Figueroa-Queens Library, Selina Sharmin-Queens Library, Brigid Cahalan, Adriana Blancarte-Hayward-NYPL, Wilma Glover-Koomson-HKDPL, Irina Kuharets-FML, Dipa Thukkar-FML, (Cathy)Xi Chen-Queens Library, Richard Morbeth-FML, David Nochimson-NYPL, Tom Brugan-Brooklyn and Tata Canuelas-White Plains.

The members met at. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. In the absence of the president, the vice-president Grace Riario and Treasurer Fred J. Gitner led the meeting. Fred made a motion to approved the August 31 ESRT meeting minutes, it was second by Adriana. Motion passed.

1. **Treasurer's Report.** Fred Gitner submitted a Treasurer's report indicating revenue and expenses since July 1, 2015, and reported that we have a current balance of **\$3,110.59**. Grace made a motion to accept the treasure's report, Tata second it. Motion passed.
2. **Awards:** Fred give an oral presentation on the meaning behind the ESRT Professional Development name changed to Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award. Brian was a big supporter of ESRT for many years. The award was presented to Cathy Chen from Queens Library. Cathy received a \$250 and a certificate.
3. **Publications:** We need to find ways to promote and increase sales of ESRT's book, *Connecting Cultures*.
4. **Upcoming meeting,** Fred informed the participants that Galina Chernykh from Harrison Public Library has offered to hosted the next meeting on Friday, January 22nd. Grace will confirm. We also agreed to continue meeting four times a year (January, May, September and November).
5. **Officers,** the new elected officers were presented to the members as followed: Grace Riario, president, Wilma Glover-Koomson as the new vice-president, Fred J. Gitner Treasure, Cathy Chen, Member at Large and Manny Figueroa, Member at Large.
6. **The 2016 Annual New York Library Association conference will take place November 2-5 in Saratoga Springs, New York. The programs ideas presented were Family program for diverse cultures, Mental health and new immigrants, IMLS grants to train librarians to assist multi-culture customers and startup services for pop multi-culture communities.**
7. **New Business** Tata will develop a bibliography for Spanish language materials for young readers, Irina will help. Grace, Wilma and Adriana will work on having 3 activity events for members to network and learn about other cultures during the year.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.