



Ethnic Services Round Table Membership Meeting
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019
Location: Phila Fusion Noodle Bar 54 Phila St.,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Time: 5:15 PM-6:45PM

Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**

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| 1. Indira Mukherjee | Indira.Mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
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| 6. Vilma Daza | vdaza@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 7. Madellen Garcia | mgarcia@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
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| 9. Jo-Ann Wong | jwong@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 10. Jay Dela Cruz | jdelacruz@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 11. Fred Gitner | fgitner@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 12. Vijay Ramanathan | vramanathan@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 13. Ouleye Doumouya | odoumouya@queenslibrary.com (Queens Public Library) |

- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, October 4, 2019
 Location: New York Public Library Countee Cullen Branch 104 W. 136th Street, NY NY
 Time: 10:00 AM
 Motion was made by Madellen and seconded by Indira. Minutes approved.

- **Presentation of Newly elected, incoming and continuing officers for 2019-2020**

Vice-President/President Elect - Jay Dela Cruz
 Secretary - Victoria Kowanetz
 Treasurer - Fred Gitner
 Member-At-Large - Indira Mukherjee
 New President – Selina Sharmin
 Members-At-Large – Rio Aucena and Lindsay Davis

- **Annual Treasurer's Report – Fred Gitner**

ESRT Financial Statement (FY July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

	BEGINNING BALANCE as of July 1, 2018	\$3,733.28
REVENUE		971.00
	Dues: July '18-June '19	390.00
	Conference Raffle- Nov '18	81.00
	Donation for ESRT expenses (from Anne Hofmann)	500.00
EXPENSES		350.00
Conference expenses		
	Booth Rental	100.00
	Brian G. Martin Prof. Award to Indira Mukherjee	250.00
	June 30, 2019 Closing Balance	\$4,354.28

Motion was made by Jay and seconded by Manny. Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was approved.

- **Publications and Bibliographies**

Irina Kuharets

The Publications Chair Irina Kuharets was not present. Tata Canuelas created a bilingual Spanish/English picture books bibliography but the format needed to be modified. Manny had asked to her to reformat it, but has not heard back from her likely due to her unfortunate accident.

Manny suggested to members to come up with something different. Perhaps rather than a bibliography we should do an annotated list of resources for different areas i.e. working with ex-communities, working with minorities, etc. We should think of our own individual friends, the areas that we are working in and what the needs are of the membership. Another idea is to survey the members and ask them what they feel they would like to see in Publications. The survey can also include what people are willing to do or to collaborate on. Manny and Sarah will work on the survey document.

Some members do not get all the emails coming from the Board. Manny will check with Lois to see if all ESRT members checked to “opt-in.” Manny will send a test email and try to have everyone reply. Communications via Mail chimp was mentioned. Deadline for survey around the first week of January 2020.

Resources created should be posted online via the ESRT webpage.

- **Membership/Public Relations Committee Status Update**

Kacper Jarecki and Indira Mukherjee

Selina and Kacper will be doing outreach to library schools. The membership Chair Kacper Jarecki was not present. Kacper created a list of social activities and sent it to the Board, but the dates have already passed. Past activities included, ping pong, and sand volleyball. Look for something the members can do together, going to an exhibit, movies or festivals. Any group activity ideas must be sent to Kacper. ESRT has 47 members, 3 new members signed-up during the conference and another membership is pending.

- **Bylaws Task Force**

Fred Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, Indira Mukherjee

Kacper worked diligently on the bylaws while Fred wrote additional revisions. Fred will finalize his recommendations and meet with the Bylaws Task Force then present it to the next membership meeting.

- **ESRT Meetings for 2020 – Locations and dates**

Three meetings needed for 2020

January 31st or February 7 possibly Hunters Point (Jo-Ann will check with Eun Young Chang, Manager of Hunters Point)

May 29 or June 5 – start thinking of location – possibly upstate or Westchester (New Rochelle- where Rio is now working)

September locations: Mainly in the city (since most members are from Queens) and surrounding suburbs

We need to explore having a meeting where people can call in. Go-to Meeting and Zoom were mentioned as options for phone in technology. Members will be informed how they can join the meeting remotely.

- **Presentation of Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award**

Manny and Selina presented the award (\$350 cash and certificate) to Jamia Williams, 2019 Winner of the Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award. *Brian G. Martin was a past president of ESRT. He worked as a librarian at NYPL, Buffalo & Erie County PL and as a Correctional librarian. He retired in 2014 and 2 months later, was in a car crash, and did not make it. The Board voted in 2015 to name the award in his memory.*

Jamia is currently the Liaison Librarian - Research & Clinical Information Services of the Edward G. Miner Library at University of Rochester Medical Center. She received her MLIS at North Carolina Central University. She loves being involved with communities and she’s dedicated to equity, diversity and inclusion and accessibility work. Furthermore, it is critical to her in her professional development to be a part of communities that support early career librarians.

- **Programming Ideas for next year**

Program proposals due -January 31

Four Ideas presented:

- 1) Indira: Serving New Americans Beyond The Basics – Resource list to be provided
 - 2) Manny: EDI Dialogue presentation based on Queens Public Library EDI sessions. Possible collaboration with other institutions offering EDI programs.
 - 3 and 4) Selina: Low Cost, Low Budget Successful Programs by working with community based organizations (CBOs); NYLA Sustainability Initiative- Sustainable Library Certification Program, Connecting Immigrant Communities
- All program proposals to be sent to Jay – Conference Curator for 2020.

- **New Business**

NYLA 2020 will be in Saratoga Springs, November 4-7. Ideal presenters are those that can travel without cost. Gavel has been passed to Selina Sharmin, incoming ESRT President.

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting by Manny. Seconded by Wilma. Meeting Adjourned: 6:48 PM**

Prepared by **Jay Dela Cruz, Vice-President/President Elect** on behalf of **Victoria Kowanetz, Secretary**

Edited by **Fred Gitner, Treasurer**