



Ethnic Services Round Table Membership Meeting

Date: Friday, April 16th, 2021

Location: Virtual

Time: 2:00PM

Agenda:

• **Welcome & Introductions**

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| 1. Jay Dela Cruz | jdelacruz@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 2. Rio Aucena | raucena@wlsmail.org (New Rochelle Public Library) |
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| 4. Indira Mukherjee | Indira.Mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 5. Lindsay Davis | ldavis@communitylibrary.org (Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library) |
| 6. Jo-Ann Wong | jwong@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 7. Tracy Allen | warwicklibrarian@gmail.com (Middletown Thrall Public Library) |
| 8. Manny Figueroa | mfigueroa@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 9. Kacper Jarecki | kacper.jarecki@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 10. Selina Sharmin | selina.sharmin@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 11. Fred Gitner | fred.j.gitner@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |
| 12. Madellen Garcia | madellen.garcia@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library) |

• **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, January 22nd, 2021

Location: Virtual

Time: 2:00PM

Motion made by Kacper to approve minutes and seconded by Fred. Minutes approved unanimously.

• **NYLA Conference Program Update**

Rio Aucena

Rio sent the final submissions last week, along with the programs ESRT is co-sponsoring. April 30th is the final submission date. Fred has edits that he will send to Rio by Monday. Otherwise we are waiting for confirmation from Jeremy in regards to the time slots for the programs.

• **Nominating Committee Status Update**

Manny Figueroa, Jo-Ann Wong, and Selina Sharmin

The call for nominations was sent out; they have received some nominations. Committee has to meet and go over the nominations, as well as reach out to the nominees to see if they accept the nomination. Fred asked about the nomination closing date, Jo-Ann advised it is May 1st. Members can nominate themselves, open positions are: Vice President/President-Elect (3 year term), Treasurer, Secretary, and 1 Member-at-Large (2 year terms). Manny will reach out to those who started positions late to see if they want to continue for the full term.

• **Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award Update**

Manny Figueroa

Manny is waiting to hear what the pricing for the conference is since there are virtual and in-person components. Once NYLA announces the pricing, the information can be presented to the Executive Board and a vote can be taken on how the award will be given. A preliminary suggestion was made to offer \$350 award for the in-person conference and a \$150 award for the virtual conference.

- **Treasurer’s Report**

Fred Gitner

Treasurer’s report: ESRT Virtual Membership Meeting, April 16, 2021

Opening Balance, December 1, 2020:	\$4,409.51
Income	
Dues: December2020-February 2021	\$ 50.00
Expenses	
December 2020-February 2021	\$0
Closing Balance February 28, 2021	\$4,459.51

- **Bylaws Task Force Update**

Fred Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, and Indira Mukherjee

Fred added Kacper and Indira’s comments to the bylaws, he believes there is one more comment to add in. He will get the updated bylaws to the Board around the beginning of May for a vote.

- **Publications Committee/Bibliography Committee Status Update**

Manny Figueroa, Jo-Ann Wong, and Lindsay Davis

Lindsay presented the “app-ography” to the group; she will do another edit of the document before it is ready to be published. Manny discussed the newsletter; there will be four issues a year based on the seasons. Two of the issues will have more content than the other two. Fall and Spring will be “heavier” issues, and Winter and Summer will have less content. The deadline for the Fall issue is August 15th, 2021. The Fall issue will be going out in September 2021. Newsletter outline is listed below.

Fall Issue:

Message from ESRT President
Member Spotlight
Multi-Cultural Events
Ethnic Services Resources

Winter Issue:

Reader's Advisory Corner
Multi-Cultural Events
[space permitting] Ethnic Services Resources

Spring Issue:

Message from ESRT President
Member Spotlight
Multi-Cultural Events
Ethnic Services Resources

Summer Issue:

Reader's Advisory Corner
Multi-Cultural Events
[space permitting] Ethnic Services Resources

- **Combating Racism Series 2021 Update**

Tracy Allen, Jo-Ann Wong, and Kacper Jarecki

Kacper advised that there are three to four speakers confirmed; Flora Ferng from the NYC Commission on Human Rights will be speaking on the Anti-Asian racism panel, Fiona Harvey from QPL will be the speaker for the health panel; and Alexandra and Angela from Queens Defenders, program coordinators for the Cambria Heights Youth Justice program, will be speakers for the program discussing racism and working with young people to empower them to confront racism.

The group hasn't partnered with anyone yet, however there is the possibility of doing so. Fred suggested partnering with NYLA would bring good publicity to the program and ESRT. Last year had six programs, so far this year three programs are confirmed. Other ideas are homelessness and librarianship, BIPOC academic librarianship, and ethnic communities and the digital divide. Programs will be an hour and a half in length and can run from September 22nd-October 20th, which would total five sessions at 2pm each Wednesday.

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

Kacper Jarecki

Kacper sent the ESRT student membership recruitment letter to Long Island University, Pratt Institute, Queens College, St. John's University, Syracuse University, University at Albany, and University at Buffalo. He also suggested another trivia event in May, possibly May 21st, 2021 at 8pm. May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month.

- **Old Business/New Business**

Rio asked if there is a copy of the Conference survey, Fred suggested asking Manny, he may have the one from last year. Rio said we can digitize the evaluation and send it as a link at the end of the programs. Jay also suggested she ask Jeremy from NYLA in case they have a specific form.

- **Schedule of Next Membership meeting**

Tentative date: Friday, August 20th, 2021 at 2pm

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kacper. Seconded by Tracy. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00pm.

Prepared by **Victoria Kowanetz, Secretary**

Edited by **Fred Gitner, Treasurer**