



**Ethnic Services Round Table Membership Meeting**  
**Date: Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Location: Virtual**  
**Time: 2:00PM**

**Agenda:**

- **Welcome & Introductions**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jay Dela Cruz</li> <li>2. Rio Aucena</li> <li>3. Victoria Kowanetz</li> <li>4. David Nochimson</li> <li>5. Manny Figueroa</li> <li>6. Rosemary Kiladitis</li> <li>7. Kacper Jarecki</li> <li>8. Sarah Gluck</li> <li>9. Jo-Ann Wong</li> <li>10. Indira Mukherjee</li> <li>11. Fred Gitner</li> <li>12. Selina Sharmin</li> </ol> | <p>jdelacruz@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>raucena@wlsmail.org (New Rochelle Public Library)</p> <p>victoria.kowanetz@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>dnochimson@molloy.edu (Molloy College)</p> <p>mfigueroa@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>rosemary.kiladitis@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>kacper.jarecki@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>sarah.gluck@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>jwong@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>indira.mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>fred.j.gitner@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> <p>selina.sharmin@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)</p> |
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- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Location: Virtual  
 Time: 2pm  
 Motion made by Indira to approve minutes and seconded by Manny. Minutes approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Fred Gitner

Treasurer's report: ESRT Virtual Membership Meeting, August 20, 2021. Treasurer's report covers from March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

<b>Opening Balance, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021:</b>	<b>\$4,309.51</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues: March 2021-June 2021	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
2020 NYLA Conference Virtual Booth	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
 <b>Closing Balance June 30, 2021</b>	 <b>\$4,319.51</b>

ESRT has enough money to do awards for both the virtual and in-person conference. Virtual booth cost is \$50 and in-person booth cost is \$100. We do have enough money for our share of the Combatting Racism series registration fee (\$60).

- **Bylaws Task Force Update**

Fred Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, and Indira Mukherjee

There was a discussion of changing the nomination criteria from requiring two people to nominate a member, to one person. Fred will make this additional change to the bylaws and submit the complete revision to the Board for approval. If approved, the revisions will then be voted on at the next membership meeting.

- **ESRT Election Results**

Manny Figueroa and Selina Sharmin

All election results were unanimous. Indira Mukherjee was elected Vice President/President Elect, Madellen Garcia was elected secretary, Fred Gitner was reelected Treasurer, and Victoria Kowanetz was elected Member-At-Large. The terms will begin in November 2021 at the NYLA Conference.

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

Manny Figueroa

Award is open now and closes on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Anyone who is interested will need to submit an essay of 500 words or less. One award of \$350 for anyone planning to attend the in-person conference, and another award of \$150 for anyone attending only the virtual annual conference. An email was sent out on July 6<sup>th</sup>. No application has been received as of yet. Manny needs to submit the winners to NYLA by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you are a member of the ESRT Executive Board, or on the awards committee you cannot apply.

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

Manny Figueroa, Jo-Ann Wong, and Lindsay Davis

Manny is going to step down from being chair of the publications committee, and asked if Jo-Ann would be chair of the Publications Committee. Jo-Ann agreed to be the chair. Jo-Ann is going to try and get an introductory newsletter out in September. Lindsay could not attend the meeting today, however Jay will inform her about the change.

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

Kacper Jarecki and Indira Mukherjee

Kacper suggested another virtual social event, or possibly in person. Manny suggested we do a virtual event again. Kacper will plan something for October 2021. Jay advised that Kacper can schedule as many events as he wants (virtual or in-person) and whoever wants to attend can. Selina mentioned the "Little Island" in Manhattan. Kacper will put together one in-person event and one virtual event. Jay asked members to share any events in the Syracuse area during the NYLA Conference with Kacper.

- **Combating Racism Series 2021 Update**

Jo-Ann Wong

Jo-Ann sent the final resolutions to the President of PLS and they will be presented at their meeting on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Once she gets a response, she will let everyone know. ESRT approved the following: PLS and ESRT pay for the \$250 registration fee (PLS pays \$190 and ESRT pays \$60/ about 75% and 25%). We charge participants \$10 per session (there are 5 sessions planned), as a registration fee. The first session would be September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

- **NYLA Conference Booth**

Manny Figueroa

Manny can coordinate the schedule for the in-person booth and suggested Kacper, Jo-Ann and Indira coordinate the virtual booth. The in-person booth will cost \$100 and the virtual booth will cost \$50. The theme for this conference is "Libraries: We Are All In." Selina advised we will need a new banner for the table. Jay will send the measurements for the banner to Selina.

- **Old Business/New Business**

Selina Sharmin, ESRT Past-President, will be leaving Queens Public Library and taking a position with the Hartford Public Library. We thank her and wish her well. Manny suggested that members review the ESRT committees and see if they would be interested in joining.

- **Schedule of Next Membership/Dinner meeting**

Tentative date: Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30pm-7:00pm

Location: Syracuse, NY

Manny will look into possible venues.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jay. Seconded by Selina. Meeting Adjourned at 3:17pm.

Prepared by **Victoria Kowanetz, Secretary**

Edited by **Fred Gitner, Treasurer**