



Ethnic Services Round Table Membership Meeting
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022
Location: Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, NYPL
Time: 1:00 PM

Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**

1. Rio Aucena raucena@wlsmail.org (New Rochelle Public Library)
2. Indira Mukherjee indira.mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
3. Fred Gitner fred.j.gitner@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
4. Manny Figueroa mfigueroa@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
5. Kacper Jarecki Kjarecki@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
6. Tejas Desai Tdesai@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
7. Jo-Ann Wong Joannwong@nypl.org (New York Public Library)
8. Adriana Blancarte-Hayward Adrianablancartehayward@nypl.org (New York Public Library)
9. Kelly Yim kellyyim@nypl.org (New York Public Library)
10. Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace giannace@wlsmail.org (Harrison Public Library)

- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

Since the Secretary Madellen Garcia was absent, President Rio Aucena asked for a volunteer to take notes. Kacper Jarecki volunteered to take the notes.

Firstly, the minutes of the last meeting on April 18, 2022 (virtual) were read. A motion to pass the minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

- **Executive Board Update (Member-at-Large) and Elections**

President Rio Aucena read aloud Member-at-Large Victoria Kowanetz's resignation letter. The ESRT Board accepted Victoria Kowanetz's resignation with deep regrets.

A suggestion was made for the President to nominate a new Member-at-Large to complete the last year of Victoria Kowanetz's term.

It was also mentioned that soon elections will need to be held for Vice-President/President-Elect and 2 Members-at-Large. Past-President Jay Dela Cruz is the head of the nominating committee so this task will fall upon him and his committee to find candidates.

- **NYLA Curators Meeting Update**

[Indira Mukherjee](#)

Vice-President Indira Mukherjee gave her report. She distributed the 2022 Conference Timeline. ESRT will be directly sponsoring three programs: Utica the Last Refuge: The Resettlement Experience; Reinventing Ethnic Library Services; and Combating Racism. The NYLA Conference is to take place in Saratoga Springs, November 2-5.

- **Treasurer's Report**

[Fred Gitner](#)

Treasurer Fred Gitner then gave the Treasurer's Report with the Jan-March 31, 2022 Closing Balance being \$4,489.51, with two members renewing with revenue of \$20 during that period and no expenses.

- **Bylaws Task Force Update**

Fred Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, and Indira Mukherjee

Fred, the chair of this committee gave a quick update. The proposed changes will be voted on during the next meeting in September.

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

Jo-Ann Wong, and Lindsay Davis

Member-at-Large Jo-Ann Wong, the chair of this committee, had to leave the meeting early, so this update was waived in her absence. It was suggested that a flyer or newsletter with information about the ESRT programs might be distributed at the upcoming NYLA Conference.

- **Combating Racism Series 2022 Update**

Kacper Jarecki

Kacper Jarecki reported that a total of 158 people total attended the virtual Combating Racism 2 series. Queens Public Library sponsored 20 staff to attend all 5 sessions. The video of all the sessions is archived on NYLA's web page.

Kelly Yim suggested that if the price of hosting the webinar series goes up then finding a possible sponsor to fund the series might be worth pursuing. Also mentioned was possible DEI certification for attendees.

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

Kacper Jarecki and Indira Mukherjee

Kacper Jarecki gave a short report. Now that in-person events are happening again, he suggested doing an activity such as a museum tour. A few different suggestions were proposed, including possibly a visit to the Ukrainian Museum in Manhattan, followed by lunch.

- **Old Business/New Business**

Vice-President Indira Mukherjee mentioned that NYLA will likely be increasing its membership fees. Manny brought up the Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award, and that nominations were needed.

- **Schedule of Next Membership meeting**

The date of the next meeting was discussed as being possibly September 9th or September 16th.

- A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Prepared by **Madellen Garcia, Secretary** from notes by **Kacper Jarecki**

Edited by **Fred Gitner, Treasurer**