

MINUTES of the REFORMA Executive Board Meeting
Sunday January 24th, 1993
8:30-12:30pm, 4:30-5:30pm
Colorado Convention Center-C108,A101.

I. Introductions:

Attendees: **8:30-12:30:** Martin Gomez, Bob Diaz, John Ayala, Mario Gonzalez, Ed Erazo, Oralia Garza Cortes, Judith Castiano, Sandra Balderama, Al Milo, Orlando Archibeque, Alexander Tscherny, Elena Tscherny, Camila Alire, Margaret Melchor. **4:30-5:30:** Martin Gomez, Bob Diaz, Orlando Archibeque, Susan Freiband, Mario Gonzalez, Carol Liu, Arnulfo Trejo, Reynaldo Ayala, Al Milo, Sandra Balderrama, Hannelore Rader, Margaret Melchor, Liz Rodriguez Miller, Oralia Garza Cortes, Ed Erazo, Cesar Caballero, John Ayala, Camila Alire.

II. Approval of Minutes from Annual Conference, 1992:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1992 Annual meeting of REFORMA in San Francisco prepared by Sandra Balderrama was **passed** with the following addition: to add the phrase to the motion on the Childrens' Book Award, "for a Children's Book Award."

III. Treasurer's Report:

The report submitted by the treasurer was reviewed. As of December 1992, REFORMA's total income was \$9395.71, while its total expenses totalled \$3857.17. This left a balance of \$5,538.54 in the operating fund. Since there arose a question regarding what the \$1,217.90 in general (miscellaneous) expenses was actually spent on, a **motion** was put forth that would **add a column to the REFORMA expense report detailing ALA expenditures**. The motion was **passed**.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Los Angeles Public Library Fund: John Ayala

Ayala noted that at the last annual meeting in San Francisco, REFORMA approved a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Los Angeles Public Library for fire relief. Ayala was charged with devising a formula for each chapter to donate money. Ayala forwarded the formula to Martin Gomez. Gomez set a March 31st deadline for each chapter to get its donations in.

A recommendation was made to have a ceremony to present a check to Elizabeth Martinez Smith for \$1,000 and to have this information posted in the REFORMA newsletter and forwarded to the news media. No motion was made, however, to pass this.

2. ALA Black Caucus Conference: Bob Diaz

Diaz noted that the 1st Annual Black Caucus Conference held in Columbus Ohio in 1992 was a resounding success. He recommended that REFORMA explore the possibilities of having an annual conference of its own. Discussion ensued regarding the 25th anniversary of REFORMA in 1996 and the possibility of planning some special programs during the 1996 conferences in San Antonio and/or Orlando. Al Milo recommended that each chapter appoint someone to work on planning festivities/programs. John Ayala, Mario Gonzalez, and Bob Diaz all expressed interest in forming a task force to further explore these ideas. Ayala recommended that Susan Lluevano head the task force.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Scholarship Committee: Orlando Archibeque

Archibeque noted that the past year had been a year of transition for the committee, due to changes in membership. The committee is updating the procedure manual. Inquiries about the scholarship have been up since the previous year. The committee will look at a proposal to make the scholarship available to undergraduates and report back in New Orleans in June.

b) Children's Services: Oralia Garza Cortes

A motion was passed to accept the charge of the Children's Services Committee and to appoint Oralia Garza Cortes as chair. A recommendation made to allow the chair to sit on the executive board is pending review of the bylaws on how to go about doing this.

c) Book Award Task Force: Sandra Balderrama

Balderrama reviewed the work of the task force to date. She also reported that ALSC is interested in co-sponsorship of the award. Gomez appointed Balderrama chair of a task force to pursue negotiations with ALSC and bring a proposal to New Orleans outlining any legal agreements and policies for cosponsorship. **A motion was put forth to move ahead on this and was passed.**

Another issue brought forward was what to call the award. Some of the recommendations included: the Ernesto Galarza Award, the REFORMA Vivan Los Ninos Award, and the REFORMA Children's Literature Award. **Gonzalez made a motion to put an article in the REFORMA newsletter asking for input. The motion passed.**

Organizational Development: John Ayala

Ayala reported that inquiries were made to form two new chapters: a Southern Arizona chapter and a Broward County Chapter. **A motion was made to induct the newly formed Puerto Rico Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.**

Membership: Al Milo

Milo reported that he created a new membership form that included the goals and objectives of REFORMA on the back side of the form. He also noted that it was time to revisit the corporate members dues structure. **Alire made a motion to change the annual dues for corporations to \$50 per year. and to bring this up for a vote at the next membership meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.**
Newsletter: Ed Erazo

Erazo noted that it costs \$3,000 to mail out the REFORMA newsletter. He also noted that he would like people to forward to him any back issues they might have. He made a request to have committee members send information for publication in the newsletter on a quarterly basis.

V. New Business

Florida Hurricane Relief: Mario Gonzalez

Gonzalez noted that to date none of the money donated to South Florida libraries for hurricane disaster relief had been earmarked for the replacement/purchase of Spanish language materials. He recommended that REFORMA donate \$1,000 specifically for this purpose. **A motion to donate \$1,000 to the West Kendal Library system was passed.** Ayala and Milo will work on setting up a formula to determine how much money each chapter should donate. Alire suggested we establish policies and guidelines for giving disaster relief money to libraries.

Trejo Foster Foundation: Dr. Arnulfo Trejo

Dr. Arnulfo Trejo established this foundation in memory of his deceased wife Annette who passed away in November. Trejo noted that the Foundation and the University of Arizona were co-sponsoring an institute on the status of Latino Library Education in Tucson, Arizona in late July (29-31). **A motion was passed to have REFORMA endorse and be a gold star supporter of the Institute .** Trejo also noted that a new edition of Quien Es Quien will include listings of prominent library paraprofessionals. Finally, Dr. Trejo noted that Hispanic Book Distributors will continue to sponsor the Hispanic Librarian of the Year Award.

LAMA Leadership Initiative: Raul Huerta

Huerta described the efforts of LAMA to diversify its membership and to be more responsive to the needs of such organizations as REFORMA. He also noted that a LAMA task force chaired by Raul Hernandez had been appointed to establish a LAMA leadership initiative. He noted that there will be a leadership development workshop for minorities in Miami. **A motion put forth to support the LAMA leadership initiative was passed.**

ALA President election: Sharon Hogan

Hogan presented her platform to the executive board and fielded questions from several individuals.

Colorado Amendment 2: Sandra Balderrama

Balderrama moved to have REFORMA to be on record against Amendment 2, an initiative that would allow discrimination against lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in the state of Colorado. Alire suggested that REFORMA also go on record in supporting the actions of the ALA executive board to not hold its 1998 Annual Conference in Denver unless the amendment is appealed. Balderrama agreed to draft a resolution and present it to ALA Council and other pertinent parties. **A motion to support Balderrama's recommendation was passed with an attached friendly amendment supporting the Gay and Lesbian Task Force in its efforts against amendment 2.**

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Task Force on National Conference:

Al Milo will coordinate a meeting of this group to meet at the annual conference in New Orleans.

Policy and Procedures manual:

This manual needs to be formally adopted. The current plan is to update it by March 1 and have the changes in the REFORMA Newsletter published in May. A new manual should be ready by June for the annual conference.

Alire noted that there is a section not in the document on having a member-at-large. She reviewed what was recommended two years ago, that the President extrapolate a list from the general membership, and by midwinter in which s/he is president-elect, s/he appoint the member at large to begin service during the following summer conference for a two year term.

Review of Bylaws:

Gomez recommended a procedure be put in place to review REFORMA'S bylaws and that a timetable be set up by the Annual conference. Gomez will do a mailing of officer and committee chairs by March to work on final changes.

Status of committees:

It was noted that the education committee was nonfunctioning. Gomez agreed to contact the Los Angeles County chapter to find out what the committee was up to. He stressed that REFORMA needed an education agenda.

It was also noted that the historian and archivist functions were merged.

1993 Annual Conference in New Orleans:

Camila Alire, president-elect of REFORMA will serve as the program chair for the annual conference in New Orleans. The proposed topic for the annual program is "Lobbying by Minority Librarians: How to be Effective in the Political Process". **A motion to adopt the concept of the program was approved.** By early March a mailing will be sent to people to get the program off the ground.

Social Activities at the 1993 Annual Conference:

Cesar Caballero is coordinating a Fiesta de Carnaval on June 26th. . There will be live music. The total cost of this program will come to \$1,850. Tickets will cost \$20 per person. Proceeds will go toward the Scholarship Fund.

New agenda items for New Orleans:

- 1) How we conduct recruitment and use our members
- 2) the nature of volunteer work
- 3) staffing REFORMA as a non-profit organization
- 4) extending the President's term to two years (may require a bylaws change)

Respectfully submitted by Bob Diaz, REFORMA Secretary