

Oct 31, 2023 12:00 PM | REFORMA of Southern Nevada

Attendees: Monica Anchondo, Holly Samaoya, Melissa Ramos, Deloris Cazares, Desi Velazquez, Alejandra Castellanos-Mata, Blanca Azucena, Olivia, Susan

Goals

Chapter Formation

Discussion topics

- **Introduction**
 - Everyone gave a short introduction of themselves
 - Reforma is an ALA-affiliated national library association that promotes Library services to Latino communities; and resources, training, and mentorship to Library staff who serve Latino communities
- **Next steps in chapter formation**
 - The first step is this meeting to decide on several matters
 - Once we have chosen officers, we will submit the approved bylaws and a letter of intent to REFORMA
 - The next steps are to apply/meet state and national non-profit requirements
 - Reforma will pay for our IRS and state incorporation fees
 - Reforma gives chapters funds based on their membership
 - REFORMA membership costs
 - \$50 for Librarians
 - \$25 for support staff
 - \$0 If you are not ready to join but are curious, you can “join” REFORMA as a non-member for \$0 and see what they do
 - Officers must apply for REFORMA membership within one week of this meeting
 - Non-officers can wait a little longer, but the sooner you become a member the better
 - When Joining Reforma it will ask you to choose a chapter, since we are still in the formation stages we won't be a choice, choose the national option for now. You will be added to our chapter at a later date
- **Review Bylaws**
 - Name of group
 - Everyone is invited to submit a name idea
 - Holly suggested “Corazon de Plata” (since we are the Silver State).
 - Do we want to represent Southern Nevada or Nevada as a whole?
 - Officers will choose the final name
 - All other bylaws were approved.
 - Notable Bylaws:
 - Officers will have a one-year term and may be reelected

- Regular meetings will be held quarterly, except for committee meetings which may happen more frequently.
 - Monica answered questions on the types of committees we will have
 - Professional outreach, membership recruitment, community outreach, fundraising Committee
- **Officers**
 - President: Monica Anchondo
 - Vice-President/President Elect: Holly Samaoya
 - Secretary: Cynthia Hernandez
 - Treasure: Alejandra Castellanos-Mata and Desi Velazquez
 - Webmaster: Anahi Bravo
- **Questions**
 - Desi asked a great question about what should we tell potential members about why they should join.
 - Monica, Alejandra, and Holly replied with:
 - Training
 - Get resources and Ideas on how to better serve the Latino Community from local and national members
 - Community outreach
 - Mentorship
 - Networking, not only on the local level but nationally
 - Join a REFORMA National Committee www.reforma.org/committees
 - Apply to be on the Pura Belpre Award Committee

Action items

- Officers will receive an email from Monica within one week with next steps
- Send Monica your Chapter Name Ideas by Wednesday, November 8th
- Join Reforma National www.reforma.org/join
- Recruit new members
- Check out the websites of other Reforma chapters, and look at what they are doing www.reforma.org/chapters
- Think about what you want our chapter to do, what events should we attend, and what committees you want to start/join (send your ideas to Monica).

Decisions

Bylaws approved

The next regular meeting will be in January