



**Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10 am - 1 pm**

**Attending:** Kristen Cure(Springfield PL, REFORMA President), Brandace Rojo(Josephine County, REFORMA Past President), Star Khan (Driftwood PL, REFORMA Secretary), Jennifer Reading (Seaside PL, LfO Chair), Elizabeth Lopez (Hillsboro PL), Alicia Perez-Ververa(Happy Valley PL), Milagros Morales(JCLS), Bobbye Hernandez (Newberg PL)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS 10:00 - 10:30 AM

- Introductions/Icebreaker, Kristen
  - Icebreaker: What is something that brings you joy?

REPORTS 10:30 - 11:15 AM

- Approval of February 2025 meeting minutes
  - Brandace moves to approve minutes, Star seconds. All approve.
- Chair's report, Kristen
  - future meeting dates
    - The Coos Bay meeting is August 16th
    - We would like to look at a 2 Monday, 2 Saturday structure for next year's meeting schedule to allow more people to attend. It seems to work better for people
      - Jan 12th or 26th- Hillsboro
      - May 18th- Seaside
      - August- Athena/Pendleton or Prineville
      - October/November- Cornelius
  - Officer elections
    - We are behind in the timeline for recruitment. We would like to extend the current officers' terms for another cycle, as it would take time to find new people for leadership.

- We need a Director advocate to help speak to other Directors about the importance of sending staff to REFORMA meetings, supporting them to step into leadership positions, and providing the following opportunities for their staff:
  - Community engagement
  - Collection development
  - Outreach support
  - Resource sharing
- President's Role Commitment:
  - 4 Board meetings a year
  - 12 OLA Board meetings—this is a **huge barrier**, too many meetings, and is keeping people from getting support to participate
  - 2-3 REFORMA National Board of Directors Meetings
- Co-Chairing is an option
- We need to create descriptions of each role for interested individuals to show to their employers
- Looking ahead to REFORMA National VIII
  - September 18th-21st in Long Beach
  - They reached out to us about ways we can support: Sponsor a member to go, spread the word, or there are different sponsorship levels
    - Do we want to sponsor a level? El Sol is \$100
    - Do we want to sponsor registration?
      - Can we use any of our grant funds from SLO to send someone?
      - Can we partner with EDIA on a matching scholarship to cover the entire cost?
      - Can we partner with SLO to offer a scholarship?
    - Star moves to use grant funds(if possible) plus \$500 to sponsor an Oregon REFORMISTA to go to NRC VIII. Brandace seconded. All approve. Motion passed.
    - Will prioritize members who have never attended, and who have no or limited institutional support
- Committee reports
  - Mock Pura Belpre, SLO grant, Brandace
    - Grant funds must be spent by August
    - Looking at October 18th in Happy Valley
    - 20-25 picture books only, will have list ready by September 6th
    - It's a nice time of year to tie in to Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month

- We can use grant funds to purchase sets of the books we are reviewing during the program, and then give them away after
  - We can pay for food if it is a working lunch
    - Idea for structure: Mock followed by membership meeting with lunch
  - Can't pay for swag or other giveaways
  - Can't pay for the performer because it is considered entertainment, but there are some workarounds. Paying for an author is OK as long as there is an educational piece to it.
  - Would like to schedule another membership meeting that includes a workshop and lunch with the remaining grant funds
- Communications & Branding Project, Brandace
    - We have a beautiful new logo!!
    - The website is almost done: [reformaoregonchapter.org](http://reformaoregonchapter.org)
    - We had a lot of swag for sale at OLA, and it is available for sale on the OLA store.
    - Question: When should we sunset the old Reforma Oregon website?
  - Libros for Oregon, Jennifer
    - Has been rebranding the website and making sure it is up to date with resources
    - No cohort this year for many reasons
    - ALA-FIL Pass is open, people are still going. Reach out to LfO if you have questions about the process
    - They need committee members and are asking for guidance on how to proceed as a special committee of REFORMA
      - We asked for a clear description of what the Libros committee does so that we can promote it
  - Fundraising, Eduardo
    - Looking for a new fundraising chair

#### OLA CONFERENCE RECAP 11:15 - 11:30 AM

- Highlights from Members

#### MEMBER UPDATES 11:40 AM - 12:55 PM

- Share what's going on at member libraries and/or share Spanish Collection Highlights (Feel to bring an item from your collection to share in person)
  - Elizabeth @ Hillsboro- WCCLS is going to the FIL this year. Working on a project to change the shelving in the children's area from spine-out shelving to faced-out browsing

bins. Looking for advice from other libraries that have this type of shelving on how to label books. Had a great Dia event, more than 300 people came.

- Alicia @ Happy Valley- Great Dia event- Folklorico group came and they had a loteria night. Would like to get labels on their youth world language materials, just like the adult ones. Gearing up for summer reading. Continuing to advocate for EDIA with thankfully minimal pushback. She also one this year's EDIA Anti-Racism Recognition Award at the OLA conference.
- Milagros @ JCLS- Also had a large Dia event. The power went out, the elevator stopped working. However, people had fun. She heads the Latinx engagement committee that just started up again.
- Brandace @ Josephine- Built a new library and renovated and expanded a new one in the last couple of years. Has also purchased land and designed a building for a new one in Grants Pass. Held a focus group with the Spanish-speaking community first before renovations were complete, thanks to these meetings. The Grants Pass library is renting a building from the county. County Commissioners are very anti-libraries, voted to evict them in January. They got so much community pushback that they never acted on it, so the library has been in limbo. They think the commissioners are going to drag it out until the end of the year and then not renew the lease. The library would then have to move or close-which has happened before. The County charter compels them by law to support a library. The Commissioners refuse to comply.
- Kristen @ Springfield- Had Dia celebration during OLA week. Excited to find out that the conference handbook is being rewritten to find a different time for the conference so it doesn't coincide with Dia. Springfield HS Mariachi and other Folklorico groups performed. Had a group teach kids at 2 different elementary schools after-school programs how to sing and dance a few different songs to start the Dia program. Gave out English and Spanish books this year.

#### NEXT MEETING / FUTURE PLANS 12:55 - 1:00 PM

- Saturday, August 16, 2025, 10 am, Coos Bay Public Library

#### IN-PERSON ONLY: LIBRARY TOUR, 1:15 PM

- In-person tour of Medford Library, Jackson County Library Services to be followed by networking lunch