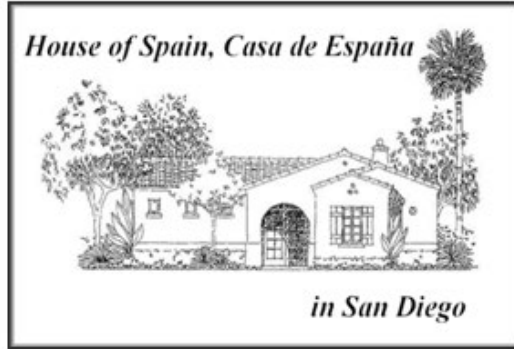


**FINAL MINUTES
House of Spain,
Casa de España,
in San Diego
Meeting
Board of Directors
April 13th, 2025**



Officers		Members of the Board		
President	Jesús Benayas	X	Maruja Williams	X
Vice President	Pedro Romón Díaz	X	Ana Ocampo Rebollar	X
Secretary	Ignacio de Castro Pérez	X	Ignacio Vázquez Riesgo	X
Treasurer	María José Marmanillo	X	David Buenaventura Madi Dearie Patricia Barry	X
			Sergeant-at-Arms Henry Herms	X

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and started by thanking all directors for their efforts in the Feria de Abril

2. Approval of today's agenda.

David Buenaventura made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Proxies

Madi sent her proxy to the Secretary

4. Approval of 3/9/2025 BOD meeting minutes:

Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to approve the March 9th, 2025 minutes as amended by the President's request.

Pedro Romón seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

5. President's Report: The President reported the following:

- Paella on Saturday 15 of March, St. Patrick's. Successful event but color was not pleasing.
- Worked with Fernando, accountant on 2024 Tax Returns. Filed and done.
- EFF application and paperwork completed. It will be on May 3rd.
- Marcos Fraile Pastor's presentation will be at the Hall of Nations on May 6th at 6pm.
- **Pedro Romón made a motion to send the House of Spain logo for the Embassy to include in their flyer.**
María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- The meeting at Superintendent Rodriguez' office on March 31 was interesting. The Honorary Consul of San Diego, Rosaura was present representing the government of the Kingdom of Spain. Ignacio Vazquez attended this meeting at my request. Continued working with several people on the Cabrillo National Monument "saga" and letters sent to the Superintendent.
- Worked with Iris Engstrand on making a Cabrillo and plaque cardboard cutout for the casita. Iris will donate money to pay for it.
- Worked on Battle of San Diego Bay with Naval Base Point Loma. The President will be unavailable to be the master of ceremonies. He will look for someone else to fill in.
- Thank you to Pedro, VP HOS, for all his work preparing food for the volunteer thank you event at the casita March 22.
- Shopping and mail.
- Gracias David Buenaventura for all your help.
- Received 10 "Legacy of Spain in the USA" maps from Spain, thanks to Colonel Francisco Martin, Spanish Air Force. They are available for sale.

6. Vice president's report.

The Vice President gave an update on the volunteer event, which was a successful one. A discussion arose over creating a WhatsApp group chat to have better outreach with volunteers.

7. Secretary's report. No physical report.

The Secretary amended the February minutes as requested by the President and presented them to the Board as follows: Secretary's report. No physical report.

A discussion happened on helping Marcos Fraile Pastor with reserving the HPR Hall of Nations for an Embassy of Spain event. The Board concluded it did not have the necessary resources to help in accordance with the high standards that it expects from any House of Spain event and the Secretary will communicate this to Marcos.

8. Treasurer's Report: No questions regarding the Treasurer's report.

9.a. General Report

Checking account \$2,869.48
High Yield Savings \$ 19,127.96
Fidelity Investments \$ 268,707.26
Total \$ 290,704.70

9. HPR report. The report was sent to the Board over email.

10. Committee Reports.

10.1 Employee Manager - Ana Ocampo. Nothing to report.

10.2 Safety and EEO Manager - Ignacio Vázquez. Nothing to report.

10.3 Events Manager - Pedro Romón. Pedro will set up the event for volunteer appreciation on March 22nd after the casita closes.

10.4 Calendar of events for 2025 (Thank you Nina):

- a. April 12th Feria de Abril. Ana in charge.
- b. April 26th, Battle of San Diego Bay. Jesús in charge
- c. May 3rd EFF. Jesús in charge.
- d. June 11th, paella at Hall of Nations for HPR Auxiliary. Jesús in charge
- e. 4th of July event. Jesús in charge
- f. September 20th, Latino Festival. Jesús in charge
- g. October 11th, Día de la Hispanidad. Jesús in charge
- h. November 9th, General Assembly and HoS Elections
- i. Saturday 29, November 5:00 PM- Wreath Making Event. Ana in charge.
- j. December 5-6th, ICF
- k. January 4th, 2026 Día de Reyes

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ignacio de Castro Pérez
Secretary, House of Spain

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on May 11th, 2025.

Motions for HoS Board meeting on April 13th, 2025:

- 1. David Buenaventura made a motion to approve the agenda.
Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**

- 2. Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to approve the March 9th, 2025 minutes as amended by the President's request.
Pedro Romón seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**

- 3. Pedro Romón made a motion to send the House of Spain logo for the Embassy to include in their flyer.
María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**