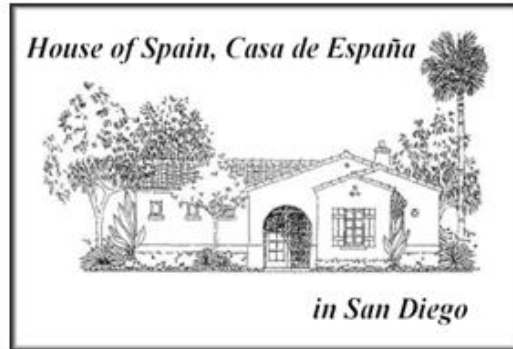


**FINAL MINUTES  
House of Spain,  
Casa de España,  
in San Diego  
Meeting  
Board of Directors  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



<b>Officers</b>		<b>Members of the Board</b>			
President	Jesús Benayas	X	Maruja Williams	X	
Vice President	Pedro Romón Díaz		Ana Ocampo	X	
Secretary	Ignacio de Castro Pérez	X	Demetrio	X	
Treasurer	David Buenaventura		Almaguer		
			Madi Dearie	X	
			Ignacio Vázquez	X	Sergeant-at-Arms Henry
			Riesgo		Hermes X

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Approval of today's agenda.

**Demetrio Almaguer made a motion to approve the agenda.**

**Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

3. Proxies.

Pedro sent his proxy to the Secretary

4. Approval of 06/11/2023 BOD meeting minutes:

**Maruja Williams made a motion to approve the June 11th, 2023 minutes as presented.**

**Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

5. President's Report: No physical report. The President worked with an electrician to replace lights at the casita. The quote came to \$430. He will also work in creating a new trifold flier for Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo that has more information than the existing one. BoD suggested to add a line expliciting how to donate to the House of Spain. The President will attend the Naval Base Point Loma change of command to keep the relationship going as it is of interest for events such as the Battle of San Diego.

**5.1 Demetrio Almaguer made a motion to allow the President to spend up to \$600 to fix the lights at the casita.**

**Maruja Williams seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

6. Vice president's report. No report.

7. Secretary's report. No physical report. The Secretary replied to emails and sent thank you and membership cards

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

**8a. General Report**

Checking account \$11,873.80

High Yield Savings \$ 11,729.11

Fidelity Investments \$ 212,570.41

Total \$ 236,173.32

**8b.** Since the Treasurer is taking a leave of absence, the President met with the accountant who clarified the HoS does not need to be audited since the revenue is under the threshold (2 million dollars)

**8c.** The President spoke with Mary Hinshaw who relayed that a person from the State of California had been trying to contact Philip over a \$5,000 grant the House applied for in the past. Fortunately, the President was able to complete a new application and a further \$5,000 have been received.

9. HPR report. Henry Herms sent the report over email.

**10. Committee Reports.**

**10.1** Webmaster report. Webmaster will improve the website as per his recommendations.

**10.2** 4th of July event with SAR and others. Around 1,600 people visited the casita. Additionally SAR and DAR are preparing for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the President is staying in touch.

**10.3** Hispanic Month, Latino Houses at Lawn Program Saturday 23rd September. Progress is being made towards who to invite and what to serve. HoS will serve paella and non-alcoholic sangría.

**10.4** Cabrillo Wreath Laying event, Friday 29th September. The President is in touch with the Cabrillo Festival and has sent a letter to coordinate.

**10.5** Next paella at the casita. We would like to make 1 or 2 paellas a month, tentatively on the 1st weekend of each month. The next paella will be served on July 29th.

**10.6** Calendar of Events. Nina has been working on it, thank you.

**10.7** Scholarship. The House received one application and it was reviewed by the committee who recommends the scholarship to be granted.

**Ana Ocampo makes a motion to accept Lucas Romón Kuusinen as a House of Spain scholarship recipient.**

**Maruja Williams seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**10.8** Queens. Ana Ocampo will be in charge of recruiting a queen and princess for the House.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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

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Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on Sunday 13 of August 2023.

**Motions for HOS Board meeting on July 9th, 2023:**

**1. Demetrio Almaguer made a motion to approve the agenda.**

**Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**2. Maruja Williams made a motion to approve the June 11th, 2023 minutes as presented.**

**Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**3. Demetrio Almaguer made a motion to allow the President to spend up to \$600 to fix the lights at the casita.**

**Maruja Williams seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

4. **Ana Ocampo makes a motion to accept Lucas Romón Kuusinen as a House of Spain scholarship recipient.  
Maruja Williams seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.**