

# MINUTES FROM THE HOS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2023

HOUSE OF SPAIN IN SAN DIEGO  
General Assembly  
November 12th, 2023  
5:00 to 9:00 PM  
Balboa Park  
San Diego, CA 92101

Session starts at 5:38

1. Meeting comes to order. Do we have quorum? The total number of members at the General Assembly with voting rights was 29. Total number of members that showed up at the General Assembly and proxies was 60. We have quorum.
2. Approval of the Agenda.

**Ángeles Olson made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Consuelo Porto seconded.  
The motion passed.**

3. General comments. Vicente Pastor commented that during a meeting of Spaniards in San Diego he asked someone why they did not join the House of Spain. The person replied that it is an old people organization. Vicente asked the audience what could be done to encourage younger people to join.
4. Reading and approval of last year's minutes.  

The Sergeant at Arms sent last year's minutes in a packet to all the members. The President asked if there were any changes or questions to last year's minutes, there were none. The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as sent. A motion was made by Susi Lusti and a second by Angeles Leira. Motion passed.
5. Secretary's annual report. The secretary sent by email to the members the annual report before the General Assembly. Members did not have any questions.
6. Treasurer's report. The treasurer sent the report by email before the General Assembly. Members did not have any questions.
7. Words from the President.

Jesús Benayas thanked the audience for coming to the vote at the casita and gave an overview of the years' events and progress made in the organization. As a token of appreciation, the President gave a coffee mug with candy to members that had been outstanding helping at the casita during the year. He also asked for volunteers on December Nights, especially Friday 1 of December.

8. Opening of the 2023 elections, presided by Henry Herms.

**Election of President.**

**Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to close the nominations.**

**Demetrio Almaguer seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Ángeles Olson made a motion to declare Jesús Benayas President of HOS by acclamation.**

**Ángeles Leira seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Election of Vice President.**

**Ana Ocampo made a motion to close the nominations.**

**Susi Lusti seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Demetrio Almaguer made a motion to declare Pedro Romon Diaz Vice President by acclamation.**

**Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Election of Secretary.**

**Consuelo Porto made a motion to close nominations.**

**Kristie Chiscano seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Consuelo Porto made a motion to declare Ignacio de Castro Pérez Secretary by acclamation.**

**Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Election of Treasurer.**

**Ángeles Olson made a motion to close nominations.**

**Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.**

**Demetrio Almaguer made a motion to declare María José Marmanillo  
Treasurer by acclamation.  
Mary Goldbeck seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.**

**Election of three members of the Board of Directors.**

Sergeant at Arms instructed members to tear off the portion of the ballot pertaining to directors, mark their choices and place them in the boxes being provided for collecting ballots. After the ballots were collected, Joaquin Anguera, Consuelo Porto and Diana Hardt counted the votes, and the following three candidates had the most votes:

**Maria Williams, Ana Ocampo Rebollar, and David Buenaventura were  
elected members of the Board of Directors.**

The President thanked the persons present and adjourned the General Assembly meeting.

That concluded the General Assembly Meeting at 6:30 PM

After the elections meeting, the members present enjoyed some tapas and drinks that HOS BOD had approved for Ana Ocampo to buy. Thank you, Ana, for your hard work and delicious choices!

Minutes of the General Assembly were approved for the BOD at the meeting on December 10th, 2023.

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