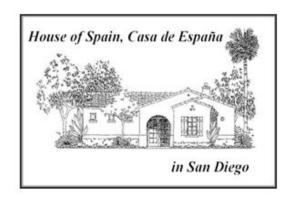
MINUTES
House of Spain,
Casa de España,
in San Diego
Meeting
Board of Directors
January 14th, 2024



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

- 1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
- **2.** Approval of today's agenda.

Ignacio de Castro made a motion to approve the agenda.

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Election of the Sergeant at Arms

Ana Ocampo makes a motion to affirm Henry Herms as Sergeant at Arms for the House of Spain

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Election of new members of the Board of Directors

María José Marmanillo makes a motion to elect Ignacio Vázquez to the Board David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4.5 Proxies

Pedro Romón sent his proxy to the President

5. Approval of 12/10/2023 BOD meeting minutes:

Maruja Williams made a motion to approve the December 10th, 2023 minutes as presented. David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- **6.** President's Report: No physical report.
 - **6a.** The President thanked everyone for their help during December Nights and Dia de Reyes, with a special thanks to Maruja and Bob Williams.
 - **6b.** The House of Spain wants to hire a cleaning person for the casita. Ana will provide contact details for a cleaning crew.
- 7. Vice president's report. No report. The Vice President helped with the Reyes event.
- **8.** Secretary's report. No report.
- **9.** Treasurer's Report: No questions regarding the Treasurer's report.
 - 9.a. General Report

Checking account \$14,730.44

High Yield Savings \$ 22,125.74

Fidelity Investments \$ 228,036.53

Total \$ 264,892.71

- 10. HPR report. Henry Herms sent out the report over email
- **11.** HoS keys. Nothing has changed. Maruja, Pedro and Jesús have keys. There is an additional one in the lockbox by the back door
- **11.5** House of Spain positions.
 - a. Ana Ocampo will continue as Employee Manager
 - b. Ignacio Vázquez accepted the nomination to become Safety Manager
 - c. Maruja Williams was proposed as Events Coordinator and will consider the position. She will review an Events Coordinator document that outlines the role's responsibilities
- 12. Committee Reports.
 - **12.1** Reyes event: Next year's date has already been booked for 1/5/2025 by Jesus. This year's comments: Thank you to Bob and Maruja Williams, Evangelina Yguerabide Regli Dee, Consuelo Porto, Eva Andrades, Henry, Pedro, and the Three Kings, (Louis, Jose Antonio and David) for helping. We will need more volunteers helping next year.

- **12.2** Presentation at the Casita in February or March: A movie will be shown, which specific one will be determined at a later date.
- **12.3** December Nights volunteer appreciation day: It will be done in March so the President can attend, the tentative date is March 9th. Jesús will be in charge of the event.

Ana Ocampo made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for the event. Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- **12.4** The Spanish Navy ship Juan Sebastián Elcano will be in San Diego in April 2024. The crew will be invited to attend the Don Quijote/Feria de Abril event on April 13th.
- **12.5** The House of Spain will not make an effort to contact Alcalá Sister City to organize this year's Don Quijote Read-A-Thon
- 12.6 Battle of San Diego Bay. May 11th, 2024
- 12.7 Calendar of events for 2024
 - **a.** Lawn reserved for 4/13/24 for Don Quijote/Feria de Abril event. Ana Ocampo is in charge
 - **b.** Ethnic Food Fair on 5/18/24
 - c. 4th of July. The President is in charge
 - **d.** September 21st is the potential date for the Latino Festival. Ignacio Vázquez and the President are in charge
 - e. October (Día de la Hispanidad) will be a Lawn Program
 - f. December ICF

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on February 11th, 2024.

Motions for HoS Board meeting on January 14th, 2024:

- Ignacio de Castro made a motion to approve the agenda.
 David Buenaventura seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed.
- 2. Ana Ocampo makes a motion to affirm Henry Herms as Sergeant at Arms for the House of Spain

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. María José Marmanillo makes a motion to elect Ignacio Vázquez to the Board David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Maruja Williams made a motion to approve the December 10th, 2023 minutes as presented. David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

5. Ana Ocampo made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for the event.

Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.