

# MINUTES FROM THE HOS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2024

HOUSE OF SPAIN IN SAN DIEGO  
General Assembly  
November 10th, 2024  
5:00 to 9:00 PM  
Balboa Park  
San Diego, CA 92101

Session starts at 5:29

1. Meeting comes to order. Do we have a quorum? The total number of members at the General Assembly with voting rights was 65. Total number of members that showed up at the General Assembly and proxies was 40. We have a quorum.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

**Madi Dearie made a motion to approve the agenda.**

**Ángeles Leira seconded.**

**The motion passed.**

3. General comments. No comments.

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 **Asunción Lusti** and a second by **Regli Dee**. The motion passed.

5. Secretary's annual report. The Secretary's report was also included in the Sergeant at Arms packet sent by email to all the members. The President asked if there were any questions. Members did not have any questions.

6. Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was also included in the Sergeant at Arms packet sent by email to all the members. María José Marmanillo went over the most expensive items in the report, e.g. employees, taxes, insurance, and utilities. She then asked if there were any questions. Members did not have any questions.

7. Words from the President.

Jesús Benayas thanked the audience for taking the time to come to the General Assembly meeting. He went over the main activities during the year, e.g. Feria de Abril, Elcano Visit to San Diego, Ethnic Food Fair, Battle of San Diego Bay, Cabrillo's Annual Landing Anniversary at Cabrillo National Monument and the San Diego Maritime Museum "Spanish Galleon", Hispanic Heritage Month with the HPR Latino Houses, HPR Lawn Program, Consul General presentation of the Medal of Isabel la Catolica to Dr. Wendy Kramer, and December Nights. The main source of income to the organization comes from the sales of "PAELLA" at most of the previously mentioned events. The President introduced and thanked all the members of the Board of Directors, for their outstanding work and help during the year.

8. Opening of the 2024 elections, presided by Henry Herms.

**8.1. Election of President.**

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

**Mary Goldbeck seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Regli Dee made a motion to declare Jesús Benayas President of HOS by acclamation.**

**Ángeles Leira seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**8.2. Election of Vice President.**

**Regli Dee made a motion to close the nominations.**

**Consuelo Porto Taboada seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**Ana Ocampo Rebollar made a motion to declare Pedro Romon Diaz Vice President by acclamation.**

**Consuelo Porto Taboada seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed.**

**8.3. Election of Secretary.**

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

**Ángeles Olson seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.**

**Consuelo Porto made a motion to declare Ignacio de Castro Pérez  
Secretary by acclamation.  
Ángeles Leira seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.**

#### **8.4. Election of Treasurer.**

**Ángeles Olson made a motion to close nominations.  
Ángeles Leira seconded the motion.  
The motion passed.**

**Regli Dee made a motion to declare María José Marmanillo Treasurer by  
acclamation.  
Ángeles Olson 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 for only three directors and place them in the boxes being provided for collecting ballots. After the ballots were collected, Diana Hardt, Louis Conde and Jesus Campoy-Fernandez counted the votes, and the following three candidates had the most votes:

**Maria Williams, Ignacio Vázquez Riesgo, 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 Elections part of the General Assembly Meeting at 6:20 PM.

Maruja and Bob Williams had prepared “Chili Dogs”, Potato Chips, Olives, deserts, sangria, wine and other drinks for the attendees to mingle and enjoy the rest of the evening. Thank you!

Minutes of the General Assembly were approved for the BOD at the meeting on December 15th, 2024.

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