

MINUTES
House of Spain,
Casa de España,
in San Diego
Meeting
Board of Directors
March 10th, 2024



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

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

2. Approval of today's agenda.

Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Proxies

David Buenaventura, Paola Hornbuckle and Ana Ocampo sent their proxy to the President and Secretary

4. Approval of 2/11/2024 BOD meeting minutes:

Maruja Williams made a motion to approve the February 11th, 2024 minutes as presented.
María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.

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

- Dance floor issues: The dance floor cover was broken and had to be replaced
- The President completed the Ethnic Food Fair event paperwork
- NPS Pacific West Region has a new Director. The President sent a letter relating to the Cabrillo exhibit and has not heard back yet
- Elcano Spanish Navy ship visit: The President and Vice President met with the Spanish Navy and Airforce officers. No further information has been provided about the ship's plans for their stay in San Diego.
- Zarzuela at Rancho Mirage: The President attended and reported it was a very nice show
- New Honorary Member:

Maruja Williams made a motion to make Nina Yguerabide an honorary member of the House of Spain

María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- HoS Fundraising person: The Board will give Julieta more work hours for the next month to organize the office and will consider evaluating a fundraising position for her in the future, based on a proposed plan.

Pedro Romón made a motion to increase Julieta's hours up to 12h/month for a month at a rate of \$21/hour.

Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

6. Vice president's report. The Vice President reported the following:

- Cleaning services for the casita: The Vice President knows of a person that is interested in taking the job. The Board has to decide if professional cleaning services are required and if the interested parties can offer an independent contractor service to the HoS
- The Vice President covered for an employee in opening the casita for a day in February

7. Secretary's report. No physical report. The Secretary responded to email correspondence.

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

9.a. General Report

Checking account \$5,099.79

High Yield Savings \$ 22,126.11

Fidelity Investments \$ 243,079.67

Total \$ 270,305.57

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

10. House of Spain positions. Nothing of relevance was discussed.

11. Committee Reports.

11.1 December Nights Volunteers' Appreciation Event: March 16th at the casita. The casita will be closed that day. Maruja Williams is in charge with assistance from the President.

11.2 Feria de Abril on Saturday April 13th, 2024:

Pedro Romón made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 for the Feria de Abril event.

Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

11.3 Juan Sebastián Elcano, April 2024: Depending on where they dock we can have a members' event. We will need more information from the Spanish Navy

11.4 Calendar of events for 2024 (Thank you Nina):

- a. April 13th (Feria de Abril)
- b. May 18th (Ethnic Food Festival). Only 8 houses want to use tents so we might need to sell paella from our cottage.
- c. Fourth of July
- d. September 21st (Latino Festival)
- e. 12 October (Día de la Hispanidad/Fiesta Nacional)
- f. December 6 & 7 ICF

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on April 14th, 2024.

Motions for HoS Board meeting on March 10th, 2024:

- 1. Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the agenda.
Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**
- 2. Maruja Williams made a motion to approve the February 11th, 2024 minutes as presented.
María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**

- 3. Maruja Williams made a motion to make Nina Yguerabide an honorary member of the House of Spain**
María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 4. Pedro vRomón made a motion to increase Julieta's hours up to 12h/month for a month at a rate of \$21/hour.**
Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 5. Pedro Romón made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 for the Feria de Abril event.**
Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.
The motion passed.