

NABO MEETING

**San Francisco, California
Basque Cultural Center**

February 15, 2003

President Pierre Etcharren called the meeting to order at 8:20a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pierre introduced Benan Oregi from the Basque Government, who in turn, introduced Anjeles Iztueta, Minister of Education from the Basque Government, as well as Abel Arizyabarreta and Amaia Goikoetxea. At this time Ms. Iztueta made a presentation of the educational system in Euzkadi. A thorough handout from the Basque Government was provided to the delegates as well.

The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Club

Delegate

Fresno Basque Club

Josephine Arriet

Antonio Campos

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Ricardo Yanci

Oinkari Basque Dancers

Johnny Aldape

Ana Mendiola

Basque Museum & Cultural Center

Barry Bumgarner

Alkartasuna SW Basque Club

Martin Goicoechea

Ignacia Goicolea

Center for Basque Studies -UNR

Kate Camino

Gloria Totricaguena

Elko Euzkaldunak

Bob Echeverria

Anita Anacabe Franzoia

Reno Basque Club

Ken Barrenchea

Linda Barrenchea

Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba

Teresa Fernandez

Jeanette Blanco

Lagun Onak Basque Club

Amaya Beristain

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Miguel Olano

Isidro Echeto

SF Basque Cultural Center

Nicole Hauscarriague

Xabier Berrueta

San Francisco Basque Club

Philippe Acheritogaray

Valerie Arrechea

Ontario Basque Club

Grace Mainvil

Lisa Corcostegui

Basque Club of Utah

Mary Gaztambide

Jean Gaztambide

Society of Basque Studies

J.R. Cengotitabengoa

Emilia Doyaga

Euzko Etxea of New York

Anna Aguirre

Luis Foncillas-Etxeberria

Anaitasuna Basque Club

Gina Espinal

Chino Basque Club

John Ysursa

Andrea Bidart

Seattle Euskal Etxea

Argia Beristain

Susan Etchey

Bighorn Basque Club

Trinity Rodriguez

Kern County Basque Club

Louis Iturriria

Los Banos Basque Club

Amador Zabalbeascoa

Leon Urrutia

Txoko Ona of Treasure Valley

Tony Uranga

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

OFFICERS

Video- Jesus Pedroarena

President- Pierre Etcharren

Euskara-Martin Goicoechea

V-President-Bob Echeverria

Udaleku-Valerie Arrechea

V-President- Mary Gaztambide

Culture/Hizketa-John Ysursa

Treasurer- Grace Mainvil

Mus-Victor Esain

Secretary-Esther Bidaurreta

Pilota-Maurice Negueloua

GUESTS

Cathleen Acheritogaray

Franxoa Bidaurreta – USFP

John Kirtland – Boise , Idaho

Alex Eguia-Lis – Chicago , Illinois

Crissy Iturriria – Bakersfield , California

Anton Laxague – San Francisco , California

Kaye Goicolea – Rock Springs , Wyoming

Juliet Campos – Fresno Basque Club

Frances Pedroarena – Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba

Benan Oregi – Basque Government

Anaia Goikoetxea – Eusko Jaurlaritza

Abel Arizyabarreta – Eusko Jaurlaritza

Anjeles Iztueta – Eusko Jaurlaritza

PROXIES

The following proxies were submitted: Patty Miller to Barry Bumgarner; Mike Reculosa & Elizabeth Camino to Trinity Rodriguez; Jose Zalba to Gina Espinal; Jose Beristain to Amaya Beristain; and Alicia Dennis to Johnny Aldape.

WELCOME

Franxoa Bidaurreta, Vice-president of the Basque Cultural Center , welcomed all to the Center and presented the weekend activities.

MINUTES

Correction: During his video presentation Jesus Pedroarena reported on the Canal Vasco situation. He is working on getting ETB on the available channels.

Bob Echeverria made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Ricardo Yanci. Passed all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grace Mainvil provided a copy of a detailed treasurer's report to all delegates. The president asked the delegates to review the report during the meeting. Questions and discussion would take place at the end of the meeting.

BASQUE GOVERNMENT

Benan Oregi, Basque Government representative, submitted a written report covering the following topics. Topics highlighted were: Gaztemundu, World Congress on Basque Communities & New Programs in Progress: 1) New Criteria for Grants; 2) Virtual Magazine – Michelle Alzola will be put in charge of the magazine; please send as many emails as possible for magazine distribution; 3) Euskal Herrirantz Program; 4) Grant for Person to be trained at the office about the Relations Between the Basque Government & the Basque Diaspora; 5) Grant Convocation for Basque Cultural Performers form Euzkadi; 6) Modification of the Rules to get Registered as anew Basque Club from this Year on; 7)

Information about the Process of Justification of the Grants; 8) New Registered club- Homedale, Idaho; 9) HABE – NABO agreement.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

An application or membership was submitted by the Basque Educational Organization in San Francisco . The President appointed Bob Echeverria, Mary Gaztambide , Tony Uranga, Anita Anacabe Franzoia, and John Ysursa to the review committee.

EUSKARA

Martin Goicoechea submitted a written report. The Hezinet program has been installed in the following clubs: Elko, San Francisco , New York City. The program is currently being installed in Salt Lake City . Rock Springs has attempted the installation but has run into some challenges and is attempting to work them out. Seattle is currently holding regular Basque language classes. As well as is the Basque Museum . Homedale is looking into their options.

There are other options available for classes: UNR has online classes; the BOGA program is also available online.

GOAL: One language program be implemented in each club in the next four years.

Grants are available to assist in startup expenses as well as maintaining language classes from the Basque government. Support is usually 100%. HABE also provides grants. Last fall \$1,736.61 was received from HABE. Clubs need to provide reports by the end of March to get a share of the grant. This grant is for materials, etc.

Ikasi will attempt to include the HABE program this summer.

“DON’T FORGET TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK!” as assigned on the handout.

MUS

Victor Esain need tournament dates from each participating club. NABO Tournament will be 5/31/03 in San Francisco hosted by the Anaitasuna. The International Tournament 2003 will be held in Mar del Plata , Argentina , the last 2 weeks of October. Youth tournaments are strongly encouraged within the clubs.

UDALEKU

San Francisco will host the 2003 camp for 2 weeks from June 15 - 28. Applications will be on line soon. Fresno Club donated \$500.00 to the camp. Focus will be: HABE program, pelota, social dancing. Resource materials will be sent to dance instructors of the clubs so they are aware of what students. Invitations have been sent to Argentina and Mexico . Boise Euzkaldunak will host the 2004 Udaleku. Search for poxpolins is still

underway. Five txistus will be purchased by NABO for sale to anyone wanting to purchase one. A location is needed for the 2005 Udaleku.

VIDEO

There has been little tape activity. A list of videos was handed out. There are 2 new tapes available _ Costa de Bizkaia and Costa de Guipuzkoa.

Canal Vasco – and update was handed out. ETB is available. A fee is paid to Jump TV to keep Canal Vasco free. It is also available at www.eitb.com.

HITN – Spanish language public television provides Canal Vasco (Channel 9401).

KANTARI EGUNA

It will be held August 9, 2003 in conjunction with the picnic. Please support and inform the club members.

PELOTA

Maurice Negueloua reported the NABO finals will be in September tentatively in San Francisco . There will be a Piltarren Biltzarra in Fresno in June.

There is a need to encourage youth participation and tournaments. Ways to encourage youth in learning pelota maybe incorporating instruction with the dance groups. Maurice would like to setup a meeting with clubs that have frontons to try to establish a program.

The Pan Am Games will be 8/1 –15, 2003 in the Dominican Republic or in Mexico City if the frontons are not built the DR.

There will be pelota instruction at Udaleku by either an instructor brought from the Basque country or local players or both.

CULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL/SONG BOOK/WEBSITE/FONTS

John Ysursa provided a written report. Summary of written report: Hizketa will be forthcoming after this meeting; NABO website has been updated (the cultural page) – please send any club updates to John; Bizi Emankorra: nomination criteria has b to established – suggestion to recognize people who have done something beyond they own clubs – a committee was established made up of Bob Echeverria, Gloria Totoricaguena and John Ysursa to determine selection criteria for this award; Gaztemundu 2003 will be July 7 – 13; World Congress 2003 will be July 14 –19: Topic is “Youth and the future of the Basque Clubs” – NABO presentation will be Tuesday, July 15th – presentation will include: Findings from survey, NABO’s four year plan, and Basque-American projects.

CALENDAR

Email report sent to Pierre . Mary Lou sent boxes with Ken B. to finish passing our calendars to clubs needing them. Grace listed clubs that are owing for calendars. Be sure to send any information you want on the calendar to Mary Lou for printing.

BERTSU BOOK

The book is currently at the publishers. It should be done by May of this year. 1,000 copies have been ordered. The cost of the 1,000 copies is \$12,250.00 shipped to one location. Initially the books will be offered thru the website. NABO has received \$5,345.00 private donations, and \$2,200.00 donation from the Basque government. Martin will communicate to the clubs what the cost of the books will be and the clubs can choose to participate or not in the resale of the books. Amador Zabalbeascoa made a motion to set a \$16.00 price per book to the clubs. Seconded by Ken Barrenchea. All in favor

HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

No report currently.

CENTER FOR BASQUE STUDIES

Anita Anacabe Franzoia made a short introduction to the Center for Basque Studies .

Kate Camino reported that Ikasi will be held annually at UNR. This year an exception is being made and it will be held in Elko , NV , July 1 –3. Information is posted on website. The Center is always willing to help clubs with any educational activities clubs may want to undertake.

There are now online courses in textbook format.

Thank you to the Basque Educational Organization for their donation to sponsor online classes.

SOCIETY OF BASQUE STUDIES

Emilia Doyaga reported on the progress of the Basque International Cultural Center .

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Bob Echeverria made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Seconded by Amador Zabalbeascoa. Passed unanimously.

OPEN/NEW BUSINESS

Patty Miller sent an email suggesting a cap on dues for NABO clubs. After discussion, Barry Baumgardner made a motion to make dues \$50.00 a year plus \$.50 per member with a \$300.00 cap. Seconded by John Aldape. Yes – 5; No – 23. Dues will stay as they are.

World Congress: The Basque Government has invited as guests Pierre Etcharren , John Ysursa, and Martin Goicoechea.

Nominations for delegates are as follows: Bob Echeverria, Anita Anacabe Franzoia, Mary Gaztambide , and Grace Mainvil . The floor was opened for further nominations. Bob Echeverria made a motion to close nominations. Seconded by John Aldape. All in favor. Anita Anacabe Franzoia, Mary Gaztambide and Grace Mainvil were selected by vote.

Basque Educational Organization application for membership. John Ysursa made a motion to accept the Basque Educational Organization as NABO member. Seconded by Amador Zabalbeascoa. All in favor.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Convention July 4, 2003 ; Festival July 5 & 6, 2003 – Elko , Nevada

Fall, 2003 meeting – After discussion Amador Zabalbeascoa made a motion to either have the meeting in San Francisco or Winnemucca. Seconded by Bob Echeverria. Martin withdrew the motion.

John Aldape made a motion to have the fall meeting in San Francisco . Seconded by Ricardo Yanci. Yes – 30; No – 0. The meeting will be November 8, 2003 , in San Francisco

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ricardo Yanci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Aldape. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Esther Bidaurreta
NABO Secretary**