

NABO MEETING  
San Francisco, California  
Basque Cultural Center  
November 8, 2003

President Pierre Etcharren called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Club	Delegate
Fresno Basque Club	Josephine Arriet
Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.	Ricardo Yanci & Ana Mendiola
Oinkari Basque Dancers	Johnny Aldape & John Krakau
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Barry Bumgarner
Alkartasuna SW Basque Club	Martin Goicoechea & Ignacia Goicolea
Center for Basque Studies-UNR	Gloria Totoricaguena
Elko Euzkaldunak	Anita Anacabe Franzoia
Reno Basque Club	Ken Barrenchea & Linda Barrenchea
Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba	Teresa Fernandez & Jeanette Blanco
Lagun Onak Basque Club	Argia Beristain
SF Basque Cultural Center	Nicole Hauscarriague
San Francisco Basque Club	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
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Gina Espinal & Jose Zalba
Seattle Euskal Etxea	Antoinette Sabarots & John Etulain
Kern County Basque Club	Louis Iturriria & Crissy Iturriria
Big Horn Basque Club	Jean Escoz & Daniel Escoz
Txoko Ona - Homedale	Tony Uranga

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS OFFICERS

Video-Jesus Pedroarena      President-Pierre Etcharren  
Euskara-Martin Goicoechea V-President-Mary Gaztambide  
Udaleku-Valerie Arrechea Treasurer-Grace Mainvil  
Mus-Victor Esain      Secretary-Esther Bidaurreta  
Calendar-Mary Lou Urrutia

#### GUESTS

Joxe Mallea-Olatxe - Reno, Nevada  
Erik Mallea - Trail, Minnesota  
Sara Velez-Mallea - Reno, Nevada  
Michel A. Nicolas-Goitia - New Orleans, Louisiana  
Frances Pedroarena – Minden, Nevada  
Enrike Corcostegui – Reno, Nevada  
John Kirtland - Boise, Idaho  
Chris Suazo - Denver, Colorado

#### PROXIES

The following proxies were submitted: Tony Campos to Josephine Arriet; Kate Camino to Gloria Totoricaguena; Patty Miller to Barry Bumgarner; Elizabeth Camino and Mike Readusa to Jean

and Daniel Escoz; Jose Mari Beristain to Argia Beristain; Frankie Iturriria to Crissy Iturriria; Bob Echeverria to Anita Anacabe-Franzoia; Xabier Berrueta to Nicole Hauscariague

## WELCOME

Anton Laxague, President of the Basque Educational Organization welcomed the delegates and gave an overview of the day and evening events.

## MINUTES

Grace Mainvil made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Johnny Aldape. 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.

## WORLD CONGRESS

Mary Gaztambide provided a written report of the Proposed Four Year Plan for Institutional Action that was prepared at the Congress. Grace Mainvil and Anita Anacabe-Franzoia gave a run-down of the weeks events and programs along with a Power Point presentation. Wednesday was NABO day. The presentation was given in Basque and a power point was presented in Basque, Spanish & English. The delegates voted on a delegate for the World Congress advisory board. Joseba Etxarri was one of the chosen delegates.

## GAZTEMUNDU

A written report was handed out to delegates. (This report has since be emailed to all clubs.) A Power Point presentation was given by Philippe Acheritogaray, Argia Beristain, Lisa Corcostegui, Toni Sabarots, Ignacia Goicolea. The focus for the 2003 conference was Leadership in Basque Centers. Twelve countries were represented at the conference. Toni Sabarots made a motion to analyze the Gaztemundu committee proposal along with the present NABO committee setup. Seconded by Anita Anacabe-Franzoia. After extensive discussion a motion was made by Anita A.-F. to table the discussion to New Business. Seconded by Jose Zalba. All in favor.

## EUSKARA

Martin Goicoechea submitted a written report to the delegates. The BOGA (internet based language program for individuals) has been acquired by HABE and is up and running in Boise, New York, San Francisco and Wyoming. The Basque government has worked diligently with the HABE cultural department to acquire this program specifically for NABO. The report reviewed the program. (This report has since been emailed to all clubs.) He feels each club needs to designate a language director to communicate with Martin and identify a teacher that will assist in the classroom gatherings. Martin will submit a proposal for how NABO should offer the program to the clubs.

## MUS

The International Tournament was held in Argentina. The winners were from Euzkadi. Victor needs club tournament dates. The NABO Tournament will be held June 5, 2004, in San Rafael, California. The rules for disorderly conduct have been amended. After review by the delegates, Valerie Arrechea made a motion to accept the rules as amended. Seconded by Nicole

Hauscarriague. Passed all in favor. The new rules will be posted on the website. The amended rules have since been emailed to all clubs. Clubs were encouraged to organize youth music tournaments by region. Gina Espinal will work with Victor to organize a NABO youth tournament at the Festival in Bakersfield. She asked for committee volunteers.

## UDALEKU

Valerie Arrechea reported that the income/expense activity is now in the treasurer's report. She strongly suggested that the hosting clubs should limit participants if they cannot handle the number of applicants - lodging is the greatest issue. Boise will host the 2004 Udaleku - July 18 to August 1. The dance video is ready to distribute but needs to be put on DVD.

## VIDEO

Jesus submitted the following written report:

Video Report  
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1. Video activity concentrated mostly in October.
2. Frances and I met in Spain with the Director of Canal Vasco. They are doing everything possible to get Canal Vasco in the Western U.S.
3. HITN (Channel 9401), on Dish Network, is carrying some programs from Canal Vasco. Canal Vasco News is shown on HITN-TV from 3:00-3:30 a.m. PST. HITN programs are also carried on digital cable in New York and New Jersey. Suggest calling HITN-TV asking them to show Canal Vasco News, in the evening, in the West, in the 8:00-8:30 p.m. time slot. See their programming at: [www.hitn.org](http://www.hitn.org)  
The phone number is: 1-877-391-4486
4. The complete Canal Vasco programming can be seen 24 hours a day on Jump-TV, on the Internet. It costs \$9.95 per month and requires high speed DSL or Broadband internet connection.
5. Please call Dish Network requesting them to carry Canal Vasco on their Dish Latino packages. The more people that call, the better chance we have of getting it. The phone number is: 1-800-833-3474.
6. The complete programming from ETB SAT is available 24 hours a day on the Internet with a modem for free.
7. Ask delegates to provide the name, office address and phone number of the Cable TV company/companies in the area where Basque Clubs are located. This would be beneficial for Canal Vasco if they try to put Canal Vasco on Cable TV. Send the information to Jesus Pedroarena.

E-mail: [jpdroarena@msn.com](mailto:jpdroarena@msn.com)

Jesus Pedroarena  
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Minden, Nevada 89423  
Tel./Fax 775-782-2898

8. DVD duplicator information. Found a DVD duplicator system which duplicates DVD's automatically once the original is inserted. Copies one at a time, but also prints the label directly onto the DVD. Cost is approximately \$2000.00. We will also need to purchase a computer to run it. Computer cost is approximately \$1700.00. We will also need to purchase blank DVD's and cases.

Bob Echeverria has submitted a grant to the Basque government for \$3,800.00 to cover DVD burner expenses.

Jose Zalba made a motion to let Jesus make the decision regarding burner/duplicator equipment purchase as he has described. Seconded by Anna Aguirre. All in favor.

#### KANTARI EGUNA

The day was very successful. Gardnerville club would like to pass on the event for 2004. They suggested that this event is an easy one for a small club to handle. Jesus P. stated that the club will need a good sound system or appropriate location. Ken Barrenchea will take it back to the Reno club and check if they are interested. A suggestion was made to all the clubs that they talk to respective clubs if there might be an interest.

#### PELOTA

No Report.

#### CULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL/SONG BOOK/WEBSITE/FONTS

John Y. submitted a written report on two subjects and apologized for not being at the meeting due to personal commitments. First on the report was the Bizi Emankorra nominations. John submitted a proposal for qualifications for those nominated. Gloria Totoricaguena made a motion that the proposal specify that candidates make contributions to NABO or NABO functions. Motion was tabled. Tony Uranga made a motion to modify the proposal submitted. Seconded by Mary Lou Urrutia. All in favor. A committee was set up to rewrite the criteria. Chairperson - Gloria T. - committee members Tony U., Toni Sabarots, Ignacia Goicolea, Valerie A. and Argia Beristain. Tony U. made a motion to untable tabled motion made by Gloria T. Seconded by Jose Zalba. All in favor. The following criteria was presented by the committee:

A candidate is a person who has made significant contributions to NABO.

Each club may nominate up to 2 candidates, through their NABO representatives. Each nomination should be accompanied by the following information:

NABO Club Making the Nomination

NABO Delegate's E-mail Address

Person nominated

Nominee's address / phone number / email address

1 page explanation of why this person merits a lifetime contribution award

Nominees should be submitted to the NABO secretary before the spring meeting of each year. At or before the spring meeting, the NABO president will appoint 5 people, representing the diverse regions of NABO, to participate in a selection committee. This committee will review the applicants and determine award recipients, giving preferential weight to living candidates inhabiting regions near the host region for the national convention.

Valerie A. Made a motion to accept the revised criteria proposal. Seconded by Barry Baumgarner. All in favor.

The second item on John's report was his readiness to step aside for the Hizketa and website projects. Delegates were asked to go to their clubs o solicit for new people that may be good candidates for these position. Martin Goicoechea made a motion to open nominations for the Hizketa and website projects and submit names and background to Esther B. before the next meeting. Seconded by Gloria T. All in favor.

#### CALENDAR

Mary Lou Urrutia reported that she has the calendars at the meeting and are ready for pickup. Each day has a name on it this year and she is considering possible themes to be used in future calendars.

#### BERTSU BOOK

Martin G. provided a written report on the book status. The books were available in San Francisco on the meeting day for pickup. The cost of the book is \$16.00 each with the purchase of a case. Less than a case purchase, book price is \$24.95 each. You can contact Lisa Corcostegui at [www.dantzariak.net/bertso.htm](http://www.dantzariak.net/bertso.htm) for ordering and shipping and handling costs.

#### CENTER FOR BASQUE STUDIES

No report given.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Johnny Aldape made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Seconded by Josephine. Passed unanimously.

#### OPEN/NEW BUSINESS

Chris Souza from the Denver, Colorado club was present and will be making an application for NABO membership at the February, 2004, meeting.

Michel Antoine Goitia-Nicolas from New Orleans, Louisiana was present and explained his research on the Basque immigration to the Louisiana area.

Martin G. explained that the journalism award received by the Buffalo, Wyoming club has arrived and is presently at the Basque Cultural Center in San Francisco. He made a motion that the award be placed in the Basque Museum in Boise, Idaho for display. Seconded by Jean Escoz. All in favor.

Mary Lou U. Is returning a scanner she no longer uses.

Valerie A. reported that there are 6 txistus available for sale.

#### BOISE MUSEUM

Barry Bumgarner reported that the challenge grant was reached to refurbish the boarding house.

#### IKASI

The status of Ikasi was brought up. There will be further discussion on this.

#### GAZTEMUNDU

Discussion resumed on the subject at this time. After more extensive discussion Toni Sabarots made a motion to form a committee to analyze the Gaztemundu proposal along with the current NABO committee setup. Seconded by Ignacia Goicolea. All in favor. Chairperson position was discussed. Toni S. and Argia Beristain volunteered to the position as co-chairpersons. A suggestion was made that Xabi Berrueta be contacted to chair the committee and then a decision made. A signup sheet was circulated for those interested in being the committee.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

Winter, 2004 – February 7, 2004 – Salt Lake City, Utah  
Convention, 2004 – May 29 & 30 – Bakersfield, California (Memorial weekend)  
Fall, 2004 – date TBA – Winnemucca, Nevada  
Winter, 2005 – date TBA – Seattle, Washington  
Convention, 2005 – date TBA – Rock Springs, Wyoming

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Johnny Aldape to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Etulain. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Bidaurreta  
Secretary