

NABO MEETING

July 15, 2005

Sweetwater County Events Complex

Rock Springs, WY

President Mary Gaztambide called the winter/spring meeting of NABO to order at 8:35a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Club

Alkartasuna SW Basque Club

Anaitasuna Basque Club

Basque Educational Organization

Basque Club of Utah

Basque Museum & Cultural Center

Big Horn Basque Club

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Center for Basque Studies

Chino Basque Club

Colorado Euskal Etxea

Elko Basque Club

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Eusko Etxea of New York

Fresno Basque Club

Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club

Delegate

Martin Goicoechea

Pedro Amarika

Gina Espinal

Philippe Acheritogaray

Esther Bidaurreta

Jean Gaztambide

Nancy J Trevino

Barry Bumgarner

Jean Escoz

Daniel Escoz

Jack Olsen

Kate Camino

John Ysursa

Michael Matassa

MaryAnne Carricaburu Matassa

Anita Anacabe Francoia

Bob Echeverria

Jerry Etcheverry

Susan Gavica

Tamara Muruetagoiena

Josephine Arriet

Tony Campos

Teresa Fernandez

Anita Izoco

Jill Aldape

Grace Mainvil

Valerie Arrechea

Jean Pierre Elissetche

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Franxoa Bidaurreta

Pierre Etcharren

Ventura County Basque Club

Jose Urrutia

Committee Chairperson

Video – Jesus Pedroarena (Excused)

Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea

Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea

Hizketa – John Ysursa

Mus–Victor Esain

Pelota – Maurice Negueloa

Website – Tony Uranga (Excused)

Aurrera Goaz – Anita Anacabe Franzoia

History – Gloria Totoricaguena (Excused)

Officers

President – Mary Gaztambide

V-President – Bob Echeverria

V-President – Pierre Etcharren

Treasurer – Grace Mainvil

Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

Guests

Javier Iribarren – Alkartasuna Basque Club President

Miren Azkarate, Cultural Minister, Basque Country

Benan Oregi – Basque Government

Kinku Zinkunegi – HABE Program Coordinator

Joseba Etxarri – Euskalkultura.com

Pantxoa Etchegoin – Euskal Kultur Erakundea

Xabier Zubillaga – Necochea Argentina

M. Eugeniz Arronclarain – San Fermin Ikastola (Iruna)

Maite Arroita

Michael Matassa, Sr. – Colorado Euskal Etxea

Juliet Campos – Fresno Basque Club

Eli Laburu – Udalbiltra

Luxi Oxandabaratx

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:

Basque Museum & Cultural Center/Patty A Miller to Barry Bumgarner

Euzko Etxea of New York/Emilia Doyaga to Tamara Muruetagoiena

Big Horn Basque Club/Thomas S. Harriet to Jean Escoz

Center for Basque Studies/Gloria Totoricaguena to Kate Camino

Ontario Oregon Basque/Lisa Corcostegui to Grace Mainvil

Boise Euskaldunak/Ysabel Bilbao to Jack Olson

Boise Euskaldunak/Ricardo Yanci to Jack Olson

Welcome

President Mary Gaztambide introduced and welcomed the following visitors:

Miren Askarate, Cultural Minister for Basque Country
Benan Oregi, Basque Government
Kinku Zinkunegi, HABE Program Director
Xabier Zubillaga, Director of the Basque Institute of Cooperation and
Development of Argentina
Joseba Etxarri, Euskalkultura.com

Javier Iribarren, President of the Alkartasuna Basque Club welcomed all to Rock Springs, WY. He invited all the delegates to enjoy the 2005 North American Basque Organization's Convention, the 5th Annual Kultura Jaia and the Alkartasuna Basque Club's 15th Anniversary Celebration.

Martin Goicoechea gave information and instructions on the events during the convention.

Minutes

The following corrections were made: In the Salt Lake City Meeting the date of the meeting needs to be changed to February 12, 2005, instead of February 12, 2001. The San Francisco Basque Center delegate names need to be corrected. The motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

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

The following are the NABO account balances:
(Includes checking, savings and CD's)

General Account Funds:	\$14,455.29
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 2,934.27
Mus Account Funds:	\$67,208.97
Educational account Funds:	\$42,302.24
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 3,931.52

J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds: \$ 2,487.27

Basque Government Euskara Report

Miren Askarate, Cultural Minister for Basque Country, spoke on how to promote the Basque Culture and the Basque Language in the United States and strengthen the idea we are all Basque. She gave a history of things that had happened to promote and teach the Basque language in the US and around the world. She offered additional BOGA support, publications and other help in setting up language programs.

NABO Euskara Report:

In consultation with Martin Goicoechea and Kinku Zinkunegi, John Ysursa put together and presented NABO's Euskara promotion campaign to achieve the goal of keeping the Basque Language alive and encourage its use. The presentation was on the three "V's" of what NABO and HABE can do to promote the Basque language. The first V is to make it Visible. The second V is to make it Viable. And the third V is to keep it Vital. John also introduced the "Got Basque" postcard and tee-shirt Campaign.

Basque Government Report

Benan Oregi reported on five points in his report.

1. He reported that the Lehendakari of Euskadi, Mr. Juan Jose Ibarretxe Markuartu would be in Boise for Jaialdi. This is the first visit to the western states for the newly re-elected President of the Basque Government. Benan invited all the delegates to a reception in his honor on Friday July 29th, 2005.
2. He reported on a program that would allow Basque Club members to apply for an internship that is being offered with the Basque Government. The selected person(s) would work for one year with the Basque Government. The deadline to apply for this internship is July 18.
3. Benan reported on the clubs that have updated the information on their club members and the club board members with the Basque Government. Those clubs are:

Bakersfield-Kern Country Basque Club
Boise Basque Museum and Cultural Center, Inc.
Boise Oinkari Basque Dancers
Euzko Etxea of New York
Society of Basque Studies in America
Elko Euskaldunak Club
Gardnerville Mediko Euskaldun Club
Homedale Txoko Ona Inc.
Lugun Onak Las Vegas Basque Club
Basque Club of Utah
San Francisco Basque Club
Seattle Euskal Etxea

4. Benan mentioned that the grant for the Euskal Coordinator and the NABO Communicator Coordinator was one of the grants approved by the Basque Government. The Basque Government will be very happy when NABO has a Communicator Coordinator person in place. Benan announced that he is available to talk to the any one who submitted a grant application, and give them information on their grant.
5. His last announcement has to do with the Virtual Euskal Etxeak magazine. In order for the magazine to be put on the WEB in English, 700 people around the world need to sign up for the English version of “Euskal Etxeak” via the Internet. To sign up, please send your email to: Benan-Oregi@ej-gv.es. Right now there are only 350 signed up for the English Virtual Magazine.

Ikasi Report

Kate Camino reported on the Ikasi program that took place in Reno, NV from June 29th to July 1st. It was a great success. There was two and one half days of workshops on Basque culture, music, dance, history, genealogy, language, cooking and literature. Four years ago the first Ikasi program was held in Reno. The next year they tried to do it as a traveling class in Elko. But that proved to be difficult and expensive. The next year it was not held for a number of reasons. Next year it will also be held in Reno and again the UNR Basque Studies Program will present the program. By doing it in Reno it can be done free of charge, which is good for many people and they will try to get

two rooms and accommodate more people. Kate will have more information on next year's Ikasi at the San Francisco meeting

Mus

Victor Esain gave a report on this year's championship that was played on June 4th in San Francisco. There were four groups. The number one group was Gardnerville with Javier Alzugaray and Miguel Ybarn. The number two group was Kern County with Jose Recondo and Alfred Saldubeherc. The number three group was Reno with Guillermo Blanco and Anastacio Sarratea. And the number four group was Tony Larracea and Elias Lete. the groups In the end Gardnerville won the championship. The International Final tournament will be held in Donosti starting on October 15th and going to the 23rd. Next year the championship will be in Gardnerville on June 17th at the Overland Hotel.

Gina Espinal reported that the Junior Mus tournaments will held on July 16, 2005. There were three teams that competed in the final tournament: San Francisco, Utah and Reno. The ages of the participants were 12 to 17. And San Francisco came in first, followed by Reno and then Utah.

Udaleku

Valerie read a report from the Bakersfield Udaleku Committee. This year's Udaleku was held in Bakersfield, CA from June - June 24th. It was very successful, with 42 children participating, representing 10 NABO clubs. There were 4 applicants for the Udaleku Aide position. Over all, the organizers and teachers were very pleased with the age maximum of 15 years old. It was easier to plan what to teach, and the younger children socialized with the older ones. One issue that was brought up was that it was good to have more aides and teachers present with a younger group. They had one person per 6 children, and the participants were able to get a lot of one on one instruction. Valerie also showed a copy of the Participants Book that was given to all the participants and had copies of all the information that was taught during the two weeks. A detail financial report has been given to Grace Mainvil.

The 2006 Udaleku will be held in Elko, NV, June 18 – July 1st and will be in conjunction with their annual festival. The 2007 Udaleku will be held in San Francisco, June 17 – June 29.

The NABO dance workshop for 2005 will take place in Chino, CA in conjunction with their annual picnic on September 3rd - 4th. The subject matter of the workshop will be instruction of children and was chosen due to the feedback received by the groups on what they wanted to see. The workshop is open to those 16 and over. Participants are responsible for their own lodging.

The Udaleku Webpage will be modified so that it not only includes a copy of the applications, but also a “frequently asked questions” page. Valerie also needs the following information from the clubs:

1. The name of your dance director, their phone number and email address
2. What types of workshops is your dance group/youth interested in participating in? What should be the focus of the 2006 workshop for those 16 and older?

Kantari Eguna

Gardnerville will hold Kantari Eguna this year on August 13th. Martin Goicoechea motioned that the 2006 Kantari Eguna be held in Elko NV. This motion passed.

Video

No report.

Pilota

Maurice Negueloua mentioned that the NABO Pilota Tournaments will be held in San Francisco on December 17 and 18th along with the Basque Cultural Center annual event. He will get the schedules out. He would like to know if Fresno will have the NABO Final next year in July. Tony Campo said that would be fine. The Pilota World Championships will be held in Mexico in September. Maurice needs to know who is interesting in playing and what specialty. He needs to know ASAP so he can get a schedule for the playoffs. Maurice can get materials for teaching pilota from the Basque Country. So let him know if you need any equipment.

Maurice stressed that Clubs need to continue to promote pilota practice after Udaleku, so that the kids can continue to learn and continue to play pilota. Mary Gaztambide suggested that the pilota equipment be sold to the Udaleku

participants so they are encouraged to continue playing. Some clubs are combining pilota with their dance practice. This is a good way to get the young kids to continue to learn pilota.

Hizketa

John Ysursa reported that the next Hizketa would be printed after the NABO convention so there is nothing to report.

NABO Communicator

John Ysursa gave an up date on the NABO Communicator position. NABO submitted a grant request to the Basque Government and has heard that is was approved but have not heard how much money has been approved. John mentioned that he has held this position and the Euskara on an interim basis until the position is filled. The question was raised as to how soon we should open the application process so the final decisions can be made on who will fill the positions. Bob suggested that we start putting together the job descriptions and post the positions so a decision can be made at the September meeting. Valerie motioned that we have John continue as the interim until the end of the year so that we do not have to rush the decision. Seconded. After some decision Valerie suggested that the motion be tabled until the “NABO Communicator” selection sub-committee could meet and make some decision on whether there should be two positions or one and decide how soon the selection process should start. Since two members of the committee were not present the president added : Valerie Arrechea and Jill Aldape to replace Gloria Totoricaguena and Linda Barrenechea. So the committee will consist of Pierre Etcharren, Anita Franzoia, Martin Goicoechea, John Ysursa, Valerie Arrechea and Jill Aldape. They met during lunch.

After the committee met, they report to the delegates that the committee would like to make a motion that NABO continue with an interim consultant that would do the duties of both positions until December 31, 2005. And that the process for the two separate part-time positions, A NABO Communicator position and a BOGA language program Coordinator, be developed. Also a job description for the NABO Communicator should be written and the application posting process should be started as soon as possible, with a goal of having the chosen applicant start on January 1, 2006. After some decision, the motion was approved with the goal of having the job posted by September 1, 2005.

Website

Philippe Acheritogaray has updated the domain name of NABO web site so the URL is now NABO.us. It can be used now and it will forwards to basqueclubs.com site. Also soon he will be making the miscellaneous changes to the WEB site so if individual clubs have changes they want made, they need to send them as soon as possible.

Calendar

Neither Yvonne Granata nor Mary Lou Urrutia was able to attend. They send some 2006 calendar to Rock Springs. So those that need calendars today can pick them up. There will also be calendars at the Boise Museum during Jaialdi and at the meeting in Winnemucca. The cost to the clubs will remain \$5.00 a calendar. The deadline for pictures for the calendar is May 15th.

History

No Report.

Bertso Book

Martin Goicoechea reported that there has only been a few books sold but they will be sold at the Rock Springs events. Grace mentioned that the books cost \$24.98 each. But the Clubs can buy a case of books of 24 books from NABO for \$300.00. Contact Martin if you need any of the books.

Aurrera Goaz

Anita Anacabe Franzoia came prepared for the NABO Delegates Kazoo band to perform at the Friday night cultural event. She passed out Kazoos and NABO labels to everyone and had the delegates practice the songs that would be performed that evening.

Club Reports

The following clubs gave report:

Colorado Euskal Etxea San Fermin Ikastola

Fresno Basque Club

Boise Basque Museum

Next meeting club reports will be given by:
San Francisco Anaitasuna Basque Club
Rock Springs Alkartasuna Basque Club

Treasurer's Report Approval

Grace Mainvil explained the Treasurer's Report. After discussions, Bob Echeverria motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was passed.

Grace also reported that after checking with other accounting firms and talking to our current firm again, it has been decided NABO will remain with the current accounting firm. Grace report that the fees that NABO has been paying the Accounting Firm have been reduced.

Old Business

Bob Echeverria passed out copies of the proposed changes to the NABO By-Laws. He explained that the By-Law committee had met and the majority of the members on the committee had agreed to the proposed changes. The NABO attorney had reviewed the proposed changes and had put them into "Legal Ease" so that if they were approved they could be submitted right into the NABO By-Laws. Valerie Arrechea, the By-Law Committee Chair, explained the changes would allow Associate Members (clubs and organizations with less than 50 members) to have one NABO vote. She also explained that currently the Associate Members do not have any votes. Clubs with more than 50 members have two votes. These two votes often represent several hundred members in many clubs. Bob also mention that if the bylaw changes were approved, he would propose that the current Associate Members, that currently were allowed to have two votes, should be Grandfathered in and allowed to keep their two votes. Philippe Acheritogaray, a member of the By-Law Committee, stated that the Basque Educational Organization Board of Directors felt it would be better to welcome all approved Clubs and Organizations to NABO and allow and encourage them to have two votes/delegates regardless of how many or how few members they represent. After much discussion, the proposed changes were voted on. The proposal did not have an acceptance vote of two thirds of the delegates and so did not pass. Valerie explained that the By-Laws would not change and any new Associate Members would not have any voting rights. The By-Laws sub committee will

meet in the future to determine if any additional changes to the NABO membership issue should be considered.

Philippe Acheritogaray mentioned that The Last Link would be sold at the NABO booth in Rock Springs. He also mentioned that there would be a booth at Jaialdi where the producer of The Last Link would be promoting and selling the CD's and DVD's for NABO.

New Business

Joseba Etxarri gave a presentation on the Euskalkultura.com project. This is a website where reports on Basque culture from all countries can be reported. It is a place where stories of Basques can be found and information what is happening in your club can be reported. Information about Basque and things that are of interest to the Basque can be found on this site. Also information on what Basque in other countries are doing and how to promote the Basque Culture. The site has information in Basque, English and Basque.

Valerie Arrechea asked when where the next NABO conventions would be held. The future locations are:

2006 in Buffalo, WY
2007 in Winnemucca, NV
2008 in Chino, CA
2009 to 2012 location not selected
2013 in New York, NY

It is important that clubs members attend the convention so NABO needs to do more to promote the NABO convention. Valerie suggested that when NABO conventions sites were selected three things should be considered.

1. The locations should rotate from region to region. It is very difficult financially for clubs to travel to distant locations two years in a row. If the locations were rotated between regions such as one year in Wyoming and the next year in Northern California and the next year in Eastern Nevada and then in Southern California and then in Idaho and so forth, it would be much easier for clubs to afford to attend the convention.
2. Every five years when Jaialdi is held in Boise, it would be helpful for the clubs to have the NABO Convention in Boise at the same time. That

- way clubs would not have to choose between the NABO convention and Jaialdi.
3. If a club wants to host the NABO convention at their location during a year that has special meaning to them, such as an anniversary, they should be given special consideration.

Future Meeting

Fall Meeting 2005 in Winnemucca, NV on September 24, 2005

Winter/Spring Meeting 2006 in San Francisco on February 18, 2006

NABO Convention 2006 in Buffalo, WY on July 21, 22 & 23, 2006

Elections

President nominations: Mary Gaztambide was nominated by Kate Camino and Anita Anacabe Franzoia was nominated by Bob Echeverria. A ballot vote was taken and Mary Gaztambide was re-elected to serve as President of NABO

Treasurer nominations: Grace Mainvil was nominated John Ysursa. A verbal vote was taken and Grace Mainvil was re-elected as Treasurer of NABO.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Echeverria to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.