

NABO MEETING
September 24, 2005
Winnemucca Convention Center
Winnemucca, NV

President Mary Gaztambide called the Fall NABO meeting 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
Elko Basque Club

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Fresno Basque Club
Los Banos Basque Club

Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

Reno Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center
Txoko Ona Basque Club

Delegate

Martin Goicoechea
Pedro Amarika
Gina Espinal
Philippe Acheritogaray
Nancy J Trevino
Barry Bumgarner
Delfina Krakau
Philip Harriet
Ysabel Bilbao
Gloria Tororicaguena
John Ysursa
Anita Anacabe Francoia
Bob Echeverria
Jerry Etcheverry
Susan Gavica
Josephine Arriet
Jean Pierre Petrinon
John Alfaro
Teresa Fernandez
Anita Izoco
Jill Aldape
Angela Harris
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Linda Barrenchea
Ken Barrenchea
Valerie Arrechea
Xabier Berrueta
Tony Uranga
Gloria Lejardi

Officers

President – Mary Gaztambide
V-President – Pierre Etcharren (Excused)
V-President – Bob Echeverria
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia
Video – Jesus Pedroarena (Excused)
Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea
Hizketa – John Ysursa
Mus–Victor Esain
Pelota – Maurice Negueloa (Excused)
Web Site – Tony Uranga
Aurrera Goaz – Anita Anacabe Franzoia
History – Gloria Totoricaguena

Guests

Pete Salla – President Winnemucca Basque Club
Idoya Salaburu Urruty – EuskoSare Representative
Amaia Martiartu – Seattle Euskal Etxea
Zurine Velez de Mendzaral – Center for Basque Studies
Argitxu Camus Etchecopar – Idem
Enrike Corcostegui – Reno

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:

Big Horn Basque Club/Thomas S. Harriet to Philip Harriet
Center for Basque Studies/Kate Camino to Gloria Totoricaguena
San Francisco Basque Club/Jean Pierre Elissetche to Valerie Arrechea
Basque Cultural Center/Pierre Etcharren to Xabier Berrueta
Fresno Basque Club/Tony Campos to Josephine Arriet
Basque Club of Utah/Marc Gaztambide to Nancy J Trevino

Welcome

President Mary Gaztambide welcomed everyone to the NABO Meeting in Winnemucca. She introduced Pete Salla, the President of the Winnemucca Basque Club, who also welcomed everyone to Winnemucca.

Minutes

The following corrections were made: The Rock Springs Meeting was the NABO Convention, not the winter/spring meeting. A case of the Bertsu Books would cost the Clubs \$384.00 not \$300.00. The accounting firm fees were not reduced but will remain the same. The Junior Muz champions should not be included in the Rock Springs Meeting but will be included the Winnemucca Minutes. The motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections.

NABO Vice President Elections

Mary explained that in the last elections, we neglected to vote on the Vice-President position. Mary opened it up for nominations. Bob Echeverria was nominated followed by a motion that the nominations close. A paper vote was taken and Bob was re-elected.

Treasurer's Report

Grace Mainvil provided a copy of a detailed treasurer's report to all delegates. 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:	\$14,503.02
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 2,934.27
Mus Account Funds:	\$67,085.15
Educational account Funds:	\$31,639.47
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 470.04
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 2,488.11

Old Business:

NABO By Laws Report

Valerie Arrechea gave a history of what is going on with the By-Laws as they pertain to the NABO membership. The current question with the By-Laws membership is whether there should be one or two membership categories. Currently the NABO Bylaws allows for two categories of membership, the general membership and associate membership. The general membership has full rights of membership as outlined in the by-laws which include two votes per club. The associate membership is available to qualified clubs or organizations with 50 members or less that are supportive of NABO. Both memberships allow for two delegates but while the general members have two votes, the associate members have no voting privileges. Both memberships allow for the clubs or organizations to have delegates attend the meetings, for their clubs to receive all NABO publications and information and to participate in NABO activities, such as Muz tournaments. The question that NABO needs to decide now is whether NABO continues with the two categories or whether there should be one category. Over the last few years, NABO has allowed three organizations with less than 50 members to have two votes. By allowing this exception to the by-law, NABO has ignored its own by-laws. The question is: If the current By-Laws are not working, shouldn't the by-laws be changed so we are working within the by-laws? And if they should be changed, how should they be changed?

NABO started out with only one class of membership. The Associate membership was added in 1984 so that clubs that were just starting out and had less than fifty members would not have the financial burden of having to pay the full NABO fees until they could get more financially secure. The associate member with less than fifty members would have no votes. When this resolution was passed it was expected that these clubs would eventually become general members as soon their club grew and they were financially able to pay the full fees.

After much discussion, Philippe Acheritogaray made a motion that NABO goes back to the original one class of membership and that any reference to Associate Membership be removed from the by-laws. He noted that currently there is no Associate Member in NABO membership. The motion was seconded. After more discussion, it went to a vote. The motion to change the

by-laws did not have an acceptance vote of two thirds of the delegates and so did not pass.

John Ysursa made a motion that the clubs go back to their clubs to find out what their members would like:

1. Do we want to have a senate plan or a house plan? (Should there be one membership category where all clubs/organization have two votes or should there be membership categories where the votes are decided by the size of the club/organization.)
2. What will the membership dues be? (All clubs/organizations pay the same dues (about \$150.00 each) or the clubs pay according to how many member they have. (Larger clubs would pay more than smaller clubs)

This motion was seconded and passed.

NABO Euskara Report:

Martin Goicoechea reported on the Euskara project. He reminded the delegates that we need to keep NABO Officers and Club officers motivated to help our individual clubs to continue with their language programs. Most of all, we need to motivate our membership, and impress upon them that without the Basque language, the culture will be lost. He mentioned that having the Euskara/BOGA language program Coordinator position will be very helpful in keeping the programs going. John Ysursa showed a presentation that can motivate the clubs members to learn and use the language. The DVD segment was produced by Boise's Sam Snodgrass. Sam is making it available to help promote Euskara. It's a collection of interviews that endeavors to communicate the value of Euskara. John also updated and reinforced the importance of keeping the language alive. Valerie Arrechea gave an update on the success of the adult and children's language programs in San Francisco.

Old Business:

Selection of the NABO Euskara/BOGA Coordinator

Mary Gaztambide reported that the NABO Coordinator and the Euskara/BOGA language program Coordinator were posted on the website and those interested in the positions were encouraged to apply. The applications have

been received and reviewed by the Coordinators Selection Committee and the NABO Officers, the consensus was that John Ysursa was the best candidate for both positions and will be offered both positions. After some discussion about whether the positions should be split between two people or just one, it was agreed that it might be best to have one person do the job for at least one year in order to get things set up. After the year, NABO Officers could evaluate how the position/jobs are working out and decide if the two position/jobs should be held by one or two people. Philippe asked if the contracts between NABO and the individual(s) for the positions be an upfront contract or would the person be paid for time worked and materials? Also would NABO be committed to be responsible for the salary until the grants are received from the Basque Government? Martin made a motion that NABO Officers would be responsible for setting up the conditions of the employment. Also that both positions would be a year to year commitment to the person(s) selected and that NABO would cover the cost of paying this person until the grant money is received from the Basque Government. The NABO Officers would also determine each year whether NABO has the funds for the position and whether the positions are needed by NABO. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with one opposing vote.

Mus

Victor Esain reported that the winners of this year's championship that was played on June 4th in San Francisco are Javier Alzugaray and Miguel Ybarn from Gardnerville. They will be going to Donosti starting on October 15th for the International tournament. Victor Esain and Pierre Etcharren will also be going. Pierre goes to all of the International tournaments because he was the founder of the International Tournaments. They will be taking a plaque to be given to Donosti from NABO. The Tournament fees will be less than usual because the fees are in Euros. Victor needs the dates of the clubs tournaments for next year. Next year the championship will be in Gardnerville on June 17th at the Overland Hotel.

Gina Espinal thanked Martin Goicoechea and Rock Springs for hosting the Junior Mus tournaments at the NABO Convention. The tournament went very well. Next year they will keep the age of the participants the same and try to move the playing along a little faster and find a quieter place to the tournament. She reported the results of the Junior Mus tournaments that were held in Rock Springs, WY 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. San Francisco took first place with Reno coming in second and Utah coming in third. Next year the tournament will be in Buffalo at the NABO Convention.

Udaleku

Valerie Arrechea reported on this year's dance workshop that was held in Chino, CA. The subject for the workshop was teaching children: what skills should be taught, methods of teaching, and specific dances to help teach those skills. The workshop culminated with a costume presentation by Lisa Corcostegui. Participants received 3 handouts with different methods, one handout on costumes, 1 audio CD of dances, and 3 DVD of Bastan Irri Dantzak and dances from Lapurdi. The workshop was small, but considered a success by those participating. Valerie thanked the Chino Basque Club for hosting the workshop and Lisa Corcostegui for her presentation on costumes.

Valerie asked that suggestions of a possible location for the 2006 workshop and subject matter be send to her. One suggestion, she already has, is to do a workshop on makil dantzak from each province.

The 2006 Udaleku will be held in Elko, NV, June 18 – July 1st. Valerie reported that there is a need for materials for Udaleku. She has few poxpolins in stock for the 2006 camp but not enough for the next Udaleku. More needs to be purchased. Grace Mainvil proposed that we go ahead and buy the poxpolins. The proposal was approved. There is also a need to purchase more pilota materials for the Elko camp. Bob Echeverria proposed that we purchase the need pilota materials. Grace approved and the proposal was accepted.

Valerie mentioned that there has been some discussion of bringing a pilota coach that could teach in Udaleku. Then the person could go to other clubs and do workshops there. Since there has been an interest in California to bring back a Pilota Camp a pilota coach could also be used there. This will be discussed later.

Valerie reminded the Euskara Committee that there is a need to put together a structured curriculum for teaching Euskara at Udaleku. John is working on it. Valerie suggested that a curriculum that taught Euskara along with BOGA would be helpful for Udaleku and also for the clubs.

The last item mentioned is the fact that the fee of f \$150.00 for Udaleku is not enough to pay for Udaleku. Last year's camp showed a deficit of \$4,000.00 and that is after receipt of the Basque Government Grant for Udaleku. Ken Barrenechea motioned that the fee for Udaleku be raised to \$250.00. After discussion the motioned was passed.

Kantari Eguna

Kantari Eguna was held this year in Gardnerville. The whole event went very well and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Anita Anacabe Franzoia and Bob Echeverria invited everyone to Elko next year. It will be held on Saturday night, July 1 at the Western Folk Life Center.

Video

No report.

Pilota

Maurice Negueloua was not able to attend the meeting but sent a message for Mary to read. Maurice is not going to be able to continue as the Chairperson of the NABO Pilota Committee. Maurice will offer suggestions and clubs can submit names to the committee. Bob Echeverria motioned that suggestions made by Maurice or others will be presented to the President so a decision on who will become the chairperson can be made. The motion passed.

Xabier Berrueta reported on the NABOko Pilota Txapelketa in San Francisco. It was a very successful event. The next NABOko Pilota Txapelketa will be in Fresno at Tony Campos's ranch. Details will come out soon. Maurice will soon be sending out a report on the United States Federation of Pilota had a meeting in preparation of the 2006 Pilota Tournament in Mexico in October, 2006 . Information, criterion and registration materials will be mailed out. The deadline will December 31, 2005.

Xabier extended an invitation out to Boise and Elko to investigate joining a Pilota touring camp next year. Perhaps the camp will have one week in Boise and two weeks in Elko, as well as 1 week in San Francisco. He would like to have some discussions with these clubs.

Xabier will participate with the Department of Culture of the Basque Government in an International brainstorming session on Pilota in the Americas. Several countries will be participating. He will report back to Maurice and NABO later.

Gloria Totoricaguena reported on her efforts to get a course on Basque Sports and Games approved through the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Her goal is not only to develop a curriculum for Physical Education K-12 to promote Basque sports but also to have the class used for K-12 grade Physical Educational teacher recertification. From last year's Gaztemundu there was a text book developed on Basque sport and games that can be translated into English. It will take about a year to get it translated, and then it has to be passed through the courses and curriculum committee and approved by the University. After that it can be taught in workshops at UNR or if it is approved, it could be a roving workshop where Teachers would be taught to teach Basque sports and games. That is the plan but it about 1½ years out.

A question of whether girls in the United States were encouraged to play pilota was raised. Valerie reported on the success of teaching pilota to both girls and boys at Udaleku. She said the girls make good players. Javier reported that there are about 25 female pilota players in the US.

Hizketa

John Ysursa reviewed the current Hizketa and what was reported in it. One of his messages in Hizketa is that we need to encourage the Basques that are living among us but are not active in their Basque culture to "Hurbil Zaitetz" - Please join us and come closer. We need to reach out to our club members that are not actively involved and other Basques and find ways to ask them to join us and become a part of our efforts to preserve our Basque heritage. One way may be to send out, post and pass out postcard for Basques in our areas. Bob Echeverria motioned that NABO spend \$300.00 to promote bringing new members into NABO. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

The first Euskararen Eguna or Day of Basque will be held in conjunction with San Francisco Basque Cultural Center's anniversary and NABO meeting on February 17th.

John suggested that it is time to recreate the NABO Communicator in each club. We need to improve the communication within our clubs. John would like to get the names of Communicators. Philippe and John will work together on updating the website.

Website

Philippe Acheritogaray requested that up-dates from the clubs be sent in so the NABO website can be updated.

Calendar

Mary Lou Urrutia reported that NABO is still making money on the calendars. She had calendars with her and delegates could pick up calendars for their clubs. They are still \$5.00 each and you need to get the money to Grace Mainvil.

History

Gloria Tororicaguena introduced Argitxu Camus, a PhD student from the UNR Basque Studies Program. She will be the author of a book on NABO for the series of the History of Basques around the world. She may be contacting NABO delegates and members for pictures and other information that she will use.

The second item is Deed of Gift form that has been prepared by the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Basque Studies librarian. This form will make it possible to create the NABO archives at the Basque Studies Library. For years NABO has been talking about organizing all the NABO minutes, papers, pictures and other items so they can be put into a centralized NABO archive located at the Basque Studies Library. This would allow people to go to one place to find all the NABO information. The plan is to apply for grants in order to have all the information digitized. Then a copy would be available so everyone can use the information without coming to UNR to get access to the information. In order to do this, NABO needs to give approval to have the papers and pictures donated to the Basque Studies Program. NABO must authorize Mary Gaztambide to sign a deed of gift. Gloria motioned that the delegates vote yes to giving the NABO president power to sign the deed of gift to give the NABO files to the Basque Studies program so a NABO archive can

be created. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved by the delegates. The Center for Basque Studies will start with the five boxes that Bob Echeverria put together and the binders that Valerie Arrechea put together

The last item was an update of the genealogy report. The Center of Basque Studies was just awarded a quarter of a million dollar grant by the state of Nevada to construct a genealogy data base. The plan is gather information on Basque in the United States from many sources. This information will be entered into a database and they hope to have it completed by 2008. Hopefully in 2008 you will be able type in a name and birth city and receive a lot of information on the person. Gloria will keep us updated.

Bertso Book

One box was sold at Rock Springs for \$385.00. Martin Goicoechea reported he is working with John Ysursa to come up with new ideas to market the Bertso books.

Aurrera Goaz

Anita Anacabe Franzoia said thanks to everyone for all of the things that are being done for Aurrera Goaz. There are many things that are going on through all the different NABO committees that are Aurrera Goaz. This is wonderful. The NABO Delegates Kazoo band was a fun for the delegates that participated in it at Rock Springs. Xabier Berrueta is working with the San Francisco Giants Baseball Club to do a Basque Heritage Night in the spring 2006. He hopes it will be a game between the Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Giant's caps and Dodger's caps would be printed with both the Giants and the Dodgers names and with a Lauburu or an Ikurrina on the back of the caps. He will have more information on this event at the next meeting.

Club Reports

The following clubs gave reports:

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.

Old Business:

Philippe Acheritogaray reported on the number of Last Link movies that were sold. We sold about 70 at Jaialdi and 14 at the Rock Springs convention. Philippe will give an updated report at the next meeting which will show how much NABO has spent and earned from this movie. He also announced that the Last Link will be shown at the French Embassy in Washington DC on October 20, 2006. There will be a congressional delegation and the Senator from Vermont will be there also. It is being hosted by the French Government.

Philippe gave some additional dates for the music groups that are touring the US. He will email these details out to the delegates

New Business

Idoya Salaburu Urruty, the US Coordinator/Representative of EuskoSare gave a presentation on the new EuskoSare website. EuskoSare means Basque Network and it promotes the growth of the Global Basque community by increasing communication and cooperation amongst all the Basques in the world via the internet. The website is sponsored by the Basque Government and the Basque Studies Society. The information on the website is in four languages, Basque, English, Spanish and French. The website has a lot of information and resources on it. EuskoSare can be viewed at www.euskosare.org. Idoya would like all the delegates to take the website address back to their clubs and introduce it to your members. Also she would like the delegates to send her news items and information about what is going on in your clubs so she can post it on the website so that this information can be posted for all those that are interested in Basques and Basque culture and events. Idoya would like to give a presentation on the website at the NABO Meeting in February.

Mary Gaztambide read a letter from Dennis Doyle. The letter announced that Paolo Artolozaga has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Paolo Artolozaga is a

young man of Basque descent who has done many good works in the community. Mr. Doyle asked NABO to send a letter of greeting, along with any other certificate or keepsake that could be presented to Paolo during the Court of Honor ceremony. Mary sent Mr. Doyle a congratulatory letter, a certificate from NABO, a Basque flag and a NABO pin.

Mary reminded the NABO delegates that the deadline for clubs to submit the names of their club members to update the Basque Government database is December 30, 2005. If you have any question about this request, contact Mary.

Barry Bumgarner from the Basque Museum introduced Delfina Krakau as the new delegate for the Basque Museum. Delfina will be replacing Barry. He also invited everyone to become a member of the Basque Museum.

Mary Gaztambide asked for volunteers to be on the Bizi Emankorra sub-committee. Those members appointed are:

Anita Anacabe Franzoia
Delfina Krakau
Susan Gavica

Martin Goicoechea
Philippe Acheritogaray

Philippe Acheritogaray and Valerie Arrechea asked for information on what is the process of selecting the recipients of the Bizi Emankorra award. After some discussion, it was suggested that the Bizi Emankorra sub-committee should send information to the clubs asking them to nominate candidates who have contributed to NABO in the past to be considered for the award. Then the sub-committee would review the nominations and present those that qualify for the award to the delegates at the February meeting. And the delegates would then vote to determine their choice of who should receive the award.

Valerie Arrechea made a comment that it would be nice to continue, in future NABO meetings, to have the old business items at the beginning of the meeting. Many delegates agreed that this worked very well. Mary Gaztambide said she would continue to put these items first on the agenda.

Future Meeting

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

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

Fall Meeting 2006 in Gardnerville, NV in October, 2006

Winter/Spring Meeting 2007 in San Francisco in February, 2007

Adjournment

A motion was made by Valerie Arrechea to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.