

NABO MEETING

February 18, 2006
San Francisco Cultural Center
San Francisco, CA

President Mary Gaztambide called the Winter NABO meeting to order at 8:35a.m. She welcomed everyone to the NABO Meeting in San Francisco. A roll call of the delegates was taken. 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

Euzko Etxea

Elko Basque Club

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Fresno Basque Club

Kern County Basque Club

Los Angeles Oberena Basque Club

Delegate

Martin Goicoechea
Gina Espinal
Jose Zalba
Philippe Acheritogaray
Yvonne Hauscarriague
Nancy J Trevino
Jean Gaztambide
Delfina Krakau
Jean Escoz
Alberta Escoz
Ysabel Bilbao
Ricardo Yanci
Gloria Tororicaguena
Argitxu Camus Etchecopar
John Ysursa
MaryAnne Carricaburu Matassa
Will Villanueva
Anna M. Aguirre
Tamara Muruetagoiena
Anita Anacabe Francoia
Bob Echeverria
Jerry Etcheverry
Susan Gavica
Josephine Arriet
Tony Campos
Louis Iturriria
Frankie Iturriria
Manuel Villanueva

Los Banos Basque Club

Marin-Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Mountain Home Basque Club

Northern Valley Basque Club

Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

Reno Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Society of Basque Studies
Southern California Basque Club
Ventura Basque Club
Txoko Ona Basque Club

Jean Pierre Petrinon

Amador Zabalbeascoa

Linda Etcheverria

Teresa Fernandez

Anita Izoco

Josephine Anchustegui

Ramona Larrea

Pat Torpey

Noel Goyhenetche

Jill Aldape

Annie Gavica

Grace Mainvil

Lisa Corcostegui

Linda Barrenchea

Ken Barrenchea

Valerie Arrechea

Jean Pierre Elissetche

Xabier Berrueta

Pierre Etcharren

Emlia Doyaga

Mike Aguerre

Jose Urrutia

Tony Uranga

John Lejardi

Officers

President – Mary Gaztambide

V-President – Pierre Etcharren

V-President – Bob Echeverria

Treasurer – Grace Mainvil

Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

NABO Facilitator – John Ysursa

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia (excused)

Video – Jesus Pedroarena

Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea

Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea

Hizketa – John Ysursa

Mus–Victor Esain
Pelota – Maurice Negueloa
Web Site – Philippe Acheritogaray
Aurrera Goaz – Anita Anacabe Franzoia
History – Gloria Totoricaguena

Guests

Josu Legarreta – Director for Relations with Basque Communities, Basque Government
Kinku Zinkunegi HABE Program Coordinator
Enrike Corcostegui – Reno, NV
Axun Azureza – Boiseko Ikastola Teacher
Idoya Salaburu Urruty – EuskoSare Representative
Juliet Compos – Fresno Basque Club
Frances Pedroarena – Mendiko Euskaldun Club
Francois Pedeflous – Fresno, CA

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:
Society of Basque Studies/Jose Ramon Cengotitabengoa to Emlia Doyaga
Basque Museum & Cultural Center/ Patty Miller to Delfina Krakau
Southern California Basque Club/Dominic Etcheberria to Mike Aguerre
Southern California Basque Club/Randy Gariador to Mike Aguerre

After the roll call, Mary asked that delegates, starting with the next NABO meeting, plan on giving an accounting of the individual clubs most recent events when they introduced themselves.

Welcome

Xabier Berrueta, San Francisco Basque Cultural Center President welcomed everyone to the Cultural Center and announced activities of the weekend.

Mary welcomed Josu Legarreta and Kinku Zinkunegi and asked them to say a few words. Josu thanked Mary and John for visiting the Basque Country and allowing the Basque Government to host them. He congratulated NABO on celebrating their first Euskararen Eguna held the day before. He was pleased to

be with everyone for this successful event. He also spoke of some of the upcoming programs. The Gaztemundu program will be held in July, 2006 and is for anyone over 18 years of age. In July 2007, the Basque Congress will be held and NABO will have three representatives attend it. And in conjunction with the Basque Congress, a book will be published that will cover the history of the North American Basque Organization (NABO). Another project that is being worked on is the digitizing of over one hundred years of materials pertaining to Basque immigration to the Americas. This information will be used to create a Basque Immigration Museum in the Basque Country.

Mary introduced the members of the Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club who were putting in their bid to become members of NABO. The club's members live in the Sacramento, CA area. The members introduced themselves and gave a history of their club. The club has members in the Sacramento, CA area. They also explained why they wanted to join NABO. Mary assigned a Membership Sub-Committee to review their bid for NABO membership. The members of the Sub Committee are: Bob Echeverria, Gloria Totoricaguena, Valerie Arrechea and Pierre Etcharren.

Minutes

The following corrections for the Winnemucca minutes were made: A proxy for the Basque Educational Organization was added. A spelling correction was reported for one of the winners of the 2005 Mus championships. The correct spelling is Miguel Ybarra so now the Winnemucca minutes read: Victor Esain reported that the winners of this year's 2005 championship that was played on June 4th in San Francisco are Javier Alzugaray and Miguel Ybarra from Gardnerville.

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. 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:	\$13,482.84
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 1,525.52
Mus Account Funds:	\$67,334.36
Educational account Funds:	\$43,639.03
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 450.04
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 2,489.78

Outcome of Mary and John's Meetings with the Basque Government in the Basque Country

John Ysursa gave a presentation about what the NABO facilitator has done/is doing/will do and to seek the delegates' advice and consent on the issues. He also put together a booklet for each club of NABO that lists the many programs and assistance that is available through NABO and the Basque Government. This booklet will be a great resource for the clubs that will help them to gain knowledge of what is available and give them ideas of how to network within their Basque communities. NABO aims to help bridge the worlds of recreation & education to perpetuate Basque culture.

John explained that a central concern of our federation is to clearly communicate information so as to allow member access to useful resources and opportunities. The more we network, the better off we will be. NABO could benefit from consistent information. He proposed that Astero (weekly) NABO updates be sent out and that NABO use basqueheritage.com to post the weekly updates online. [Basqueheritage.com](http://basqueheritage.com) is a website that has a lot of great Basque information. There was a motion to propose that NABO use basqueheritage.com to post the communication. After some decision, it was decided to table the proposal until after the EuskoSare presentation to decide which website to use for the weekly communications.

Old Business:

Proxies Clarification

Mary mentioned that there was some confusion about who should give and sign a proxy. She read the by laws on proxies to clarify the process of giving a proxy. There were some who thought the proxy had to be signed by the President of Basque Club but the by laws identify the delegate as the person assigning their substitute and signing the proxy letter.

Survey of the Club's Membership and Dues

John Ysursa passed out the survey forms for the delegates to report their club/organization's desire for NABO membership and dues. Each club/organization was asked to fill out one survey. The questions on the survey were:

1. Should there be one membership category where all clubs/organizations have two votes or should there be membership categories where the votes are decided by the size of the club/organizations.
2. Should all clubs organizations pay the same dues or should the clubs pay according to how many members they have.

Philippe Acheritogaray made a motion that NABO cease discussing the membership issue and just discuss the dues issue. The motion was not seconded. No action was taken.

The survey was collected from each delegate present. Later in the meeting, John Ysursa announced that the membership / fees survey yielded an overwhelmingly majority to leave things as we have had them: every NABO member gets two votes and pays the same fee schedule. A sub-committee was appointed to research what—if anything—might need adjusting in our bylaws. And if necessary, the sub-committee would present any corrections or amendments for a membership vote.

The members of this sub committee are Tony Uranga, Valerie Arrechea, and Xabier Berrueta. The sub-committee will report at a later meeting what, if any, changes to the by-laws will be proposed to the delegates.

Mus

Victor Esain reported that at this time there has already been five club tournaments completed. The winners from each club will be competing in Gardnerville, NV on June 17th at the Overland Hotel. The winners of the Gardnerville Championship will go to Santiago Chile.

Gina Espinal reported that Buffalo WY has already got a place and time for the Junior Mus tournaments at the NABO Convention. It will be held at 3:00 on Saturday. Clubs need to start thinking about having their Junior Mus tournaments. The ages of the participants at the NABO Convention will be 13 to 17. It would be nice to have more teams participate in the Junior Mus Tournament in Buffalo.

Udaleku

The 2006 Udaleku will be held in Elko, NV on June 18 – July 1st. Valerie reported that the material will be finalized as soon as they have a better idea of how many will be participating. Applications will be coming out online by March 1st. The cost is \$250.00 per person. And the ages are 10 through 15. The instructors are pretty much determined. Elko will be in charge of organizing the classes for this year. Elko has some great activities planned and they will have good food. Valerie mentioned that they are still trying to bring a pilota coach to teach at Udaleku in Elko and also go to other clubs and do workshops there. They should know by next week if this will happen.

The 2007 Udaleku will be held at the Basque Cultural Center in San Francisco the last two weeks in June.

Valerie asked that suggestions of a possible location for the 2006 workshop for the 16 and older kids be given to her. The hosting club would choose when the workshop would be held. Last year it was in Southern California. It would be nice to rotate the location of the workshop's location. Please contact Valerie if your club would like to host the workshop. So far she has received only one suggestion for the subject. It is to do a workshop on makil dantzak from each province.

Kantari Eguna

Kantari Eguna will be held in Elko, NV on Saturday night, July 1 at 9:00 p.m. at the Western Folk Life Center.

Pilota

Maurice Negueloua has not found anyone to take his place as Chairperson of the NABO Pilota Committee so for the time being he will remain as Chair until

someone is found. If anyone has any suggestions on someone who could take over as Chair, please contact Maurice or Mary.

The 2006 NABOko Pilota Txapelketa will be in Fresno at Tony Campos's ranch on August 5th. Maurice will be sending out the times and the schedules as soon as the clubs get back to him on how many they will have participating.

Xavier Berrueta has been investigating a traveling Pilota Camp that will bring pilota teachers from the Basque Country. The idea they are working on would be to have a camp in Boise, a camp in San Francisco and also have teachers at Udaleku. The camps would have three focus groups: children group ages 10 to 15, adult groups age 16 and above and a group for teaching pilota teachers. It is important to teach teachers of pilota if we want to keep the pilota fire burning. Xavier has a meeting on Monday with the Basque Country Pilota Federation. He hopes the plans will be finalized there. The idea is to bring a group over for a month probably at the end middle or end of June.

Maurice expressed a concern over the cost to NABO of giving palas and balls to the all the Udaleku participants. It would be very expensive to do this. Mary asked if NABO could at least give a ball to each participant. It was decided that NABO would provide a ball to each Udaleku participant.

Xavier asked Josu Legarreta if it would be possible to have pilota targeted at a future Gaztemundu. Josu said that next year they were planning to have Basque Language targeted but if we want, they could check into doing half pilota and half Basque Language in 2007 or do a Pilota Gaztemundu in 2008. Valerie pointed out that if we do not do something soon to promote pilota, we will not have youth pilota in the United States. But she is wondering if NABO would be ready for a Pilota Gaztemundu in 2007. She feels that what NABO needs is to recruit pilota teachers and give them some instructions on teaching pilota before we send them to Gaztemundu. It would be helpful if we could get some help in training the teachers and then we could send them to a Pilota Gaztemundu in 2008.

After the break, Josu proposed that the Basque Government will sponsor a pilota workshop in the United States. They will send instructors to which ever site wants to host the workshop. And the 2007 Gaztemundu will be a Basque Language Gaztemundu. This proposal was gratefully accepted by all.

Maurice announced that on September 22 to October 1 in Mexico City the World Championships of Pilota will be held. There will be approximately 20 countries participating in these Championships.

NABO Euskara Report:

The first Euskararen Eguna or Day of Basque was held in conjunction with San Francisco Basque Cultural Center's anniversary and NABO meeting on Friday, February 17th. It was very successful. Martin Goicoechea reported on this great Euskararen Eguna. There were a lot of great idea and good presentations. And there were representatives from many of the NABO Clubs.

Kinku Zinkunegi gave a presentation in Euskara in which he spoke of the last five years of developing the BOGA program in NABO. Martin gave an English summary of what Kinku had covered. He reminded the delegates that each club needs to be responsible for keeping their BOGA programs going. The materials and resources will be available but the clubs have to take the responsibility to get the materials. Each club needs to submit to Martin a list of improvements that they would like to see made to make the program work better.

Website

Philippe Acheritogaray reported that there have been many updates posted. The updates for the NABO Convention in Buffalo have been posted. The entry form for the parade in Buffalo has been posted for the Clubs to fill out. He received a report today of some email address errors so he is going to add his phone number on the web site so people can call him and he can correct the addresses. He has been getting a lot of good recommendations from John on adding some training on the web site. John Ysursa and Philippe will work together on the weekly Basque update.

Philippe mentioned that the last six new clubs have not been officially applied to a NABO region. This is probably something that the NABO Officers should address. Philippe has added them to the list in blue but the Officers need to let him know which regions they want them in.

Video

Jesus Pedroarena announced that the list of videos that has been out has not changed except for the addition of the last Dantzak DVD's. In the last year there has not been any activity in the selling of CD's, DVD's or Videos. The NABO cost for CD, DVD's and videos has been going down the last few years. Graphic can be sent by email as an attachment and can be put on DVD's.

Those that are interested in getting more information on getting Basque TV through the internet should contact Jesus.

Calendar

Mary Lou Urrutia sent in a report that said she had 260 calendars. If anyone needs calendars they should contact Mary Lou. Mary Gaztambide also has about 75 calendars. The deadline for submitting pictures for the 2007 calendars is May 15, 2006. This is also the deadline for the clubs to submit their events that they want on the calendars.

History

Gloria Totoricaguena asked for help for in getting information about the clubs in NABO that can go into the history of the North American Basque Organization book that will be published by the Basque Government for the 2007 Basque Congress. Things that are needed are photos of events put on by your clubs and photos of past and present delegates and other NABO related photos. About a year and one half ago Gloria sent out an email to the club delegates that contained a form to be filled out for a history of their club/organization. Although she has received the completed forms from many of the Basque clubs/organizations, there are still several missing. If you are wondering if she has received your club form, please contact her and she will let you know. She needs this information as soon as possible. Also, contact her if you have any questions.

Bertso Book

Martin Goicoechea reported that probably a couple of cases of the Bertso Book were sold last year. Martin proposed that NABO donate six Bertso Books to be

given away at a Bertsolariak performance in New York in May, 2006. This was approved.

Aurrera Goaz

Anita Anacabe Franzoia stated that she felt those of us in the states were coming right along with Aurrera Goaz. She thanked John for his great booklet that he put together and handed out earlier in the meeting. The Aurrera Goaz committee and everyone can use the information right out of his booklet. There are many things that are going on throughout all the different NABO communities that are Aurrera Goaz. Some are traditional such as the dinner dances and picnic and others are non traditional like the Giant's games, the Basque Rock Concerts, and golf and ski days. The important thing to remember is to invite our Basque Friend and Neighbors to our events. And to reach to those that might not go to the traditional activities but might come out to the non-traditional ones. Also remember to invite the club members in neighboring clubs so that we can get to know each other. Remember we have to let others know who we are.

Treasurer's Report Approval

Grace Mainvil explained the Treasurer's Report. Martin Goicoechea asked that the Euskara account be reported separately on the Treasurer's Report. Grace agreed to do this.

The last account Grace explained was the Jean Leon Iribarren Memorial Fund. She explained that it was set up to be used for repairs and upkeep of the Whiskey Creek area. Pierre made a motion that this account be changed so it could be used for Pelota and asked that all funds that are received from this point forward be placed in the Pelota account, since Jean Leon was a Pelota player. In discussion of the motion, Bob Echeverria explained that Whiskey Creek is in a wilderness area and that the U.S. Parks Service has indicated that they are not going to allow any more improvement to be made in this area. The motion was seconded and approved. Grace will check with the NABO accountant to see if and when the current funds in this account can be transferred to the Pilota Account.

After discussion of the Treasurer's Report, Bob Echeverria motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was passed.

New Business

Membership Sub Committee

Bob Echeverria made a motion that NABO accept the Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club from the Sacramento CA area, as a full member. The motion was seconded and approved. Welcome Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club.

Bizi Emankorra Award

The Bizi Emankorra sub-committee reviewed the four nominations that were submitted for the 2006 award. The sub-committee members are:

Anita Anacabe Franzoia	Martin Goicoechea
Delfina Krakau	Philippe Acheritogaray
Susan Gavica	

Mary announced that the following four people were nominated for the Bizi Emankorra:

Grace Mainvil (nominated by two clubs)
Pierre Etcharren
Victor Esain
Jacques Unhassobiscay (deceased)

Mary mentioned that it was very difficult to choose between the four nominees because all four had contributed greatly to NABO and all were deserving of the award. Mary proposed that the four names go into a container and the first two names picked out of the container would be awarded this year award. The names left in the container would receive the award next year.

The delegates had some concern about making the decision now for next year's recipients and they did not feel that drawing the names for this year's recipients was the best way to make the decision on who should receive the awards.

In 2004, the guidelines were set for awarding the Bizi Emankorra Awards. After a review of the guidelines and some discussion, it was decided that the delegates should vote for two nominees to receive the awards for this year. And next year, there would be a call for nominations and next year's recipients would be chosen at that time.

The nomination letters were read to the delegates for all four nominees. This was followed by a written vote of the delegates. The recipients of this year Bizi Emankorra award are Grace Mainvil and Pierre Etcharren. They will be honored at the NABO Convention in Buffalo, WY in July.

Gina Anchustequi Gridley introduced herself as a Doctoral Student who will be researching how well the BOGA program works.

Mary announced that she was setting up a sub-committee to put together a NABO Delegates Manual. The manual will have information about NABO for new delegates and would be resource for both new and continuing delegate. The sub-committee will be chaired by both Pierre Etcharren and Bob Echeverria. Other sub-committee members are: Grace Mainvill, Tony Campos and John Ysursa, who will act as secretary of committee.

Idoya Salaburu Urruty, the US Coordinator/Representative of EuskoSare gave a presentation on the new EuskoSare website. The website has a lot of information and resources on it. EuskoSare can be viewed at www.euskosare.org.

Ester Bidaurreta announced that there is a NABO printer that is not being used if anyone needs it. It was suggested that the printer go to good-will. This was approved and it was decided that if Father Tillous would like the printer, it would go to him.

The Boise Basque club (Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.) announced that they would like to host the 2010 NABO convention which would be held in conjunction with their Jailadi celebration. The offer was accepted. They asked if perhaps a close neighboring club would be willing to host the NABO meeting and lunch on the Friday before the convention. The Boise club members will be very busy with the preparations for Jailadi and cannot take on an additional assignment. Grace Mainvil and Lisa Corcostegui will check with the members of the Ontario Basque Club to see if the NABO meeting is something they could host.

The Kern County Basque club would like to host the 2014 NABO convention. Their offer was also accepted.

There is a need for clubs to host the NABO conventions for the following years:

2009, 2011, 2012 and any year beyond 2014. If any clubs are interested in hosting the convention during these years, NABO would love to hear from them. It is especially important that 2009, 2011 and 2012 be awarded soon.

Following are the locations of the future NABO conventions that have been awarded:

2006 Buffalo, WY	2010 Boise, ID
2007 Winnemucca, NV	2013 New York
2008 Chino, CA	2014 Bakersfield, CA

Gardnerville announced the fall 2006 NABO meeting will on October 21 at the Overland Hotel. The Carson Valley Inn is a good place to stay.

Salt Lake City would like to host the spring 2008 NABO meeting.

The Buffalo Club gave a packet of information to each club about the 2006 NABO convention. It will be held on July 21, 22 and 23 in Buffalo WY.

Club Reports

The following clubs gave reports:

San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Cultural Center

Next club reports:

Mountain Home Basque Club

Ontario Basque Club

Future Meeting

NABO 2006 Convention 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

NABO 2007 Convention in Winnemucca, NV

Adjournment

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