

NABO MEETING  
November 10, 2007  
Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall  
Ontario, OR

President Mary Gaztambide called the NABO meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the NABO meeting in Ontario. She asked for all proxies to be given to the secretary. Mary called for a roll call of those present. 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  
Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.  
Center for Basque Studies  
  
Chino Basque Club  
Elko Euskaldanak Basque Club  
  
Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home BC  
Euzko Etxea New York  
Fresno Basque Club  
  
Gooding Basque Association  
Iparreko Ibarra-Northern Valley BC  
Mendiko Euskaldun Club  
  
Oinkari Dancers  
  
Ontario Basque Club  
  
Reno Zazpiak Basque Club  
Santa Rosa Basque Club  
San Francisco Basque Club

**Delegate**

Martin Goicoechea  
Gina Espinal  
Jose Zalba  
Philippe Acheritogaray  
Yvonne Hauscarriague  
Nancy J Trevino  
Jean Gaztambide  
Patty Miller  
Ricardo Yanci  
Argitxu Camus Etchecopar  
Kate Camino  
John Ysursa  
Bob Echeverria  
Jesus Lopategui  
Gina Gridley  
Anna M Aguirre  
Josephine Arriet  
Juliet Campos  
Asun Castanon  
Michael Uro  
Teresa Fernandez  
Noel Arraiz  
Annie Gavica  
P.J. Mansisidor  
Grace Mainvil  
Lisa Corcostegui  
Mary Lou Urrutia  
Susan Gavica  
Valerie Arrechea  
Jean Pierre Elissetche

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Seattle Euskal Etxea

Society of Basque Studies

Txoko Ona Homedale Basque Club

Washington DC Euskal Etxea

Xabier Berrueta

Idoya Salaburu Urruty

Dannielle Bock

Amaya Michelena

Emilia Doyaga

Gloria Lejardi

Nagore Goitiandia

Izaskun Urien

### **Officers**

President – Mary Gaztambide

V-President – Pierre Etcharren, excused

Treasurer – Grace Mainvil

Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

Facilitator - John Ysursa

### **Committee Chairperson**

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia

Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused

Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea

Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea

Mus–Pierre Etcharren, excused

Pelota – Evelyne Garat, excused

Aurrera Goaz – Anita Anacabe Franzoia, excused

History – Arigitxu Camus Etchecopar

### **Guests**

Aitor Sotes, the Delegate of Euskadi

Gloria Totoricaguena-Guest

Suzanne Uberuaga from New Mexico Euskal Etxea

Josephine Anchustegui from Euskal Lagunak BC, Mountain Home, ID

Joe Lasuen from Euskal Lagunak BC, Mountain Home, ID

Javier Zamora from Gooding Basque Association, Gooding, ID

### **Proxies**

The following proxies were submitted:

Elko Euskaldanak Basque Club/ Anita Anacabe Franzoia to Jesus Lopategui

Fresno Basque Club/Tony Campos to Josephine Arriet

Reno Zazpiak Bat Basque Club/Linda Barrenchea to Mary Lou Urrutia

## **Welcome**

After the roll call, Mary welcomed Aitor Sotes, the Delegate of Euskadi in the United States and Suzanne Uberuaga from the New Mexico Euskal Etxea as special guests to the meeting.

Jim Arritola, President of the Ontario Oregon Basque Club, welcomed the NABO delegates to Ontario and to the activities of the weekend. He said that Ontario was very happy to host NABO at all the weekend activities. He invited NABO Delegates to join them in their celebration of the dedication of the new Ontario Basque Club Center and to the Basque Hall of Fame, where NABO Treasure, Grace Mainvil will be honored, along with five charter members of the Ontario, Oregon Basque Club.

## **Minutes**

The following correction was made for the Winnemucca Meeting of June, 2007: Bob Echeverria suggested that the names of those that ran for NABO Positions should be included in the minutes. The two that ran for the office of NABO president were Mary Gaztambide and Bob Echeverria. Grace Mainvil was the only one that ran for the Treasurer position. Mary was voted in as the NABO President and Grace as the NABO Treasurer.

## **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:	\$ 6,814.11
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 2,876.86
Mus Account Funds:	\$64,517.20
Educational Account Funds:	\$61,757.41
Euskara/HABE Account	\$21,494.98
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 7,985.19
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 4,802.57

## **New Business**

### **Presentation from the Biotzetik Basque Choir**

Barry Bumgarner thanked NABO for letting him and the other three member of the choir members come to the meeting and take the time to introduce the Boise Basque Choir and offer the services of the Biotzetik Basque Choir to travel to the NABO Clubs and sing at any event or fund raisers the clubs might have. They suggested that clubs send in their requests and the choir would try to organize road trips so that the choir could perform at several events during a weekend. Such as put on a concert for Rock Spring on a Friday night, and then travel to Salt Lake for a Saturday night program, then sing at Mass in Elko on Sunday. They passed out Performance Request forms to all the delegates.

### **Report from Aitor Sotes, Delegate of Euskadi in the United States**

Aitor Sotes explained that the main objective of having a Delegate of Euskadi in the US is to raise the profile of Basques in the US. His office will be in New York City and will have a staff of a least five people.

Aitor also reported:

1. The theme of Gaztemundu, 2008 will be music
2. The creed that establishes the grants will be published in February or March
3. Clubs need to use the online registration for the Grants

## **Facilitator Elections**

Mary reported that a call was put out for anyone who would like to apply for the position of NABO Facilitator. She did not receive a response from anyone except John Ysursa. It was motioned and seconded that a vote be taken to have John continue as Facilitator. The vote passed.

## **The World Basque Congress Report**

Mary thanked the NABO Delegates to the International Congress for all their hard work. The NABO Delegates were Lisa Corcostegui, Gina Anchustegui Gridley and Philippe Acheritogaray. Mary Gaztambide, Xabier Berrueta, Pierre Etcharren, John Ysursa and Gloria Totoricaguena were invited guests and also represented NABO. Gloria Totoricaguena gave the Keynote address. The Urazandi NABO book by Argitxu Camus was presented at the Congress. John gave each club a copy of this book and said a set of the other new books would be given to each club in the future.

Philippe, Gina and Lisa gave a report on the World Basque Congress. Many of the points can be found at [http://www.nabasque.org/Pages/Congress\\_2007.htm](http://www.nabasque.org/Pages/Congress_2007.htm).

### **Facilitator Report**

John Ysursa reported on two main topics- NABO's 4 Year Plan and the trip to Mexico City. The trip went well and there is hope that in the future the Mexico City Basque Club might join NABO. The Basque Clubs in Canada have expressed an interest in joining NABO. So positive things are coming out of the 2007 Summit of Canada, Mexico & US delegations

John announced that the next Gaztealde workshop, for the sixteen and older youth, will be coordinated by Amaia Ingram. More information will be announced at the next meeting.

Patty Miller gave information about a Media tool that the Boise Museum is putting together that will soon be available. The media tool will be a trunk to give presentations on the Basques. The trunk will contain a PowerPoint presentation and other items that will make it possible for anyone to give a presentation on the Basque and their culture, music, dance, food and sports.

John explained that ZATOZ in Basque means "come along" and that's the calling of our generation. What is presented here is a proposal for consideration by NABO members (via their delegates) that via shared participation will establish some short and long-term goals over the next four years that will help to raise awareness of "Basqueness" across the generations.

John also talked about the Basque Government grants, how clubs need to register to submit the grants and how the receipts, documenting how the grant money has been spent, needs to be sent to the Basque Government.

Detailed information of the Facilitator's report can be found at <http://www.nabasque.org/pdf/07-11-fac-rep.pdf>

John Motioned that NABO take \$500.00 to sign up with "Go To Meeting.Com". This would allow up to 15 to be on the phone line to talk about NABO issues. NABO would then set up coordinators to set up the phone call to talk to focus group about the issues they are interested. After the one year service, NABO would evaluate the service to determine if NABO should keep the service. The motion was seconded and the vote passed..

Possible NABO focus groups that will need Coordinators:

MUS Includes Senior & Junior

KIROL Sport: Includes Pilota, Pala & other Basque sports

GAZTEAK Youth: Includes 9 & under, Udaleku & Gaztealde

DIRUA Finances: budgeting, B.G. grant requests, etc.

DANTZA & MUSIKA Dance & Music: shared resources, workshops, etc.

EUSKARA & KANTAK Basque language & song: instruction, promotion, etc.

JAKINARAZI Education & Communication: news, websites, media, etc.

John also mentioned the article in the Wall Street Journal:

Basque Inquisition: How Do You Say Shepherd in Euskera? By Keith Johnson in the November 6, 2007 issue of The Wall Street Journal on Page A1. It was decided that NABO should respond to this article.

## **Euskara**

Martin Goicoechea mentioned that the Euskararen Eguna will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. There are fourteen people coming to the workshop. The workshop will be hosted by the Chino Basque Club. The workshop will help to provide the clubs' teachers of Euskara with useful teaching material and a boost of enthusiasm to keep going. Xabier Irujo and Bernardo Atxaga will be the guest speakers for the Day of Basque.

Martin hopes by the February meeting to find ways to raise some funds to promote the teaching of Euskara. Martin and John also hope to have the little Basque Song Book available to help members to learn Basque. John Motioned that NABO spend \$2000.00 up front to pay for the song books and then the clubs will purchase the song books to give or sell to their members. The mini-song books will cost \$1.00 each. The books have 50 songs with a brief introduction in English and the song words in Basque. John hopes that in the future, that a PowerPoint will be developed with the songs' lyrics and music.

Patty Miller from the Boise Basque Museum said they would like to be able to sell them at the Museum.

The motion to have NABO spend \$2000.00 up front to pay for the song books was seconded and passed. The song books will be available at the February NABO Meeting.

## **Mus**

Valerie Arrechea reported that her father, Pierre Etcharren is still in Mar De Plata Argentina where the 2007 International Tournament held in Mar de Plata have just finished up. First place went to Euskadi. Second place went to Canada. Third place went to France. Fourth place went to Argentina. The United States team came in seventh.

The 2008 International Tournament will be held in Barcelona, Spain and it will be held around the week of September 7th. The exact dates will be coming.

The winners for the 2007 NABO Mus Tournament were from Ventura, so they will be hosting the 2008 tournament. They have been in contact with Chino and Bakersfield to see where the Tournament will be held. More information will come.

There were some questions about Mus rules in the last meeting. Pierre will be bringing back the International Mus rules from this Tournament and also other rules from the countries. So at the next meeting you can ask questions about the rules.

Gina Espinal reported the Junior Mus tournament was held in Winnemucca. There were three teams participating. Salt Lake City, Reno and San Francisco were represented. Salt Lake City won the tournament.

Next year the Junior Mus tournaments will be held in Chino. So get your club tournaments going and send your teams to Chino.

The NABO Mus cards are not available. They hope to have them available before the first 2008 tournament is held in January.

## **Udaleku**

Valerie Arrechea reported that the 2007 Udaleku took place in San Francisco during the last two weeks of June. A video presentation of what took place at the 2007 Udaleku was shown to the delegates. It showed a very successful Udaleku.

There were 72 participants at this Udaleku, four from the Basque Country, three from Canada. Everything went well. They had great staff and everything went

well. One thing we need to make sure of in the future is to make sure the staff, brought over from the Basque Country, have taught and worked with children.

Valerie thanked the San Francisco Basque Club, Fresno Basque Club, Basque Educational Organization for their donations. She also thanked the Basque International Cultural Center and the Center for Basque Studies for donating The Girl Who Swam to Euskadi Book by Mark Kurlansky. This book was used in teaching Euskara during the Camp.

In 2008, Udaleku will be going to Buffalo Wyoming. The dates will be June 15 to June 27. Kate Camino will be leading the team in Buffalo and will do a good job. The focus for the dance in 2008 will be Gipuzkoa. In Buffalo they will also focus on Basque Sheep Heading. Aita Martxel Tillous will not be able to participate in the 2008. This year there will be an Instructor of Txistu coming from the Academy of Music from Victoria. This is the first time Udaleku will have a Txistu Instructor to teach txistu. In the past it has always been txistulari teaching txistu.

The application for Udaleku will come out sometime at the beginning of the 2008 year and will be due by the May 1,

A couple of opportunities have come up for NABO. The first one is an invitation from Mar de Plata Argentina Basque Club who has extended an invitation for NABO to put together a dance group to come to Mar de Plata in 2010 to perform in their Centro de Vascos.

The second opportunity is an exchange program for Basque students from the US to go over to a school outside of Bayonne. The US Basque Students would be hosted in homes there and would be able to take language classes and dance classes. Then later in the year, their students would come to the US. They are trying to finalize the plans for either 2008 or 2009.

Valerie would also like to explore the idea of having an exchange with the Basque Country that would allow our older Basque kids to attend Udaleku one year in the Basque Country. This Udaleku would allowed our kids to go on this exchange only once during the summer between their junior and senior year of high school. This would open up the opportunity for our kids to develop ties with people in the Basque Country. This project is a work in progress and more information will come out in the future. Valerie asked for anyone who has ideas on putting this together to please send them to her.

## **Kantari Eguna**

Kantari Eguna was held in Gardnerville, NV this year. It was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with their picnic. There were about 10 to 12 singers that participated. They also hosted the Rockland Basque Dancers. This year they tried having co-chairs put the program together and this worked very well. The co-chairs were Martin Etcheverry from Bakersfield and Jean Pierre Etchesuri from Fresno. They had printed a pamphlet with songs in it. And this worked great.

John Ysursa motioned that Chino will not be able to host Kantari Eguna in 2008 in conjunction with the NABO convention. They are having a Choir come from the Basque Country and so they can not fit Kantari Eguna into the program

Rockland would like to host Kantari Eguna for 2008 in conjunction with their picnic. Their picnic will be on October 11, 2008. They would also like to volunteer to do Kantari Eguna every other year. So Gardnerville will take it one year and Rockland will take it the next year.

## **Pilota**

Evelyne Garat is very happy to be the new Pilota Chair. Since she was not able to attend this NABO meeting, she asked Javier Berrueta to read her Pilota report. Ikaspilota, 07 was hosted by the Basque Cultural Center in San Francisco the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 12 participants from San Francisco, Bakersfield, Los Banos and Sacramento. Egoitz Amantegi was the instructor and was sent by the World Pilota Conference.

Ikaspilota, 08 will be held in San Francisco again next summer. They hope to hold Ikaspilota in both Boise and Southern California as well. Plans will be announced soon. The hope is that by increasing the venues, it will attract more students and at the same time give the kids who are hard core into Pilota the opportunity to attend multiple camps.

The World Pilota Council held a training seminar in Durango, Bizkaia this past July. Evelyne Garat attended and represented NABO. It is important for NABO to send as many players as possible to these training seminars. Not only do they learn game techniques and conditioning, they are shown how to teach Pilota and are given the opportunity to compete against players from other countries. This is important for our players to advance to the international competition levels.

The first World Pilota Tournament was hosted by the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center this past September. It lasted ten days. Mary Gaztambide participated in the closing ceremony and helped to pass out the medals. The Basque Cultural Center hosted 9 countries, including delegates and participants from amateur and professional teams. They came from Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Chile, Euskal Herria, Ireland, Mexico, the United States and Venezuela. Nine players from San Francisco and Chino represented NABO in Women's Paleta Goma, Men's Paleta Cuero and in doubles Handball. Christophe Alfaro, Xavier Ocafrain and Remi Zuburu, who represented NABO took home the Bronze medal in Handball.

Evelyne asked for NABO to pay for the seven patches that were given out at the World Pilota Tournament. Xabier motioned that NABO pay for the patches. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next tournament will be held in the Trinquet and is scheduled for October, 2008 in Santiago, Chile. When Evelyne Garat receives information on the 2008 Tournament, she will contact the Pilota Chairman for each club with the information and information on any teaching and training opportunities from the WPC.

The NABO 2007 Finals is being held today, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield, CA. It was organized by Maurice Negueloena. The teams are from Bakersfield, Chino, Fresno and San Francisco. A dinner will follow at the Kern County Basque Club.

The NABO 2008 Finals will be held in San Francisco at the Basque Cultural Center in conjunction with their Autumn Fest on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Evelyne needs the names, phone number and email address for each NABO Pilota Chairperson as soon as possible. She also needs a list of all active male, female and children player with their contact information from each participating club and a list of their current tournaments and standings. It would also be helpful to exchange information on their children and women Pilota programs and how to start them.

Evelyne would like to have the dues for Pilota increased. Right now there are six clubs who participate in Pilota and they pay \$100.00 each year for dues. This \$600.00 is used to pay the USFP dues. That does not leave any money for WPC training, NABO tournaments and other expenses. NABO was the only

country out of nine that did not have matching sweats or formal gear for the Tournaments.

There was discussing on the Pilota dues fees and who should be paying these dues. There was a motion and a second made that the fees should be increased. Grace Mainvil explained that the Jean Leon Iribarren Memorial Fund is available for Pilota. She will check with the CPA to find out if and how she can put these funds into the Pilota account. Valarie Arrechea suggested that maybe the Clubs with fronton could pay the \$100.00 plus an amount for each player. Xabier Berrueta felt that perhaps Evelyne should talk to the clubs that have Pilota and discuss how much the fees need to be increased. The motion was tabled.

Evelyne will be updating the NABO Pilota link and include photos of the WPC tournament, the 07 NABO finals and local club tournament winners. The Pilota link will also include links for purchasing pilota supplies, such as paletas, Pelotas, trophies and jerseys from Euskal Herria and other countries. So watch for these updates.

Evelyn's email is [pierresautobody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pierresautobody@sbcglobal.net).

## **Video**

There was no video or CD/DVD activity since the last meeting.

## **Calendar**

Mary Lou Urrutia reported that with the addition of the new clubs to NABO, there is a need to add more space to the calendar in order to put the individual clubs information. In order to add another page you have to add four more pages to the calendar. So we have extra space to fill. We can put in more information on the clubs and/or NABO. We will fill the space with more pictures, information on tournament winners and other NABO and Clubs information. Mary Lou would like some suggestions on what to add. This year she used more collages and they seem to work very well. It opened up the opportunity to put more pictures in the calendar.

Mary Lou thought the extra pages would add a little to the cost of the calendar but she does not think it will be much. Currently, the costs are very reasonable and this year the cost to print it went down a little.

The deadline to submit pictures and information for the 2009 calendar is May 31. If you have any suggestions on a theme please let her know. Also if you have pictures that can be used for the calendar please send them to her.

Mary Lou also would like to remind people to let her know if they change their email address. It would helpful if you would send her the name and email of the person that would responsible for giving her the dates and events to be put on the calendar for your club. The list she has does have emails but not the name of the person responsible.

Mary Lou made a motion that NABO buy calendar software. She will work with Philippe Acheritogaray to find the right software. The motion was tabled so that Mary Lou and Philippe can research it and find the best software.

Mary Lou has calendar in her car for anyone who wants some.

## **History**

Argitxu Camus Etchecopar reported that the History of NABO book was published and presented during the World Congress in July. She has organized the photographs collected during the research for the NABO book and has stored them at the Basque Library at the University of Nevada, Reno. There is a description for each of the pictures.

The Reno Zazpiak Bat Basque Club will donate copies of its archives to the University of Nevada, Reno Basque Library. Argitxu will make the copies and organize the files. She will also work on the detailed description of these archives.

Argitxu would like to encourage other clubs to follow their example and do just as NABO, did by submitting copies of their archives to UNR Basque Library. She would be more than happy to go to the clubs and make copies of their archives, and prepare them to be donated to the Basque Library. These archives can be of meeting minutes, newsletters, membership lists, correspondences of any sort, photographs, etc. Clubs could put in a request for members in their newsletter to submit any information they might have that could be added together and copied.

## **Bertsu Book**

Martin Goicoechea reported that there are about 20 cases of these books that we need to distribute out to the clubs. The clubs can give or sell them to their members or give them to libraries in their areas. Martin made a motion that the books be given to the clubs to do with them as they want. The clubs should contact Martin or Mary if they want a case or two of these books sent to them. The Clubs will be responsible to pay the shipping costs. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kate Camino mentioned that she has access to a link of 400 US libraries that the books can be sent to if NABO wants access to it.

The cost for each book was \$15.00 per book. They were charging \$25.00 for each book. At this point, NABO has paid for the printing of the books already with the past sales of the books so there is not a need for NABO to collect any more money for the books.

## **Aurrera Goaz**

Anita Anacabe Franzoia was not able to attend the meeting so there was no report.

Jesus Lopategui from Elko spoke of a dinner he attended that honored the Basque Shepherders. The dinner attracted so many people who wanted to honor the shepherders; they had to turn people away. It was a great event to bring people together.

## **Hall of Fame**

Emilia Doyaga reported on the Hall of Fame that will be held on November 11, 2007 in Ontario, Oregon. At this Hall of Fame, Grace Mainvil, NABO's Treasurer, along with the five women who are the founders and dedicated members for 60 years of the Ontario Basque Club will be honored at the Hall of Fame. The five women of the Ontario Basque Club are Timotea "Timmie" Yraguen Echanis, Juanita Yraguen Ybarzabal Hoff, Martina Yraguen Echanis, Josephine Echanis Keim and Lourana Preston Echanis.

## **New Business**

### **Bizi Emankorra Award**

Mary reported that the two people that won last year's award were Francois Pedeflous and Jacques Unhassobiscay (deceased). The awards are usually presented to the recipients or their family at the NABO Convention. But at the last convention in Winnemucca, Francois was in the Basque country as were Jacques family. So the award for Jacques Unhassobiscay was presented to his family in the Basque Country by Pierre Etcharren this last summer. And the award for Fancois Pedeflous will be presented to him in Chino.

Mary asked Kate Comino to chair a committee to review the nominations for the 2008 Bizi Emankorra award. Mary then asked for volunteers to be on the committee.

The sub-committee members are:

Kate Comino, Chair

Bob Echeverria

Mary Lou Urrutia

Gina Anchustegui Gridley

Ricardo Yanci

### **Treasurer's Report Approval**

Grace Mainvil reviewed the Treasurer Report and answered questions about the report.

Valeria Arrechea made a motion that travel of the NABO President for official NABO Business should be taken out of the General Account instead of the individual accounts. This motion was seconded and passed. Grace will make a correction to Pilota Account on the next Treasurer Report to reflect this.

During the review of Treasurer's Report there was a discussion on grants and what gets funded by NABO. There was some debate on whether there should be a NABO Grant Committee or whether chair people of the individual NABO areas should be involved in the review of the Grant requests. There was also a question about whether the chair people or a committee should submit requests for money they want to see added to the NABO grant that are submitted to the Basque Government. And once grant money is received, should there be a NABO committee to review who in NABO gets the money, instead of just the

President and the Facilitator. The Delegates were reminded that unless the NABO President appoints a committee, these decisions are to be made by the President. After much discussion, it was decided that this discussion should be tabled for a future meeting.

At the completion of the review of the Treasurer's Report, Josephine Arriet made a motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Future Meetings**

Kate Camino reported that she will be the Chair the Organizational Committee for 2009 NABO Convention in Reno in July. In 2009, it will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1959 First Western Basque Festival so Reno will be expounding on that theme.

Reno would like to take the fall 2008 meeting. The Nevada Museum of Art will be bringing in a Basque Exhibit from the Museum of Bilbao.

Salt Lake City would like to take the Winter/Spring 2009 meeting.

Mountain Home would like the Winter/Spring meeting in 2010.

### **Other Items**

Suzanne Uberuaga, the President from the New Mexico Basque Club gave Greetings from New Mexico

### **Follow up discussion on how to respond to the Wall Street Journal:**

It was decided earlier in the meeting that NABO should respond to this article. Philippe Acheritogaray made a motion that a NABO sub-committee be created for an immediate response to respond to these types of stories with the content to be constrained by the NABO By-Laws and the IRS Federal 501c3 regulations and the responds would be approved by the NABO President.

Before the vote was taken, there was a discussion about whether this subcommittee, if it is approved, should also take on the responsibility of the NABO Focus Group for JAKINARAZI--Education & Communication: news, websites, media, etc. Philippe decided not include this Focus Group in his motion.

The motion was seconded and approved. Those who volunteered on the writing committee will be: Philippe Acheritogaray, Ricardo Yanci and Izaskun Urien. They will send the letter of response to the NABO President, Mary Gaztambide for review and to be mailed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

### **Future Meeting**

Winter/Spring 2008 Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on February 9, 2008

NABO 2008 Convention/Meeting in Chino on August 30 and 31, 2008

Fall 2008 Meeting in Reno, NV in November, 2008

Winter/Spring 2009 Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on February, 2009

NABO 2009 Convention in Reno, NV in July, 2009