

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2011
Buffalo, Wyoming

The President called the meeting to order at 8:20 am.

Welcome by Ryan Fieldgrove, President Big Horn Basque Club of Buffalo, Wyoming. He briefly described the events planned for the weekend and local news.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
Vice-President – Mary Gaztambide , excused
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Marisa Espinal
Facilitator – John Ysursa
Euskara Coordinator – Izaskun Kortazar

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused
Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren,
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre,
Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren, excused
History – no Chairman

Club Delegates

Alkartasuna	Martin Goicoechea + proxy
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Marisa Espinal
	Gina Espinal Aguerre
Basque Educational Organization	Yvonne Hauscarriague+proxy
Basque Club of Utah	Nancy Trevino + proxy
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Cindy Schaffeld + proxy
Big Horn Basque Club	Alberta Escoz
	Ryan Fieldgrove
Boise Euskaldunak, Inc.	Annie Gavica + proxy
Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture	Cindy Schaffeld (2 proxies)
Center for Basque Studies, Reno	Kate Camino
Chino Basque Club	John Ysursa

Elko Basque Club
Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Fresno Basque Club

Gooding Basque Club

Los Banos Basque Club
Marin Sonoma Basque Club

Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba

Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

Reno Zazpiak Bat Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Santa Rosa Basque Club, Paradise, NV

Seattle Euskal Etxea
Southern California Basque Club
Txoko Ona of Homedale, Idaho

Cathy Biscaichipy
Bob Echeverria + proxy
Goisalde Jausoro + proxy
Juliet Campos
Tony Campos
Asun Bidealauneta
Javier Zamora
Matthew Etchepare (proxy)
Pierre Etcharren
Linda Etcheverria
Anita Izoco
Becky Saratea Murphy
Lael Uberuaga
Tyler Smith
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Manny Villanueva + proxy
Jean Pierre Elissetche
Matthew Etchepare
Gratien Etchebehere
Pierre Etcharren
Annie Gavica
Susan Gavica
Jean Escoz (2 proxies)
Gina Espinal Aguerre (2 proxies)
Gloria Lejardi + proxy

Guests

Benan Oregi, Basque Government
Asier Vallejo Itsaso, Donostia
Enrike Corcostegui, Ontario
Bert Ossinalde, Fresno
Toni Sabarots, Seattle
Joseba Etxarri, Euskalkutura.com

On-line Guests

Anita Anacabe Francoia, Elko
Philippe Acheritogaray, San Francisco

Approval of the February 2011 Minutes

The February 2011 minutes were submitted by Marisa Espinal.

- Bob Echeverria motioned to accept the February meeting minutes with no corrections. Jean Pierre Elissetche seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Grace Mainvil)

Please see Facilitator's packet for full report. Delegates were given time to review the Treasurer's Report and ask any questions.

Grace has N.A.B.O. watches, pins, decals and patches for sale.

One club has not paid dues for two years. Izaskun Kortazar will help Grace get in touch with that club to make sure we have the correct contact information.

The president thanked Grace. She then reviewed the profit loss statements enclosed in the facilitator's packet. The Udaleku financial report has not been completed, it will be ready for the next meeting

- Jean Pierre Elissetche made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. Bob Etcheverria 2nded. Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Please see submitted reports for full details see addendum a)

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea & Izaskun Kortazar)

Izaskun Kortazar passed out a CD to the delegates that had all of the songs in the Hi Kantari songbook John Ysursa created.

Miami's Euskara instructor was unable to hold classes, but should be starting again in the fall. Santa Barbara is teaching college level Euskara courses. Bakersfield is struggling to create a college level position due to cutbacks.

The first Barnetegui in the United States was held in Boise. The students were required to use Basque all day long from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm and continued through dinner. Izaskun and Itxaso Cayero were the instructors. Izaskun will try to put students together with teachers through Skype. The online courses offers them grammar and vocabulary, but they need opportunities to practice speaking. New instructors are welcome, but must make a commitment and Izaskun will make an assessment of their Euskara level.

There was a student exchange between Larrabetzu, Gasteiz and Boise, Idaho. Izaskun hopes there will be more participation next year with more Boise students going to the Basque Country.

Ahotsak.com is a program to record how Euskara is being used in different cities. It is an oral history that is later transcribed. They would like volunteers to record oral histories from the Diaspora in Basque. Benan Oregi encouraged delegates to get involved. He was a volunteer to interview people from his hometown. It is a

wonderful keepsake as our older generation will not always be with us. One of the criteria is that those interviewed must be 65 years old or older.

Izaskun had a friend, Henar Chico, help her create the N.A.B.O. Euskara website with news and material in Basque and English. www.NABOeuskaraz.com

Mountain Home, San Francisco, New York, and Boise held the first 1st Korrika in the United States. It was modeled after the one held in the Basque Country bi-annually.

The annual Euskara Workshop for teachers will be held in the fall and will concentrate on Basque grammar and the history of the language.

Izaskun is open to translate any programs for club activities into Basque, including menus, flyers or websites. Please contact Izaskun at izaskunkortazar@gmail.com

There are free online classes at www.ikasten.ikasbil.net. Just email Izaskun and she will add your name to the program. If you would like an online instructor to help and review your work, simply pay \$50. All classes are online, BOGA CD's are no longer necessary.

The Etxepare Institute organized a workshop for Basque Language instructors around the world.

Euskara Eguna, the day to celebrate Euskara, will be held on December 3, 2011. It is a Saturday this year so it should be easier to organize. There may be money available for this event. Please contact Izaskun at izaskunkortazar@gmail.com to let her know what your club is planning or if you need help with ideas. Boise will be holding a talo dinner with Basque songs.

Izaskun has come up with the Euskara goals for N.A.B.O. for next four years. She has submitted them to HABE. We will see if they are approved at the World Congress. Izaskun will be teaching more classes at Boise State and would like to subcontract her hours and salary with Itxaso Cayero.

Kinku Zinkunegi, of HABE, shared with the president how impressed he was with the quality of the work being done by the Euskara instructors. The president thanked Martin and Izaskun for all their work and the growth in our Euskara program.

Video: (Jesus Pedroarena, excused)

EITB has a new Internet television channel. See www.eitb.tv for more information.

Calendars: (Mary Lou Urrutia, excused)

There is a new calendar format this year. Mary Lou has collaborated with Elkar so we will be able to download the song of the month with links to the N.A.B.O. website. John Ysursa put up a sample on the screen.

Grace reminded the clubs who take calendars they must pay. Some clubs have not paid for their 2011 calendars. They should be ready by Kantari Eguna in Gardnerville, NV in August. Contact Mary Lou and she can ship them to your club. Shipping charges will be added to the \$5.00 cost of the calendars. Delegates were encouraged to come to Gardnerville to avoid the shipping costs for the calendars.

History:

No Chairman at this time.

Pilota: (Evelyne Etcharren, excused)

Gratien Etchebehere gave the report. The N.A.B.O. finals were in Bakersfield. Boise will be hosting an Invitational the weekend of July 30, 2011 in conjunction with their festival. N.A.B.O. will be sponsoring shirts for the players to help support this event.

A letter was received from the United States Pilota Federation in response to the letter sent by our Pilota Chairperson, but it did not address all of our concerns about why we pay dues. The president reminded everyone of our discussion at the last meeting when Evelyne Etcharren explained that many of the players representing the United States in the last International Tournament do not reside in the United States nor do they belong to a member club that pays dues.

The World Pilota Council is sponsoring a pilota tournament in their new facility in Bilbao in December of this year. More information will follow.

We are looking for a host for the Pilota finals. Bob Echeverria offered Elko for the 2012 tournament during the Convention if Elko can make some repairs to their court. The court may not be long enough for pala but definitely for handball.

A.M. Break

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Cooking Camp: The Rocklin Club offered to host a cooking camp for the 16-18 year olds. It was canceled because there was not enough interest with that age group. They may try again, but change the age range to include older attendees.

Udaleku 2011: Reno had to turn away applicants last year so the delegates voted to have San Francisco try out having two-one week camps in order to accommodate more campers as an experiment. The first week was for children ages thirteen to fifteen with 35 participants. The second week was for campers

aged ten to twelve with 52 participants. The dance classes focused on Iparralde with instructors from Luzaide. Other classes included: Euskara, mythology, Mus, cooking, Txistu, and pottery. A lot of games were played, including "How not to put on your costume" where they learned to tie cintas and headscarves. The camp T-shirt with the logo, "Basques: together we're giant," was mythology based and was designed by Carina Barajas from Salt Lake City. Joko Garbi, a form of jaialai, was a big hit. David Navailles was the instructor from Uztaritz. The xistera used to play is expensive, about \$200, but a plastic version is available for about \$40.

The one-week format was a success. Toni Sabarots mentioned her niece who attended the 1st week loved it! The kids bonded and were more focused because the time was limited. It was intense because it was limited to one week; on the other hand the kids were not as tired. Izaskun Kortazar asked if it was easier to find housing splitting the weeks. Valerie Arrechea answered that it was much easier this year to find enough families to host 52 campers. It would have been very difficult to find housing for all 93 participants and instructors. The hosting families thought the kids were less stressed and experienced less homesickness. A survey of the participants showed the campers would prefer a two-week format. A survey will be sent to the participant's parents about their opinions on the one-week format. See the report in the Facilitator's packet for the pros and cons of this format.

There were some lessons learned; the on-line application was great, but next year Pay-Pal will be added so people will be asked to make a financial commitment, a deposit if people are asking to hold a spot for their child. Ten people signed up on-line and then never came to camp. Aides should be older, at least graduating from high school, so they more clearly understand their role and there is more difference between the ages of the campers and the aides. In the past poxpolins were given to campers free of charge. This was a huge cost and the campers did not take responsibility for their poxpolins. They were left at camp. This year the poxpolins sold for \$20 and only three were left behind. They should have been sold for \$30 each to cover the true cost.

Gureudaleku.blogspot.com was updated almost daily so parents or those interested could see what was happening at camp.

Udaleku 2012: Boise will host Udaleku next year at the end of July. Annie Gavica reported that Boise would be able to accommodate up to 105 kids and would like to charge \$350 per camper. The motion to vote on the fee was tabled until a future meeting. They plan to have one - two week camp with 105 participants, based on a first come, first serve basis. The hosting club determines the dates of the camp. The age range of children participating in Udaleku is 10 – 15 years old.

Cindy Schaffield asked for discussion about the format. The president tabled the discussion until the results of the parent survey have been compiled, and reminded delegates that the one-week format used for Udaleku 2011 was an experiment. Kate Camino mentioned that larger groups could be unwieldy. The delegates asked that further discussion be held during a teleconference. A teleconference will be scheduled for August once the results of the survey are in. John Ysursa mentioned that this is why the focus groups were created; to limit long discussions. The Udaleku Chairman would like to see specialized camps, such as Euskara or pilota added to reinforce what is learned at Udaleku because some subjects are too difficult to learn in one or even two-week camps.

There will be an Udaleku reunion at Kantari Eguna in Gardnerville where the campers will perform.

Grace Mainvil brought to the delegates attention that not all clubs paid the \$50 Udaleku donation we had voted on at the last meeting. She asked the president to verify that all clubs must send in their fee to Grace.

Beti Gazte: (Tyler Smith)

Tyler Smith reported that this year's event would be held in Gardnerville in conjunction with Kantari Eguna on August 13, 2011. They are hoping it will be as successful as last year's event in Elko, which had thirty participants from four different clubs. The plan for now is to keep the events in Nevada, which is more centrally located. The target age for Beti Gazte is 15 -25 years old. Most of the event planners on the teleconferences are 26. Please spread the word to your younger club members about these events and encourage them to participate in the planning as well as attending. Please contact Tyler Smith, Valerie Arrechea or John Ysursa with the names of any individuals you think might be interested. Bob Echeverria suggested they extend or eliminate the age limit if the events are successful. The president reminded everyone the purpose of Beti Gazte was not just to have the youth get together, but to learn the organizational and leadership skills necessary to plan Basque activities. The president thanked Tyler for chairing this group and all of his efforts.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren)

Twenty-Five clubs held tournaments this year with a total of 1,200 players. Each player pays \$10.00 in dues to N.A.B.O. bringing in \$12,000.00. This year the Mus Finals were held in Fresno. Pierre thanked Tony and Juliet Campos and the Fresno Basque Club for hosting the Finals and providing lunch and dinner. The winners, Benat Inchauspe and Etienne Ybarra, were from Chino. They will represent the Unites States at the International Mus Tournament in Pau, France October 8-16, 2011. Jean Baptiste Bidegaray from Fresno will be the delegate

because Pierre is unable to attend. The expenses include airfare for the winners and gifts for all participants.

- Pierre Etcharren made a motion that the N.A.B.O. winners from the previous year be automatically eligible to play in the United States Mus Finals (as is done in the International Mus Tournament) beginning in 2012. Bob Echeverria 2nded. Unanimously approved. There will be no additional cost to the hosting club.

Junior Mus: (Gina Espinal)

Gina happily reported that there was increased participation this year. However, one of the challenges is some clubs are too geographically spread out for every region to hold a tournament. Gina asked for suggestions because not all clubs were able to travel to meet and hold regional tournaments. Pierre Etcharren suggested it remain regional. Tyler Smith suggested as many teams wanted to play be allowed to play so as not to discourage participation. Many other delegates agreed not to limit participation. It was voted on last year to pay a stipend of \$400 to the pair sent from each region. Gina assured the delegates that no youth team would be turned away, but only the regional representatives would receive the stipend. Gina gave a special thanks to the people responsible for organizing their region's youth mus tournament. She gave a "shout out" to Los Banos and Winnemucca for their efforts in holding youth mus games and sending photos to Gina. Contact Gina at ginaea@comcast.net with the name of your club's Mus Chairman or to send photos from your Junior Mus Tournaments. This is the correct email address, it is incorrect in the Junior Mus report in the Facilitator's packet. The president thanked Pierre and Gina for all their efforts as the Mus and Junior Mus Chairmen. (** note: the email given at the meeting is no longer correct. Please use ginaespinal@sbcglobal.net)

Kantari Eguna: (Noel Goyhenetche, excused)

Becky Saratea Murphy gave the report. Kantari Eguna will be held on August 13, 2011. There will be music at J.T.'s Friday night. There will be a mass Saturday morning and after lunch there will be the featured singer from the Basque Country. Please see Martin Etchamendy when you arrive to sign up to sing. There will also be a performance by the Udaleku participants. Amuma Says No will be performing Saturday night.

Chorizo/Tripota Contest: Gratien Etchebehere

After a discussion in Salt Lake City it was decided to hold a Morcilla/Tripota - Chorizo/Lukainka contest at the convention, loosely based on a similar sausage contest held in Yuba City, California. It will be a blind taste test. It will be held at 6 p.m. in conjunction with the sheep wagon auction at Crazy Woman Square during the Buffalo Festara. The Big Horn Basque Club will provide grills. Entries can be representing clubs or individual families. There are so far seven entries spanning both categories. The winners will receive a trophy with our motto "Go

Pig or Go Home!" After the judging everyone will be invited to sample the entries. We are hoping to make it an annual event. The next contest will take place at the N.A.B.O. Convention in Elko in 2012.

Facilitator's Report: (John Ysursa)

John encouraged all clubs to have a member take on the responsibility for spreading the word about Basque songs. The booklets and CDs are available to help if you plan a singing event at the local level. There are Basque songs available on Youtube.

There is a list of Basque saints and it is hoped clubs will adopt a patron saint for their festivals. Boise is inaugurating a statue of Valentin Berriochoa at their San Ignazio mass on July 31, 2011. It is hoped Elko will adopt San Valentin for their festival. John Ysursa proposes a Basque mass binder be created for visiting priests to be made available to those clubs who want a Basque mass at their festivals now that we no longer have a Basque priest. There is a Basque mass Powerpoint and Basque song lyrics available digitally, which may be helpful for those clubs who do not have a choir. Please see John if your club would be interested or contact him at info@naBASQUE.org.

We would like to present next year's Bizi Emankorra winners at the convention in Elko. We would also like the emphasis to be on youth. The Elko festival has always included traditional sports like wood chopping. Next year the Elko festival will be after the 4th of July. Bob Echeverria would like to make sure that N.A.B.O. is put front and center at convention event, and not limited to the meeting. John Ysursa pointed out N.A.B.O. made the front page of the Buffalo paper. Ryan Fieldgrove mentioned that the entire board was involved in spreading the word out to the community. They also had a theme this year; it was the 30th anniversary of the Big Horn Basque Club.

- John Ysursa motioned that N.A.B.O. work with Elko to make a youth summit at the Summer Convention in Elko 2012. 2nded by Bob Echeverria. Unanimously approved. All those interested in helping or participating in the teleconference please see John or contact him at info@naBASQUE.org.

John Ysursa suggested we hold a Basque sports tribute (wood chopping, soka-tira, weight lifting) to Basque Americans at the N.A.B.O. convention in Elko. A Pilota tribute should be planned for another time. Cindy Schaffeld mentioned a concern about people being left out. Bob Echeverria suggested we recognize the living and have a memorial page in the convention booklet for our deceased athletes. Lisa Corcostegui suggested people submit their own names to their local club for inclusion so people are not left out.

- Tony Campos motioned N.A.B.O. will take the lead in a tribute to American Basque athletes at the convention in Elko. Gratien Etchebehere 2nded. Unanimously approved.

Kids Corner on the N.A.B.O. webpage has dance steps available on-line. The Dance instructors' workshops will continue. The emphasis will be dances from Zuberoa, the wineglass dance. Oier Araolaza was the guest speaker at the workshop in Gardnerville. He is the webmaster for www.dantza.com. A dance instructor exchange is available. Local club dance instructors would have the opportunity to work alongside instructors in Bilbao and Donostia. If interested please contact John Ysursa. In a follow-up to his presentation N.A.B.O. is working with Oier Araolaza, Inaki Erregi, Lisa Corcostegi and others to create a "Bricolage". An advisory committee that offers advice to those interested in doing something with dance, music, or the arts. Oier created a unique dance for his town with pieces from traditional dances and costumes. If your club would like to develop a new ritual, contact John at info@naBASQUE.org.

A possible "bricolage" would be the formation of a dance ritual for N.A.B.O. delegates.

- John Ysursa motioned to develop a N.A.B.O. delegate sokadanza for the convention in Elko in 2012. Lael Uberuaga 2nded. Unanimously approved.

The "N" Team of Natalia and Nora, instructors from the Basque Government, will be offering "Basque in a Box" workshops for smaller clubs. Mountain Home, Elko and Gardnerville will be hosting them in August. There are workshops for all ages. It was very successful last year. If your club would be interested in hosting one of these workshops please contact John at info@naBASQUE.org.

The Basque Song Cultural Tour for 2011 will feature Urko Menaia. He will be performing throughout August in Vancouver, Gardnerville, Nevada for Kantari Eguna, Denver, Colorado, New York and Rhode Island. If your club would be interested for next year please contact John at info@naBASQUE.org.

The following are ideas proposed during the teleconference to be brought to the World Congress by the N.A.B.O. delegates: a Basque bone marrow registry, the Gurea – oral history project, Gurea internet telecasts, (new technology, meeting online, Udaleku blog), increased Basque Government collaboration with N.A.B.O. to provide Basque Country youth an opportunity to experience Basque Diaspora similar to what Benan Oregi has started in Boise with the Bishop Kelly School.

The president thanked John for all his work behind the scenes.

Basque Government Report (Benan Oregi)

The World Congress will take place November 2 – 4, 2011, in Donostia. Each country is able to send three delegates as Law 8 allows. The Basque Government will invite more people from countries with many Basque clubs, there will be more people invited from the United States. The Congress will be held in three rooms: one for the meeting, one for speakers and workshops, and one for exhibitors' booths. It is expected that all delegates will be prepared to discuss their accomplishments over the past four years. N.A.B.O. has a lot to share with the Diaspora from other countries. Benan suggested N.A.B.O. make a list of all the programs and projects started or completed in the past four years.

Up for discussion at the 5th World Congress is the scoring process for grants. Another way of participating is to man one of the 15 stands or booths. The Basque Government will choose some stands like N.A.B.O. and Euskara programs, the University of Boise and Reno, and the Basque Museum but other clubs are welcome to apply for a booth. For example, New York could have a booth to publicize their 100th anniversary.

Rhode Island is completing paperwork to be recognized by the Basque Government as an euskal etxea.

The Basque Government has awarded N.A.B.O. and seven other clubs all eight of the grants requested by the United States. We received more than 100% of what we had applied for. Typically we receive 80% of grant funds requested.

Benan recommends that we take good care of the instructors from the Basque Government, the "N" team John Ysursa mentioned earlier. Every year Benan's office takes two students who have graduated in an internship. One applicant, Natalia, is an aerospace engineer who discovered after working in her field that she did not like her chosen profession. They have been very pleased with their decision to hire her, although they had some reservations about hiring someone so overqualified.

The Harriet Families will provide lunch. Campos Brothers Almonds provided the almonds put out during the meeting for the delegates.

Lunch break 12:00 – 2:00

Gloria Lejardi asked that we review Robert's Rules of Order.

OLD BUSINESS

Basque Country Trips

The trip was a huge success per Anita Anacaba Franzoia. Goisalde Jausoro shared that a friend told her it was amazing. They were able to see an archeological dig.

The Oinkari Dance Group went to the Basque Country also. Lael Uberuaga reported that after several fundraisers they were able to make their plans for a trip a reality. They held six performances in Mungia, Pamplona, Guernika, Gasteiz, Hendaia, Anorga. They met up with the Mutxiko dance group from Hendaia who performed at Jaialdi. The group hosted the Oinkaris to a lovely lunch. They were able to meet several other dance groups as well. Lael thanked all those who supported their fundraising efforts, especially Benan, who arranged a meet and greet tapas event with the Basque Government and the dance group from Gasteiz.

Bizi Emankorra 2011

The Fresno Basque Club nominated Victor Esain and his award was presented at the N.A.B.O. Mus Finals held in Fresno this year.

The San Francisco Basque Club nominated Kate Camino and Martin Goicoechea. Their awards will be presented on Saturday at the festival in Buffalo.

The Winnemucca Basque Club nominated Isidro Belzarena Echeto. His award will probably be presented at Elko next year, as he was unable to make it to Buffalo, Wyoming.

NEW BUSINESS

World Congress Delegates

John Ysursa briefly described the World Congress. One of the reasons for this is to network with other Basque Diaspora and members of the Basque Government.

Here are the five applicants interested in being a World Congress Delegate:

Ysabel Bilbao, (Boise, ID) speaks: Spanish

Yvonne Hauscarriague, (San Francisco, CA) speaks: Spanish

Goisalde Jausoro, (Mountain Home, ID) speaks: Euskara, Spanish

Izaskun Kortazar, (Mountain Home, ID) speaks: Euskara, Spanish

Mary Lou Urrutia, (Reno, NV) speaks: Spanish

Benan mentioned that the delegates we choose will represent the United States and must have read Law 8 and the purpose of the Congress. They must be prepared to vote on the direction of the Congress resolutions.

The president asked for three volunteers from different states to count the votes. Jean Pierre Elissetche, Gloria Lejardi, Susan Gavica were selected.

The three delegates chosen were: Yvonne Hauscarriague, Goisalde Jausoro, and Izaskun Kortazar, with Ysabel Bilbao as an alternate.

N.A.B.O. suggestions to present at World Congress:

1. International Bone Marrow Registry - Grace Mainvil motioned to approve this as a topic to be brought to the World Congress. Martin Goicoechea 2nded. Unanimously approved.
2. Gurea "It is ours" the Oral History projects to encourage younger members to interview older Basque Diaspora. The person would receive a raffle ticket for each oral interview conducted. The lucky winner would receive an open-ended ticket for a trip to the Basque Country paid for by N.A.B.O. at a cost of about \$1500.00. Benan Oregi cautioned that not everyone would make a good interviewer, regardless of age. It is more important to listen than to speak when conducting an interview. Yvonne Hauscarriague informed the delegates that the Basque Educational Organization received training on conducting interviews from Gloria Tortoricaguena for the Urazandi project. Templates were developed and are available online for scripts, interview questions, and legal authorization forms. Interviewees were matched with interviewers who spoke a common language, including Basque, Spanish, French or English. Cindy Schaffeld made a motion to accept this topic and to make it open to all ages. 2nded by Gloria Lejardi. Unanimously approved.
3. Gurea Internet Telecasts - Google has a beta program for free that may be expanded in the future for more than fifteen viewers. If free options are not available the Basque Government could help finance this project through euskalaxeak.net Lael mentioned UStream, a free online video broadcast that has been used by Pilota and others. It does not allow for two-way participation, but it would allow events to be seen via the Internet. John Ysursa made a motion that events of the Diaspora be broadcast via the Internet. Lael Uberaga 2nded. Unanimously approved.
4. John Ysursa motioned to ask the Basque Government to facilitate an exchange program to send Basques to the United States. We get so many requests to house people willing to teach Basque for room and board during the summer that we are unable to accommodate. Annie Gavica 2nded. Unanimously approved.

Euskara Coordinator

Bob Echeverria asked Martin Goicoechea to describe the cost of the Euskara Coordinator to N.A.B.O. Martin went on to explain that there should be no cost to N.A.B.O. because currently the Euskara program expenses are paid by HABA through the Basque Government. Gloria Lejardi wanted the delegates who are not involved in the Euskara program and may not be aware of how much Izaskun Kortazar does, to know how much she helps anyone interested in learning Basque and how she supports the Euskara teachers. Gloria also recommended that all clubs be ready to increase their support of the Euskara Program if the funds from the Basque Government were one day not available.

- Martin Goicoechea motioned that we increase the hours and salary for Izaskun Kortazar, the Euskara Coordinator, from 15 hours to 20 hours per

week and her salary from \$1200 a month to \$1600 a month for a ten-month contract, September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Seconded by John Ysursa. Unanimously approved.

"Parc de l'Aventure Basque" or PABA Application –

The president asked for volunteers to review a new membership application from "Parc de l'Aventure Basque" or PABA. She requested a delegate from each region. Yvonne Hauscarriague, Bob Echeverria, Annie Gavica, and Tony Campos volunteered to review the application.

- Upon recommendation of the applicant review committee Bob Echeverria motioned to table the vote on accepting the application until all paperwork is completed and they have registered with the Basque Government. 2nded by John Ysursa. Unanimously approved.

Basques: Hidden in Plain Sight: Cindy Schaffeld reported that the "Basques: Hidden in Plain Sight" Exhibit produced by the Basque Museum and Cultural Center was awarded by the American Association for State and Local History. She thanked the Basque Government for their collaboration in making this project happen. It was originally shown at Ellis Island and is now ready to be a traveling exhibit. Please contact Patty Miller or Cindy Schaffeld if your club would like to exhibit a smaller traveling version of "Basques: Hidden in Plain Sight" that would highlight items and information of interest to the hosting club. The Basque Museum would like to advertise that its membership is open to all Diaspora and would like to put a notice or membership application in all clubs newsletters. They would reciprocate and put club announcements in their newsletters or links on their website.

Elections:

The President and Treasurer are elected each year. The Vice-President is the out-going President and the President appoints the Secretary and Committee Chairmen.

Grace Mainvil is interested in being the Treasurer for another year. There were no other nominations.

- Bob Echeverria motioned to close nominations for Treasurer. 2nded by Cindy Schaffeld. Unanimously approved.
- Tony Campos nominated Valerie Arrechea for President. 2nded by Nancy Trevino. Unanimously approved.

Gloria Lejardi suggested the nominee be asked to leave the room during the vote. This has not been done traditionally when there is only one candidate.

- Cindy Schaffeld motioned that we excuse the candidate during the vote. There was no second, and no vote on this issue.

- Annie Gavica motioned to close nominations. Valerie Arrechea excused herself from the room. Cindy Schaffeld 2nded. Unanimously approved.

It was unanimously approved that Grace Mainvil remains the N.A.B.O. Treasurer and Valerie Arrechea remains the N.A.B.O. President.

Gratien Etchebehere thanked our hosts in Buffalo for the wonderful lunch and gifts.

Additional Items:

Please submit any receipts for reimbursements to the Treasurer, Grace Mainvil in the next week as she and her husband will be leaving for the Basque Country in August and will go directly to Montreal. No bills will be paid after August 1st. There will be no Treasurer's report in Montreal.

Izaskun Kortazar will not be able to attend the meeting in Montreal. She will make her report at the winter meeting. If something comes up she will email her report.

The president reminded the delegates that a valid passport is required to travel to Montreal for the N.A.B.O. Fall Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2011

Fall Meeting: Montreal, September 17, 2011

2012

Winter: San Francisco, Saturday, February 18, 2012

Summer Convention: Elko July 6, 2012

Fall: Mountain Home, Idaho, October 6, 2012 (Benan's Birthday)

2013

Winter: Salt Lake City, UT (usually February)

Summer Convention: New York, (the 50th Anniversary of EENY and 40th Anniversary of N.A.B.O.)

Fall: open

Future Convention Dates:

2014: Bakersfield, CA

2017: Chino, CA

Respectfully submitted by Marisa Espinal, N.A.B.O. Secretary.