

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2014
San Francisco, California

The President called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Welcome by Gratien Goyhenetche, the President of the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center. He informed the delegates about the weekend's events.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea

Vice-President – Mary Gaztambide

Treasurer – Grace Mainvil

Secretary – Marisa Espinal

Facilitator – Kate Camino

Euskara Coordinator – Aitor Inarra & Itxaso Cayero, excused

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused

Video – Jesus Pedroarena

Education – John Ysursa

Euskara – Martin Goicoechea

Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino

Mus – Pierre Etcharren

Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre

Music/Dance – Lisa Corcostegui

Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren

History – Patty Miller, excused, Steve Bass, excused

Txerriki – Gratien Etchebehere

Kantari Eguna – Noel Goyhenetche

Beti Gazte – Kristiane Bizkarra, excused

Club Delegates

Alkartasuna (Rock Springs)

Anaitasuna Basque Club (SF)

Basque Educational Organization (BEO)

Basque Museum & Cultural Center

Basque Club of Utah

Martin Goicoechea

Gina Espinal

Marisa Espinal

Marisa Espinal

Philippe Acheritogaray

Cindy Schaffeld + proxy

Mary Gaztambide

Danny Gaztambide

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Boise State Basque Studies
Center for Basque Studies, Reno
Cennarusa Foundation
Chino Basque Club
Colorado Euskal Etxea
Elko Euzkaldunak
Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Fresno Basque Club

Iparreko Ibarra (Rocklin)

Kern County Basque Club (Bakersfield)

Las Vegas Basque Club
Los Banos Basque Club

Marin Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskaldun Club (Gardnerville)
New England Basque Club
Oberena (L.A.)
Oinkari Dancers
Ontario Basque Club

Reno Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Santa Rosa Basque Club
Southern California Basque Club
Ventura
Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea

Zazpiak Bat (Vancouver)

Steve Achabal
Annie Gavica
John Ysursa
Kate Camino + proxy
Argia Beristain
John Ysursa
Mayi Petracek
Bob Echeverria
Cindy Schaffeld (proxies)
Tony Campos
Juliet Campos
Noel Goyhenetche
Micheal Uro
Louis Iturriria
Joey Iturriria
Argia Beristain + proxy
Amador Zabalbeascoa
Victor Olano
Pierre Etcharren + proxy
Noel Arraiz + proxy
Ander Caballero + proxy
Manuel Villanueva
Annie Gavica (proxy)
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Kate Camino (proxy)
Enrike Corcostegui (proxy)
Matthew Etchepare
Jean Pierre Elissetche
Gratien Etchebehere
Pierre Etcharren
Annie Gavica (proxy)
Mike Aguerre + proxy
Jose Louis Urrutia
Argia Beristain
Nagore Goitiandia
Elena Sommers + proxy

Proxies for quorum only, no votes:

Homedale (Gloria Lejardi)
Montreal (Noel Fagoaga)
New Mexico (Blas Uberuaga)
New York (Aitzol Azurtza)
Susanville (Michelle Zubillaga)

Guests

Asier Vallejo, Basque Government
Benan Oregi, Basque Government
Ander Caballero, Basque Government
Miren Perez Eguireun, Basque Government
Kinku Zinkunegi, Basque Government, HABE
Teresa Echeverria, Bakersfield
Maria Toretta, Bakersfield
Jim Etchepare, Los Banos
Janice Olano, Los Banos
Mary Zabalbeascoa, Los Banos
Frances Pedroarena, Gardnerville
Xabier Berrueta, US Federation of Pilota (San Francisco)

On-line Guests

Itxaso Cayero, Boise

Approval of the October 2013 Minutes

Marisa Espinal submitted the October 2013 minutes.

- Jean Pierre Elissetche motioned to accept the October meeting minutes. Steve Achabal seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Grace Mainvil)

Delegates were given the 2013 balance sheet and the profit loss statements to review. Grace Mainvil mentioned that only two clubs were current in their dues for 2014. The President pointed out that the \$38,000 deficit is due to the fact the Basque Government grants for the Euskara Coordinator and Facilitator positions have not yet been received. Please see the Facilitator's packet for full details.

There were no questions asked by the delegates.

- Mayie Patreck motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. 2nded by Amador Zabalbeascoa. Unanimously approved

Special Presentation by Kinku Zinkunegi, HABE

Kinku spoke in Basque and the delegates viewed a video on the use of Euskara throughout the world. Basque is not recognized as an official language in France. It is acknowledged in Euskadi and in certain parts of Navarre. 32% of people in the Autonomous Basque Community are bilingual, speaking Basque and another language. The Euskara Munduan program's objective is to achieve the highest number of Basque speakers in the shortest time possible. One of the ways they are focusing on for accomplishing this is Basque classes in the Euskal Etxeak.

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

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea, Aitor Inarra & Itxaso Cayero, excused)

Aitor Inarra introduced himself and Itxaso Cayero as the new Euskara Coordinators for N.A.B.O. He described his work as the Basque teacher at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center over the last five years. He thanked Izaskun Kortazar for all of her efforts in helping to build the Euskara program in the United States. He encouraged the delegates to go back and motivate people to learn Basque, become Euskara teachers, and to support the existing teachers.

Martin Goicoechea also thanked Izaskun Kortazar for all of her work. He described his pleasure in the growth of the N.A.B.O. Euskara program since its inception in 2000 when the president, Bob Echeverria, asked him to be the Euskara Chairman.

Kate Camino thanked Martin Goicoechea for all of his efforts chairing the committee. She mentioned she recently discovered during her participation in the Euskara Committee that some clubs are receiving funds from HABE but the money is not making it to the Euskara instructors. She asked the delegates to go back to their clubs and make sure the Euskara teachers are supported.

Itxaso Cayero greeted the delegates through Skype.

Video: (Jesus Pedroarena)

The video equipment is obsolete. The old converter and duplicator will not work with any programs other than Windows XP, which will be obsolete after May of this year. The delegates had voted at a past meeting to allow Jesus to dispose of the outdated equipment as he saw fit. Old equipment and VCR tapes will be donated to the University of Nevada Reno Basque Studies Program. We will let the Video program fade away into the sunset. The president thanked Jesus Pedroarena for all of his time and efforts over the years.

Jesus suggested people view EITB.com. There are also radio stations on the website: Radio Euskadi, Euskadi Irratia, Radia Vitoria, Gaztea, and EITB Musika.

Asier Vallejo mentioned EITBAIaCarta/Naihieran.com has videos of the centennial in New York. English copies of the 100th anniversary are available through the Basque Government. Asier mentioned there are over 100 documentaries about the Basque Diaspora in the United States and from all over the world on the EITB website. They are available to download for free.

Calendars: (Mary Lou Urrutia, excused)

Please contact Mary Lou for calendars at her new email:

calendar@nabasque.org or through Marylou@gracegroup.com

Calendars may be purchased through PayPal. Please send Mary Lou the dates of your clubs events before April 1st. It is the clubs responsibility to submit information and also to proofread when the first draft is sent out.

Morning Break 9:30 – 9:45

History (Patty Miller, excused, Steve Bass, excused)

Delegates were asked to send one name from each club to be the contact person and send a list of possible interviewers to be trained and those identified to be interviewed prioritizing those ninety years old or older. Please send this information by March 1st.

If anyone is interested in being on the History Committee please contact Patty Miller or Steve Bass. You can send the names of the contact for your club or the interviewees to Steve at steve@bassque.com or to Patty at pattyam@basquemuseum.com you may also send the names of interviewees to info@nabasque.org or President@nabasque.org because N.A.B.O. is keeping a spreadsheet of names to be interviewed.

This project is a collaborative effort with funding through the Basque Government, and the Etxepare Institute to fund Pedro Oiarzabal as the project manager. Asier Vallejo informed the delegates the Jon Bilboa Fellowship has been created at the University of Nevada Reno, Basque Studies Program funded by the Basque Government to coordinate this oral history project, but it needs community involvement in identifying interviewers to match to interviewees.

Benan Oregi mentioned the history of the Urazandi collection with 27 volumes on the Basque Diaspora all over the world and the history of N.A.B.O. The next 3 volumes to be published are about Basques in Cuba, the Philippines, and the Basque Government in Exile in the Americas.

Pilota (Evelyne Etcharren)

N.A.B.O. Pilota Finals will be held in Bakersfield on May 24th in conjunction with the Convention.

World Pilota Council has approached N.A.B.O. if there is a need for an instructor. Please contact Evelyne Etcharren at pilota@nabasque.org if your club is interested.

Boise will be sponsoring the San Ignazio Invitational again this year on 7/25 - 26/14.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren)

This year's finals will be held in Marin Sonoma on May 31st. All clubs need to have their tournament before May 31st. If possible, please send the names of your clubs winners by May 1, 2014 to Pierre Etcharren at mus@nabasque.org.

Please let Pierre know if the winning team from your club is unable to attend the finals, and who will be sent as substitutes to represent your club.

Jose Louis Urrutia asked if the finals could be held in Bakersfield every year. The winners of the current year host the following years Mus Finals. The cost of the Finals falls on the club that is hosting the Finals. It is an opportunity for smaller clubs to host an event and participate on the national level.

If there are people interested in playing mus on the computer, please check out: www.ludoteka.com or for the iphone: usumus

International Mus 2014:

The International Mus Tournament will be in Cancun, Mexico from October 19 – 25, 2014. It will be at the Palace Resort. The cost is \$1200, which includes meals and drinks. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Pierre Etcharren at mus@nabasque.org.

Future International Mus Dates:

The 2015 International Mus Tournament will be in Uruguay. The 2016 International Mus Tournament will be in Donostia, Euskadi, and the 2017 International Mus Tournament will be in the United States. Although plans have not been finalized yet, it will be held in Las Vegas. The United States may have to host the 2016 International Finals if Donostia is unable to do so.

Junior Mus (Gina Espinal)

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Junior Mus Tournament. The 2014 Junior Mus Tournament will be held at the Convention in Bakersfield where the first Junior Mus Tournament was held. Gina Espinal encouraged the delegates to return to their clubs and motivate their youth to have a Junior Mus Game and send their winners to Bakersfield for the Junior Mus Tournament.

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Udaleku 2014:

Elko will host Udaleku in 2014. June 22 - July 4, ending with the Elko festival. The theme of the camp will be Bizkaia. It is best to have the housing set up before opening the application process so we know the exact number of spots available. The number of campers may be limited to 40 kids from outside of Elko due to the size of the club and housing available. More children will be accepted if more housing becomes available. There will be housing available at the community college for \$15.00/night. This housing would only apply to the instructors or other adults. Applications will open March 1st online. There will be one application per family. The cost per child will be \$375.00. This year those families who are accepted will then be billed rather than pay at the time of

registration. The refund policy was revised at the Elko meeting with more stringent guidelines.

Bob Echeverria announced Ramon Zugazaga, from the Biltoki, is also the president of the Elko Basque Club and he would be doing the cooking for the campers.

Teresa Franzoia will be running the camp. There will be no repeat instructors from last year. Bernadette Leonis will be the txistu instructor. Maria Elise Calderon from Argentina will be the Pilota instructor. Monique Flesher will be the Mus teacher and camp mother. Christian Indaburu and Christian Curutchet from Chino will also be helping at Udaleku in Elko. They were very helpful last year in Bakersfield. There are some other instructors who have not yet been able to commit 100%.

Bob Echeverria thanked all of the committee chairs and John Ysursa for all of their help in making the N.A.B.O. Conventions and Elko Basque Club Festivals successful.

Udaleku 2015

Udaleku 2015 will be in San Francisco. The theme of the camp will be all things Xiberoa.

Beti Gazte

No report

Music and Dance (Lisa Corcostegi, Caroline Chirramberro, excused)

Txistus were purchased. A master Txistulari will be moving to Boise for a year. There may be the possibility to tap into that talent.

Dance

Please let Lisa Corcostegi know who is the dance instructor at your club. She will provide some announcers packets for the MC at performances to describe the history of dances. John Ysursa shared with Lisa some notes he has collected over the years. Frances Pedroarena mentioned that the dance packet that John Ysursa created years ago was very helpful for her as a dance instructor for the Mendiko Euskaldun Club.

Benan Oregi mentioned that Gaztemundu would be a two-week program in Donostia in early July this year with dance as the theme. There will be 25 spots with priority going to dance instructors or those responsible for the dance program at the Euskal Etxeak. There has been an almost 50% increase to the Gaztemundu budget allowing for 25 participants rather than 15. You must be

over 18 years old. No upper age limit. However you may not attend Gaztemundu if you have attended in the past.

Txerriki Sukalde Txapeldun (Gratien Etchebehere)

Gratien Etchebehere mentioned the upcoming competition in Bakersfield on 5/24/14. Please let your membership know it is a fierce competition. Bring your morcilla, chorizo, and/or lukainka. It must be homemade. Mike Aguerre volunteered to be a judge. Txerriki means all things pork.

Kantari Eguna (Noel Goyhenetche, Becky Sarratea-Murphy, excused)

Noel Goyhenetche announced the Kantari Eguna 2014 would take place on October 11th in conjunction with the Iparreko Ibarra picnic and fall N.A.B.O. meeting in Rocklin. All singers are encouraged to participate. Jesus Pedroarena informed the delegates the original name was N.A.B.O. Euskal Kantari Eguna. Kantari Eguna is the shortened version sometimes used. Originally it was held annually in Gardnerville, it now alternates between Rocklin and Gardnerville.

Education (John Ysursa)

John Ysursa thanked those who volunteered for the committee. All are welcome. Steve Achabal, the delegate from the Boise Basque Club, does a summary of N.A.B.O. events for the newsletter. John Ysursa volunteered Steve's summaries for your club's newsletter to help promote N.A.B.O. activities.

The Basque Educational Organization's (BEO) Basque Film Series is celebrating their 10th Anniversary. Philippe Acheritogaray made a brief presentation and the delegates were treated to a clip of the films shown over the years. The trailer for The Last Passage was also shown. There is a PDF on Basque films in English available through the Extepare Institute website. Books on Basque Cinema are also available through the University of Nevada Reno Basque Studies Program. Mayie Petracek said the Colorado Basque Club also shows Basque Films. They start with wine and cheese. It is a great idea for smaller clubs to allow membership to get together.

A Ph.D. student, Josu Martinez, from the University of the Basque Country is researching the first film done in Basque in 1956, "Sor Lekua" for the Basque Diaspora. It is believed to have been shown in the United States in the 1960's. If anyone has any information about this film or if it was shown in your community, please contact Philippe at philippea@frk.com.

- John Ysursa made a motion for Basqueflix, Basque Film Series in a Box, it would require \$400 seed money from N.A.B.O. to create a Basque film lending library that could be sent out with notes to introduce each film. 2nded by Tony Campos. The only costs would be for a copy of the film and the postage to mail the DVD to a N.A.B.O. club and the stamped

return envelope. The films would be housed by the BEO at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center Martin Minaberry Library. Unanimously approved.

Hezkuntza Eguna

Celebrate + Educate = Perpetuate

Clubs are encouraged to host a Basque Education Day. Steve Gamboa will be putting something together in conjunction with the Bakersfield Festival and N.A.B.O. Convention in May.

The Basque Cultural Center and Museum in Boise is now hosting Thursdays on the Basque Block with different activities each Thursday, cooking, films, and academic presentations. Boise is also planning a Basque education day during Jaialdi for 2015.

Annie Gavica, the new Education Coordinator at the Basque Cultural Center and Museum in Boise, has been putting together Power Points that are available through the Museum website for download for your club's Basque Education Day. Prezi.com is replacing power point presentations. These presentations will soon be available on the N.A.B.O. website under the Education page. There is an entire presentation on Orhipean, The Country of Basque, a book by Xamar (J. Etxegoien).

Facilitator's Report: (Kate Camino)

Cultural tours

So many clubs participated in the Kalakan tour that the hosting clubs' expenses were limited to about \$200 each, in addition to room and board. The cost remained low because it was split between so many clubs.

Cultural tours surveys: Kate would really like to hear from the clubs what they would like to see in the cultural tours. So please encourage your club's board to discuss this topic – would you prefer to have singers, dancers, a band for your festival, or workshops? Have your membership fill out the cultural survey online. The deadline for Basque Government grants is coming up so please send in your requests to info@nabasque.org.

Astero

There are new subscribers. Let info@nabasque.org know about your clubs events to include in the weekly Astero.

Website

The new website is up and running, most of the wealth of treasure that John had amassed in the old website has been transferred to the new website. There is

now a search feature. Please let Lisa Corcostegui know if anything is missing. If your club doesn't have a website, N.A.B.O. will put up your basic information if you send it to webmaster@nabasque.org, if you do have a website N.A.B.O. will post a link to your club. The next project will be to set up PayPal so you can purchase calendars, watches, and other N.A.B.O. items online.

If you want to publicize an N.A.B.O. event make sure you let N.A.B.O. know. Do not create a Facebook page for a N.A.B.O. event. Send your information to President@nabasque.org or info@nabasque.org.

N.A.B.O. Email Addresses

The @nabasque.org is simply a pass through so if the personal email address is incorrect any email sent is lost forever. It is vital all committee chairpersons let the N.A.B.O. Webmaster know of any email changes.

Here is a list of N.A.B.O. Officers and Chairmen Contact email addresses:

President:	Valerie Arrechea	President@nabasque.org
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Treasurer:	Grace Mainvil	Treasurer@nabasque.org
Secretary:	Marisa Espinal	Secretary@nabasque.org
Facilitator:	Kate Camino	info@nabasque.org
Beti Gazte:	Kristiane Bizkarra	youth@nabasque.org
Calendar:	Mary Lou Urrutia	calendar@nabasque.org
Dance:	Lisa Corcostegui	dance@nabasque.org
Education/Hezkuntza:	John Ysursa	education@nabasque.org
Euskara:	Martin Goicoechea	bertsolari@nabasque.org
Euskara Coordinator:	Itxaso Cayero	euskara@nabasque.org
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Kantari Eguna:	Becky Sarratea-Murphy	bsarratea.murphy@gmail.com
Mus:	Pierre Etcharren	mus@nabasque.org
Junior Mus	Gina Espinal	juniormus@nabasque.org
Music	Caroline Chiramberro	music@nabasque.org
Pilota	Evelyne Etcharren	pilota@nabasque.org
Txerri Sukalde	Gratien Etchebehere	txerriki@nabasque.org
Udaleku	Valerie Arrechea	udaleku@nabasque.org
Udaleku	Kate Camino	info@nabasque.org
Video	Jesus Pedroarena	video@nabasque.org

Special Presentation

Basque Government

The Basque Government Office of Citizens and the Basque Communities Abroad underwent a 40% cut to their budget in 2013. Infrastructure grants were eliminated. There were 20% cuts to other grants. These budget cuts created delays in payments to those entities awarded grants in 2013.

Basque Government Grants for 2014

Grant information should be out sooner rather than later. Unfortunately, the 40% cut to the budget in 2013 remains in effect for this fiscal year as well. Asier Vallejo pointed out due to cuts an individual club may not receive a grant for more than \$30,000. However that limit does not apply to N.A.B.O.

Asier mentioned another exciting project that Lehendakari Urkullu introduced at the fall meeting in New York – the Basque Global Network. The exchange students in the USAC program met the Lehendakari. Over 1000 students have studied in the Basque Country through USAC.

If you have any questions about grants please contact Benan Oregi at Benan-Oregi@ej-gv.es, Asier Vallejo at A-VALLEJOITSASO@ej-gv.es or Miren Perez Eguireun at m-perezeguireun@ej-gv.es.

Old Business

Updating Contact information

The president asked that the delegates give their clubs information to update the N.A.B.O. database. If you have sent the information to N.A.B.O. – Thank you! If not, the delegates were asked to take a few minutes to update after the meeting. Information to include: club officers, dance instructor, people to contact for Mus, Junior Mus, the Oral History Project, the delegates, phone numbers, email, and physical addresses. Update your club's information with the Basque Government as well at euskaletxeak.net.

Approval of Euskara Coordinator

- Jean Pierre Elissetche made a motion to approve the hiring of Aitor Inarra and Itxaso Cayero as the Euskara Coordinators. 2nded by Annie Gavica. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Bizi Emankorra 2014

The Bizi Emankorra award recognizes people who have done significant work for N.A.B.O. This is above and beyond their work at the local club level. There were five nominations this year:

1. Martin Minaberry, nominated by BEO
2. Father Lastiri, nominated by the Fresno Basque Club

3. Martin Etchamendy, nominated by the Kern County Basque Club
 4. Marilou Onaindia, nominated by the Kern County Basque Club
 5. Frank Maitia, nominated by the Kern County Basque Club
- Martin Goicoechea motioned to accept all 5 nominations. 2nded by Pierre Etcharren. Unanimously approved.

Bakersfield 70th Anniversary and NABO Convention

Maria Toretta described the events of the festival weekend, May 23-25, 2014. Each delegate received an information booklet about the 3-day festival and posters to promote the event. There will be an accordion festival, pilota games, picnic, dinner, dance, mass, lunch, klika and dance group performances. The booklet includes reservation forms, directions, and hotel suggestions.

She encouraged groups from all clubs to come and perform. Please have your clubs contact John Goyenette - jmgoyenette@gmail.com or (661) 978 - 9703 and Kristie Onaindia – kikimuxu@aol.com or (661) 431 - 5553 to coordinate if your club will be coming, and which dances they will be performing.

If your club's dance group will be performing please send the names of all those dancers who will be participating as well as a picture of your group to Maria Toretta at ttoretta@bak.rr.com before March 28, 2014 to be included in the festival program.

If your club would like to support the Kern County Basque Club Festival by advertising in their festival program, advertising costs could range from \$30.00 - \$150.00. Your advertisement needs to be submitted to Joey Iturriria by mid-April. You can contact Joey at (661) 393 – 3165 or jiturriria@aol.com

Convention 2016

In an effort to bridge the gap between the east and west coasts Washington DC has offered to host the Convention in 2016.

Argia Beristain spoke about the Smithsonian Folklife Festival at the National Mall in Washington DC. There is a possibility of Basque being one of the 3 cultures showcased at this there 50th anniversary in June or July 2016. Argia, Mark Beiter, and Ander Caballero have been meeting with the Smithsonian. \$2.5 million would need to be raised. Many delegates felt that raising the money would not be a problem. A committee would be formed to fundraise.

The Smithsonian would film Basque Country and Diaspora activities or festivals and work with the Basque Government to determine what to include in the Folklife Festival. The Smithsonian curators organize the event. The \$2.5 million raised may cover the cost of hotels and airfare for the dancer or Klika

participants and presenters. The commitment from the clubs would be dancers, klika, txistularis, and other volunteers, depending on what the event curators choose to include.

This is an opportunity to boost awareness of the Basque Culture and the Basque Country and increase business and tourism. The Smithsonian would release 3 Folklife recordings that would showcase Basque music, language and culture. These recordings would be preserved for the life of the Union (the United States) + 1000 years.

The delegates were asked to bring this information back to their clubs and be prepared to discuss this further at the convention in Bakersfield. If you have any questions please contact Argia Beristain at argiaberistain@gmail.com

Los Banos' 50th Anniversary

Los Banos is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year with a two-day festival May 17 – 18, 2014. There will be a Mus tournament on Saturday, followed by a dinner and dance with a performance by NOKA. The mass and picnic will be on Sunday. Joseba Etxarri will give a talk as part of N.A.B.O. clubs' commitment to include an educational component or Hezkuntza Eguna to our celebrations. All are encouraged to attend. Please consider supporting the club financially through an advertisement in their festival program book.

Lunch Break 1:10 – 2:15

Fund for start up events

Steve Achabal asked what funds are available for N.A.B.O. clubs to have a start up fund for events or activities. Perhaps a revolving account where money could be loaned and then repaid after the event. There was consensus among smaller clubs like Colorado and Washington DC that this type of financial support would be very helpful. Argia Beristain felt this would be a great perk that N.A.B.O. could offer small clubs considering being part of N.A.B.O. The loans might be used for building maintenance or trips to other Basque clubs. Some things to consider would be guidelines, limits, application fees, interest charged, and penalties for delinquent payments.

A committee will be created with Steve Achabal, Mayie Petracek, and Mary Kay Aucutt from Boise who has experience in nonprofits and revolving loan funds. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact president@nabasque.org

EuskalKultura.com

Grace Mainvil informed the delegates that Joseba Etxarri's online newsletter EuskalKultura.com had received the Buber's Basque Page award. It is struggling

financially and may need to close the English edition. Amador Zabalbeascoa suggested that it would be a worthwhile cause to support Joseba after all of his efforts over the years in sharing the news of Basque culture worldwide. Mary Gaztambide agreed. Asier Vallejo mentioned that the Basque Government has helped Euskalkultura financially and the Basque Government Office of Tourism will definitely be helping in the future if Euskalkultura.com maintains the English edition.

- Grace Mainvil made a motion that N.A.B.O. donate \$1000.00 to Euskalkultura.com. 2nded by John Ysursa and Enrike Corcostegui. Unanimously approved.

Miami Basque Club

The Miami Basque Club wanted the delegates to be aware of a child, Joseba Andoni, who almost drowned when he was younger and suffered brain damage. There is an experimental treatment available and they would like to raise funds to help this family.

California Historical Society

Asier Vallejo informed the delegates that representatives from the Basque Government and the N.A.B.O. president met with Artia Hartick, the head of the California Historical Society (CAHS), through William Douglas, aka Mr. Basque. Artia grew up in Chino and went to grad school with John Ysursa. The CAHS is looking to create an interactive exhibit to demonstrate the contributions made by Basques throughout California history. Valerie Arrechea informed the delegates that Basques have been in California since the 1500's. Father Lasuen worked with Father Junipero Serra to create the California Missions. Asier Vallejo mentioned during the tour of the CAHS he noticed several Basque names listed as prominent members of California history, including several governors.

There is already much research that has been done about the Basque Diaspora in California. Asier Vallejo mentioned Pedro Oiarzabal's book of Bay Area Basques, the San Francisco Urazandi edition, and Steve Bass' book about Kern County Basques. Benan Oregi mentioned a 500-page book, Kaliforniakoak, written in Basque about the history of Basques in California from 1533 – 1848 by Asun Garikano. She had written another book that included the history from 1849 on. Much of her research came from California historians and books in Berkeley and the Bancroft Library. The Basque Government would provide some funding to pay for Asun Garikano to come to present her book at Los Banos and Bakersfield. The Basque Government will be able to translate Asun's book into English by 2015. Argitxu Camou did some research that we may ask her to share. There are documentaries on the EITB website. Benan also pointed out the first Basque Language newspaper was printed in Los Angeles, not in the Basque Country.

The exhibit would be housed at the California Historical Society in downtown San Francisco. It would also travel throughout California. The California Historical Society may change location and they would like to have this be one of the inaugural exhibits in 2015 - 2016. We are not certain if any fundraising will be necessary. The CAHS has a budget for exhibits. The "Hidden In Plain Sight" exhibit shown at Ellis Island cost about \$80,000. What would your club membership like to see in an exhibit? What common stories or experiences do we share?

- Amador Zabalbeascoa made a motion to have 1-2 delegates from each of the California Basque Clubs be on this Kaliforniakoak committee. 2nded by John Yursa. Aitor Inarra volunteered for this committee.

Asier Vallejo and other representatives of the Basque Government will be here for the Los Banos and Bakersfield Festivals in May and they would like to have another meeting with the CAHS at that time. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

John Yursa thinks this is a great opportunity for all of the California clubs to rally around a project. He hopes that when the exhibit opens, clubs from all over California will rent a bus to be here for the inauguration of the exhibit.

Questions or Announcements:

Philippe Acheritogaray, of the BEO, made an announcement of Gure Esku Dago (In Our Hands). The delegates were shown a video clip of this movement. It is an apolitical, grass roots movement to raise people's social awareness of the right to self-determination. It has two principles - diversity and plurality. They would like to collaborate with other stateless nations - Scotland, Cataluna, and Flanders. They are planning to make a human chain on June 8, 2014 from Durango to Iruna a distance of more than 150 kilometers. They ask that people send them a photo showing the "It is in Our Hands" logo or a post on Facebook or other social media. For more information visit their website at gureeskudago.net

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2014

Summer Convention: Bakersfield, CA, May 23 - 24
Fall: Rocklin, October 11th

2015

Winter: Salt Lake City, usually February

Summer Convention: Boise, ID in conjunction with Jaialdi

Fall:

Future Convention Dates:

2016: Washington DC

2017: Chino, CA

2018 Winnemucca, NV

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