

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2014  
Bakersfield, California

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

Harvey Hall, the Mayor of Bakersfield, greeted the delegates. The mayor read a proclamation from the city of Bakersfield, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 are officially Kern County Basque Club Days!

Welcome by Louis Iturriria, the President of the Kern County Basque Club. He thanked the Wool Growers Restaurant for hosting the N.A.B.O. meeting. He informed the delegates about the weekend's events.

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Majority Whip, welcomed the delegates to Bakersfield. He fielded some questions about the water bill, water storage, environmental issues, protected species, and immigration reform.

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

Education – John Ysursa, excused

Euskara – Martin Goicoechea

Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino

Mus – Pierre Etcharren

Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre, excused

Music/Dance – Lisa Corcostegui, excused

Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren, excused

History – Patty Miller, Steve Bass

Txerriki – Gratien Etchebehere, excused

Kantari Eguna – Noel Goyhenetche, excused

Beti Gazte – Kristiane Bizkarra, excused

**Club Delegates**

Alkartasuna (Rock Springs)

Martin Goicoechea

Anaitasuna Basque Club (SF)  
Basque Educational Organization (BEO)  
Basque Museum & Cultural Center  
Basque Club of Utah

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Boise State Basque Studies  
Center for Basque Studies, Reno  
Chino Basque Club

Colorado Euskal Etxea  
Elko Euskaldunak  
Euskaldunak Quebec  
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  
New England Basque Club  
Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club  
Reno Basque Club  
San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center  
Santa Rosa Basque Club

Seattle  
Txoko Ono (Homedale)  
Ventura

Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea  
Winnemucca  
Chaffin

Marisa Espinal  
Marisa Espinal  
Patty Miller + proxy  
Mary Gaztambide  
Danny Gaztambide  
Steve Achabal  
Annie Gavica  
Patty Miller (proxy)  
Kate Camino + proxy  
Louise Camou  
Maite Maisterrena  
Mayi Petracek  
Bob Echeverria  
Inaki Elizondo  
Goisalde Jausoro + proxy  
Tony Campos  
Juliet Campos  
Michael Uro  
Maria Toretta  
Teresa Echeverria  
Nagore Goitiandia (proxy)  
Amador Zabalbeascoa  
Victor Olano  
Pierre Etcharren + proxy  
Ander Caballero  
Lael Uberaga  
Alaina Gavica  
Grace Mainvil + proxy  
Kate Camino (proxy)  
Matthew Etchepare  
Jean Pierre Elissetche  
Pierre Etcharren  
Alaina Gavica  
Annie Gavica  
Annie Gavica (proxy)  
Patty Miller (proxy)  
Jose Louis Urrutia  
Maria A. Urrutia  
Nagore Goitiandia  
Mandy

**Proxies for quorum only, no votes:**

New Mexico (Blas Uberuaga)  
New York (Aitzol Azurtza)  
Susanville (Michelle Zubillaga)

Zazpiak Bat (Vancouver) Elena Sommers

### **Guests**

Asier Vallejo, Basque Government  
Benan Oregi, Basque Government  
Ander Caballero, Basque Government  
Mikel Gaztambide, Salt Lake City  
Argitxu Camou, Eusko-Ikaskuntza  
Maialen Zamponi, Eusko-Ikaskuntza  
Matt Hilbish, Winnemucca  
Janice Olano, Los Banos  
Mary Zabalbeascoa, Los Banos  
Joseba Etxari, Euskalkultura  
Inaki Goirizelaia, University of the Basque Country  
Gorane Agirre, University of the Basque Country  
Josu Martinez, University of the Basque Country  
John Mainvil, Ontario

### **On-line Guests**

Technical Difficulties

### **Approval of the February 2014 Minutes**

Marisa Espinal submitted the February 2014 minutes.

- Jean Pierre Elissetche motioned to accept the February meeting minutes.  
Bob Etcheverria seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:** (Grace Mainvil)

Delegates were given the 2014 balance sheet and the profit/loss statements to review. Please see the Facilitator's packet for full details. There were no questions asked by the delegates.

Jean Pierre Elissetche motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.  
2nded by Amador Zabalbeascoa. Unanimously approved.

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

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

Martin thanked Aitor Inarra & Itxaso Cayero for their work as the Euskara Coordinators. Martin mentioned AISA, an on-line Basque program, which is even more basic than BOGA. Martin asked the delegates to encourage their clubs to promote the use of Euskara. There is a need for more involvement from the clubs to emphasize the language, and offer classes.

In the past Izaskun Kortazar was paying for students to attend the Barnetegi and was then reimbursed. We will need to strategize on how to avoid having the coordinators use their own money. Perhaps the Facilitator can purchase tickets

with the N.A.B.O. credit card. We will need to fundraise for Euskara. One idea is to sell T-Shirts.

Aitor Inarra updated the delegates on the Euskara program in the United States. He and Itxaso Cayero are continuing the work started by Izaskun Kortazar. For example they support on-line students who can't attend classes at the euskal etxea through BOGA and AISA. They support the teachers in the euskal etxeak. They will host the 4<sup>th</sup> barnetegi in the United States, in Boise. It was designed for the Euskara Teachers. The purpose was to create more Euskara teachers. One challenge is that most of the students are from the Boise area where there is no need for more instructors.

There will be a Barnetegi in Laskau, this year the instructor speaks English, but unfortunately the students who attend from the United States have not had the minimum skill level necessary to benefit from such an intensive course of study.

Standardization – HABE has developed materials for instruction, Euskara Munduan. Some instructors have developed their own lesson plans. The Euskara Committee and HABE would like to see all of the instructors using the same curriculum. Also all forms are available on google docs for access by program administration.

Expansion - Many more clubs need to support classes in their center. Please let the Euskara coordinators know who would be the Euskara contact for your club. If you don't currently offer Euskara classes at your club, is there a potential teacher in your community who would benefit from attending a barnetegi? There are currently Euskara classes being offered in 9 cities in the United States.

Professionalization – Only a few clubs pay their Euskara instructors. A volunteer system for teaching in some clubs has a few drawbacks. For example, it has been hard to get cooperation on using the standardized curriculum. They would like to see a financial plan to support Euskara.

Cultural Activities – The Euskara Coordinators would like to see more activities that promote Basque at the club level. For example, celebrate Euskara Eguna, Korrika, Eberri Eguna, or Tamborada. They are working on creating a calendar of events that each club could organize in their own community. Some of the clubs without a clubhouse would like to see a virtual classroom in addition to BOGA. These clubs have a hard time finding a reasonably priced space to hold physical classes to engage in conversation. Some delegates suggested collaborating with other cultural centers, churches, or other non-profits for use of space.

**Calendars:** (Mary Lou Urrutia, excused)

The calendars will soon be online for proofreading before printing. It is up to the clubs to let the calendar chairman know if there are any dates that need to be

corrected on the calendar. Please contact Mary Lou for calendars at her new email: [calendar@nabasque.org](mailto:calendar@nabasque.org) or through [Marylou@gracegroup.com](mailto:Marylou@gracegroup.com)

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

Steve Bass requested help from the delegates in spreading the word about the oral history project and encouraging local volunteers to conduct the interviews. Two volunteers, the people making the documentary, "Basques and the Disappearing West," from Los Angeles will be manning a table to record interviews at the convention in Bakersfield. Delegates were asked to send one name from each club to be the point person. They were also asked to send a list of possible interviewees to be trained and those identified to be interviewed, prioritized by age and poor health. People will respond more readily to requests from others within their own community.

Patty Miller reported Pedro Oiarzabal has a release form. Workshops will be held in July to help train people on how to interview. There will also be question guidelines to help conduct the interviews.

Tony Campos asked about University of Nevada Reno scholarships. That money was set-aside for PHD candidates. They must do 2 years of coursework and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be for fieldwork. The person receiving the grant could help with this project during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the grant.

Asier Vallejo outlined the budget for this project. N.A.B.O. (\$7200 euros for recorders and other equipment, this money may be recovered by a grant from the Basque Government), University of Nevada Reno (logistics), University of Duesto (Pedro's time), Basque Government (\$8000 euros), Etxepare Institute funding (\$5000 euros) 4 Coordinators will receive \$1500 each. The rest will be used for travel expenses. This funding is available over two years, but this will continue to be an on-going project. Some people have already been interviewed and those recordings should be digitalized and a copy should be included in the oral history project database.

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@basque.com](mailto:steve@basque.com) or to Patty at [pattyam@basquemuseum.com](mailto:pattyam@basquemuseum.com) you may also send the names of interviewees to [info@nabasque.org](mailto:info@nabasque.org) or [President@nabasque.org](mailto:President@nabasque.org) because N.A.B.O. is keeping a spreadsheet of names to be interviewed.

**Pilota** (Evelyne Etcharren, excused)  
Matthew Etchepare gave the report.

**N.A.B.O. Pilota Finals** will be held in Bakersfield on May 24<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Convention. There will be a Children's Exhibition game during the convention as well. Evelyne Etcharren thanked Dominique Camou, Mike Apessetche, Maite Maisterrena for organizing the children's games and the Kern County Basque Club for hosting.

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

San Francisco would like to hold a children's N.A.B.O. tournament on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If your club needs any equipment or help please contact Evelyne Etcharren at [pilota@nabasque.org](mailto:pilota@nabasque.org)

There is a pilota camp, Perkain, in Aduldes, BeNafarroa for 8 – 15 year olds. There are 3 one-week camps divided by age. It is a five-day sleepover camp. A few kids are going this year. More information will be sent out next year if the response from the group attending this year is positive.

**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. 65 children will participate, 53 from outside of Elko. The cost per child will be \$375.00.

Bob Echeverria asked, "Is it necessary to pay instructors?" How much for instructors? N.A.B.O. has been paying \$1000 for instructors and \$500 for aides since around 2002. Volunteers and camp coordinators are not paid. Steve Achabal asked if the \$1000 fee for instructors was only for those from the Basque Country? The fee includes teachers from the United States as well. While \$1000 may seem high, if you break it down to 80 hours that is about \$12/hr. It is actually less if you consider hours worked on weekends. This stipend is adjusted based on performance for some of the aides.

Bob said Bakersfield did a fabulous job! His grandchildren could not stop talking about it. Maria Toretta said individual members donated money, food, supplies and time. Volunteers are crucial for a successful event.

Teresa Franzoia will be running the camp. 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. Other instructors include: Jesus Larrea, Lisa Corcostegui, and Anita Franzoia. Christian Indaburu and Christian Curutchet from Chino will also be helping at Udaleku in Elko. They were very helpful last year in Bakersfield.

## **Udaleku 2015**

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

## **Udaleku 2016**

Will be in the northern region, which includes: Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Oregon.

Morning Break 9:30 – 9:45

### **Mus:** (Pierre Etcharren)

The Marin Sonoma Basque Club will host this year's finals on May 31<sup>st</sup> in San Rafael, CA. Please let Pierre Etcharren at [mus@nabasque.org](mailto:mus@nabasque.org) 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.

Mayie Petracek asked if there were sources of help for instructing those interested in learning mus in smaller clubs. The N.A.B.O. website has instructions and rules for playing mus. There are also on-line options to learn - [www.ludoteka.com](http://www.ludoteka.com) or for the iphone: usumus.

Jose Luis Urrutia mentioned that currently if you have 21 teams your club can send 2 teams to the finals. He would like to suggest that a club with 18 teams could send 2 teams. This topic was not brought to a vote. An informal show of hands leaves the number of teams advancing to the finals the same.

### **International Mus 2014:**

The International Mus Tournament will be in Cancun, Mexico from October 19 – 25, 2014. It will be at the Moon Palace Golf and Spa 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Beti Gazte**

No report. As there has been no real activity for the past two years the committee is being disbanded.

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

## **Dance**

Please let Lisa Corcostegi know who is the dance instructor at your club.

Asier Vallejo 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. 25 Diaspora + local dance instructors = 40 total participants.

You must be over 18 years old. No upper age limit. However you may not attend Gaztemundu if you have attended in the past. Applications must include a short, 3-minute video. Please send your application to Benan Oregi at Benan-Oregi@ej-gv.es a hard copy via the postal service as well as by email to ensure your application is received by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Basque Government covers all expenses, including airfare, room and board.

**Txerriki Sukalde Txapeldun** (Gratien Etchebehere, excused)

The president mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> annual sausage competition to be held this year in Bakersfield on 5/24/14 at 2 pm. Bring your morcilla/tripotata, chorizo, and/or lukainka.

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

Kantari Eguna 2014 would take place on October 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Iparreko Ibarra picnic and fall N.A.B.O. meeting in Rocklin. All singers are encouraged to participate.

**Education** (John Ysursa, excused)

The delegates were encouraged to read the Education report in the Facilitator's packet and speak with John Ysursa over the weekend if they had any questions. Celebrate + Educate = Perpetuate

**Facilitator's Report:** (Kate Camino)

Kate Camino was able to write a grant for \$1500 to the Nevada Arts Council to help with the cost of travel for the Udaleku instructors.

## **Cultural tours**

Basque Government grants are coming up so please send in your requests to [info@nabasque.org](mailto:info@nabasque.org).

## Astero

There are new subscribers. Let [info@nabasque.org](mailto:info@nabasque.org) know about your clubs events to include in the weekly Astero. Please keep sending information about your clubs events or announcements to be included.

## Website

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](mailto:webmaster@nabasque.org), if you do have a website N.A.B.O. will post a link to your club.

## 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:

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## **Special Presentations**

### **University of the Basque Country**

Inaki Goirizelaia, rector of the University of the Basque Country (UBC), described opportunities for study at the UBC. The UBC is a public, bilingual research University with classes offered in Basque, Spanish and English. It is an important milestone that higher education is conducted in the Basque language. The language cannot be denied once it has reached the university level. The Diaspora may apply directly to the UBC without going through an exchange program. The UBC is open to creating exchanges with other universities

The delegates viewed a short promotional video describing all that the University of the Basque Country (UBC) has to offer. The UBC has 45,000 students and 5000 faculty members and 2000 administrative staff.

The first film made in Euskara (actually made in the United States) was discovered by a graduate student of the UBC, Josu Martinez. The film will be shown later today at the Kern County Basque Club.

### **Kaliforniakoak**

Asun Garikano spoke briefly about the history of Basques in California from the 1500's that she researched for her book, Kaliforniakoak. She discussed some of the early governors who were Basque and Father Lasuen who completed the construction of the California Missions along the Camino Real. She will be speaking later today at the Kern County Basque Club on this topic. Asun, along with several others, will be working on the exhibit of the Basques for the California Historical Society.

### **California Historical Society**

Asier Vallejo updated the delegates that representatives from the Basque Government, Asun Garikano, the N.A.B.O. president, William Douglas, aka Mr. Basque, and Patty Miller, Director of the Basque Museum and Cultural Center met with Artia Hartick, the head of the California Historical Society (CAHS).

There is already much research that has been done about the Basque Diaspora in California; Asun Garikano's books, Pedro Oiarzabal's book, Gardners of

Identity, and the Basque Educational Organization (BEO) has photos and oral interviews archived from the work done for the San Francisco Urazandi book that are available to Pedro Oiarzabal, Steve Bass and Patty Miller for the oral history project or to the CAHS project.

This will be a two-year project that hopes to open in Spring 2016. The CAHS Committee will all be meeting again in October right before the fall meeting in Rocklin and will have an update at that time. There may be another update by the February N.A.B.O. meeting in Salt Lake City.

The exhibit would be housed at the California Historical Society in downtown San Francisco. It would also travel throughout California. It could be displayed at your local historical society rather than your local clubhouse. The CAHS has a budget for exhibits, but we will need to fundraise, around \$100,000.

What would your club membership like to see in an exhibit? What common stories or experiences do we share? For example, who would have records of land ownership by Basques, items brought from the Basque Country, old photos? The space is not very large; we will need to digitize some of the content.

### **Smithsonian Project 2016**

Ander Caballero gave an update. He and Argia Beristain had a teleconference with the representatives from the Smithsonian. 2016 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Folklife Festival. The information will be presented to the Lehendakari, Minister of Culture, etc. next week. A formal Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) should be signed this year. Researchers from the Smithsonian will travel to the Basque Country in 2015. One of the biggest costs will be having about 80 performers, presenters, dantzariak, klika, etc. It may be possible to have in-kind donations. Of the \$2.5 million budget originally proposed, about \$1 million was to cover the cost of these performers. The cost would be split between the Smithsonian and the Basque Government. The hope is to bring the CHS exhibit to the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

It would be an opportunity to showcase Basque food and drink through concession stands. This would be an example of in-kind donations; restaurants and other Basque businesses might see this as a way to support this project. Asier Vallejo mentioned a restaurant that donated 10,000 pintxos to an event in Washington D.C.

### **Basque Government Grants for 2014**

Grant information will be sent out in June. Clubs will have 30 days to submit requests. Due to funding cuts grants will be dispersed three times during the year. 15% will be paid by the fall. The largest portion will be paid out at the very end of January or the beginning of February and the last 10% will be paid after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Individual Clubs have a cap of \$30,000 rather than \$50,000 as in the past. This limit does not apply to N.A.B.O.

If you have any questions about grants please contact Benan Oregi at [Benan-Oregi@ej-gv.es](mailto:Benan-Oregi@ej-gv.es) or Asier Vallejo at [A-VALLEJOITSASO@ej-gv.es](mailto:A-VALLEJOITSASO@ej-gv.es)

## **Old Business**

### **Trainera Project**

Noel Fagoaga from Montreal at Elko had asked for support. Inaki Elizondo gave an update. They are training every Saturday. The Montreal Club is covering the room and board for the trainers. The cost of bringing the trainera instructor from the Basque Country will be \$865. It was unanimously voted on at the Convention in Elko in July 2013 that N.A.B.O. would help support this project by covering the cost of the instructor.

This is different than the Society for Basque Studies project led by Amelia Doyaga and Jose Ramon Zengotitabengoa in 1998. The Amerikatatik Trainera project where the trainera, a gift from the Diaspora was sent all around the Basque Country and remained at the Maritime Museum in Donostia.

### **Euskalkultura.com**

Joseba Etxarri gave a brief description of the website and the updates that will be happening on social media with more available in English. Joseba asked that people please share your clubs events, information, and even obituaries with Joseba to post in Euskalkultura.com Please send it to [info@euskalkultura.com](mailto:info@euskalkultura.com)

Ander Caballero mentioned the Delegate of the Basques Country bulletin that also gathers and sends out information from the Basque country and Diaspora. Please contact Ander at [andertxu@hotmail.com](mailto:andertxu@hotmail.com) or [usa@ej-gv.es](mailto:usa@ej-gv.es) if you would like to receive their ebulletin.

Lunch Break 1:00 – 2:15

### **Fund for start up events**

There has been no meeting yet of the Start-Up Committee, which will be created with Steve Achabal, Mayie Petrcek, Nagore Goitiaindia, Argia Beristain, the N.A.B.O. president, 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](mailto:president@nabasque.org)

### **Finance Committee**

The president would like to create a finance committee to look at investing our savings. Matthew Etchepare suggested the Committee be the Investment Committee rather than Finance. When asked about maturation dates for current accounts Grace Mainvil informed the delegates that she had been using Wells

Fargo as that was where she had been authorized to do business. The current percentage rate for N.A.B.O. CD's is very low. Grace has been actively looking for better rates for the N.A.B.O. accounts. Nagore Goitiaindia mentioned looking at other non-profits and what investment strategies they utilize. Per Asier Vallejo as long as all finances are reported investments would not impact grants from the Basque Government. The delegates inquired what had happened to the finance committee proposed at earlier meetings. It never got off the ground. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact Valerie Arrechea at [president@nabasque.org](mailto:president@nabasque.org)

- Bob Etcheverria motioned to create a committee and have the committee come up with a proposal by the fall meeting for approval by the delegates. Kate Camino 2nded. Unanimously approved.

## **New Business**

### **Euskal Diaspora**

Argitxu Camus and Maialen Zamponi presented on Eusko Diaspora. It is a project sponsored by Eusko Ikaskuntza, Baiona to create an information and exchange platform between the Basque Country and its worldwide Diaspora. The logo is Munduan (world-wide) Har(give) Eman(take) har-eman = connection. Some of its services include: free accommodation network (home exchanges, etc.), internship opportunities around the world, help and advice for students, companies, universities, cultural or social organizations for cooperative projects. Please visit their website for more information, [www.eusko-diaspora.com](http://www.eusko-diaspora.com) Information is available in English, Basque, French, and Spanish.

### **Fall Meeting**

Colorado has offered to host the 2015 N.A.B.O. fall meeting. Mayie Petracek invites all of the delegates to come to Denver. There are now direct flights from Bakersfield and San Francisco to Denver. They are planning fun activities for the delegates, like a walking tour of old downtown Denver. Mayie will have more information by the February N.A.B.O. meeting in Salt Lake City.

### **Elections**

Guests at the meeting were thanked for attending the summer meeting and invited to adjourn. The president thanked all of the officers and committee chairmen for all of their hard work. The president opened the floor for nominations. No nominations were forthcoming.

- Mayie Petracek made a motion that if no one wants to step down the current officers remain in their elected positions. 2nded by Amador Zabalbeascoa. Motion carried.
- Tony Campos motioned to close the nominations. 2nded by Bob Etcheverria. Motion carried.

Grave Mainvil remains the Treasurer and Valerie Arrechea remains the President.

**Questions or Announcements:**

The president asked the delegates to go back to their clubs and generate ideas for how they see the relationship between their club and N.A.B.O. What areas are working? What areas need work? What would they like to see happen in the next few years? Please be prepared to discuss this at the fall meeting in Lincoln.

**Iparreko Ibarra's (Rocklin) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Michael Uro invited all of the delegates to attend the fall meeting in Lincoln, CA, which will be hosted by the Iparreko Ibarra Club in conjunction with their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, annual picnic, Kantari Eguna, and a mus tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**Future Meeting Schedule:**

2014

Fall: Rocklin, October 11<sup>th</sup>

2015

Winter: Salt Lake City, usually February

Summer Convention: Boise, ID in conjunction with Jaialdi

Fall: Denver, Colorado

**Future Convention Dates:**

2016: Washington DC

2017: Chino, CA

2018 Winnemucca, NV

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