

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2017
Salt Lake City, Utah

The President called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Welcome by Rhonda Spivey, the President of the Basque Club of Utah. She and Cirbie Sangroniz welcomed the N.A.B.O. delegates and informed them about the day's events.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
Vice-President – Mary Gaztambide, excused
2nd Vice-President – Pierre Etcharren
Treasurer – Mayi Petracek
Secretary – Marisa Espinal
Facilitator – Kate Camino
Webmaster – Lisa Corcostegui
Euskara Coordinator – Aitor Inarra

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused
Cultural Loan – Steve Achabal, excused
Education – John Ysursa
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea, excused
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre, excused
Music – Caroline Chiramberro, excused
Dance – John Ysursa
Pilota – Teresa Iparraguirre, excused
History – Patty Miller, excused
Txerriki – Gratien Etchebehere, excused
Kantari Eguna – Noel Goyhenetche, excused & Becky Sarratea-Murphy, excused

Club Delegates

Anaitasuna Basque Club (SF)	Marisa Espinal + proxy
Basque Educational Organization (BEO)	Marisa Espinal + proxy
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Cindy Schaffeld
	Annie Gavica
Basque Club of Utah	Cristina Sangroniz
	Christina Echeverria (proxy)
Big Horn Basque Club (Buffalo)	John Camino

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Boise State Basque Studies Program
Cenarrusa Foundation
Center for Basque Studies, Reno
Colorado Euskal Etxea

Elko Euskaldunak Club

Euskal Lagunak (Mt. Home)
Gooding Basque Club
Iparreko Ibarra (Rocklin, CA)
Lagunak Las Vegas Basque Club
Los Banos Basque Club

Marin Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskalduna (Gardnerville)
Oinkari Basque Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center
Santa Rosa Basque Club
Susanville Basque Club
Txoko Ono (Homedale, ID)
Zazpiak Bat Reno Basque Club
Zazpiak Bat (Vancouver)

Proxies for Quorum only

New Mexico

On-line Guests

Technical Difficulties

Guests

Joseba Etxarri, Euskalkultura.com
Intza Balenciaga, Intern from the Basque Government in Boise
Imanol Galdos, City Hall, Donostia, Basque Country
Inaki Arrieta Baro, Basque Library, Reno
Sonia Castanon, Salt Lake City

Approval of the October 2016 Minutes

Mick Camino
Ricardo Yanci
Geneva Ayarra
John Ysursa
Cindy Schaffeld (proxies)
Kate Camino + proxy
Mayi Petracek
Christine Jauregui
Bob Echeverria
Mercedes Mendive
Goisalde Juasoro + proxy
Asun Bedialauneta + proxy
Pierre Etcharren (proxies)
Cindy Schaffeld (proxies)
Mikel Zabalbeascoa
Jean Arambel
Pierre Etcharren + proxy
Jean Pierre Elissetche (proxies)
Marie Monasterio Luper
Alex Wray
Lisa Corcostegui
Maria Tipton
Jean Pierre Elissetche + proxy
Pierre Etcharren + proxy
Annie Gavica + proxy
Maurice Goni
Cindy Schaffeld (proxies)
Enrike Corcostegui
Marisa Espinal (proxies)

Blas Uberuaga

Marisa Espinal submitted the October 2016 minutes.

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

There was a request to have the agenda, financials, and minutes sent out earlier.

Treasurer's Report: (Mayi Petracek)

Delegates were given the 2016 balance sheet and the profit/loss statements to review. The statements reflect activity from January through December 2016. Line items with an E in front are Educational Funds and line items with an N are NABO General Funds. Please see the Facilitator's packet for full details.

Mayi Petracek will email a side-by-side comparison of the 2015 & 2016 financials. Noticeable differences include reduction in Aita Tillous Fund for use by NABO member groups to participate in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Also NABO did not receive the anticipated amount in grants from the Basque Government. (Thefunds from the 2015 grants arrived in 2016)

Finance/Investment Committee

Mayi Petracek has formed the Finance Committee. Currently committee members include: the Treasurer, Mayi Petracek, the President, Valerie Arrechea, Peio Urrutia from the Ventura Basque Club, and Victor Olano from the Los Banos Basque Club, If you are interested in being part of the committee it is preferred you have a background in finance. The finance committee is working on: creating a list of grants available, noting the IRS classification of clubs, and looking for sustainable funding for Udaleku, outside of Basque Government grants. A survey will be sent to clubs to help assess the true cost of hosting the camp.

If any one is interested in the Finance/Investment Committee please contact Mayi at Treasurer@nabasque.org

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AmazonSmile.com is a fundraising website operated by Amazon which gives .5% of the purchase price to the eligible charitable organization of your choice. Most of the same items available on Amazon are available on AmazonSmile. You can use your existing Amazon account. Simply select **Educational Fund of North American Basque Organizations Inc.** at checkout. There is no cost to customers (you) or NABO. For more information please see the handout in the Facilitator's packet.

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

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea, excused, Aitor Inarra)

Aitor Inarra reported on the number of clubs with Basque classes in 2016. There were 12 clubs offering Euskara classes with 17 teachers. The Iparreko Ibarra Club in

Rocklin has been using Skype very successfully with their teacher, Esther Ciganda, in the Basque Country.

A teacher workshop will be held in Boise on March 11-12, 2017. There was discussion of alternating the teacher workshop every other year to another location, possibly in Reno.

Elko is holding classes for youth every Sunday in Euskara and culture.

If you are interested in being on the Euskara Committee please contact Martin Goicoechea at bertsolari@nabasque.org or Valerie Arrechea at president@nabasque.org

Please be sure to support your clubs efforts to maintain the Basque language and Culture.

Calendars: (MaryLou Urrutia, excused)

We are looking for members for the Calendar committee. It is too big a job for one person, especially the proofreading. Mary Lou Urrutia will be remaining as the committee chairman. Cindy Schaffeld and Annie Gavica had volunteered to chair the calendar committee with the help of the Basque Museum and Cultural Center. They were thanked for their willingness to take on the project, but we will stay with a committee format for 2017. We look forward to the Museum participating on the committee.

The deadline for submission of photos and dates of your club events for the 2018 calendar will be May 1, 2017. The goal is to have them ready by mid-July.

The price of calendars for clubs remains \$5.00 each. Online orders are \$7.00 to help cover the cost of shipping and PayPal. This does not cover the true cost.

- Motion by Pierre Etcharren to sell 2017 calendars online for \$10.00. Amended to raise the price in 2018 to \$10.00 to cover shipping costs.
2nded by Bob Echeverria. Unanimously approved

Please contact Mary Lou for calendars at calendar@nabasque.org and cc treasurer@nabasque.org for billing purposes. They may also be purchased directly through the NABO website via PayPal.

History (Pedro Oiarzabal, excused)

Please see Facilitators packet for full report.

Pedro Oiarzabal is the Chair of this committee because the Etxepare Basque Institute, which is housed at the University of Nevada Reno Center for Basque

Studies, selected him as the Jon Bilbao Chair. There is a formal agreement between the Basque Government, the Etxepare Basque Institute, and NABO.

There was a question raised about whether the Basque Museum should take over this project because they have funding through the Angeles Arrien Foundation for this project and are able to complete interviews with paid personnel while other clubs are reliant on volunteers to conduct interviews.

Memoria Bizia (Patty Miller, excused)

The Basque Museum has a project on Basque musicians and another is being developed on Basques in the Military.

We are looking for a new project coordinator for this committee. Please contact Valerie Arrechea or Kate Camino if you are interested in volunteering on this project. They can connect you to those who are already actively interviewing so you can have a better sense of what is involved with conducting interviews at your club. You can send the names of the contact for your club or the interviewees to info@nabasque.org or president@nabasque.org because N.A.B.O. is keeping a spreadsheet of people to be interviewed and the interviews completed.

Pilota (Teresa Iparraguirre, excused)

The NABO Finals will be held on September 2, 2017 in Chino and will be played on a trinquet

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Udaleku 2017

Udaleku 2017 will be in Chino June 25 – July 7, 2017. It will be a southern California effort with help from the Ventura and Southern California Basque Clubs and the Chino Basque club hosting. Camp will be held at the Chino Fairgrounds.

Registration opens at 6 pm, PST on March 1st. There will be one application per family. The cost of camp will be \$450.00. Those in financial need should apply for the Aita Tillous Scholarship Fund. Attendees must be 10 years old by September 1st.

Bob Echeverria congratulated the Basque Club of Utah on their hosting of the 2016 Udaleku. Five of his grandchildren attended and they all gave positive feedback. The president echoed Bob's thanks.

Kate Camino is applying for a three-year grant to help cover the cost of instructors for Udaleku through the National Endowment of the Humanities Grant focusing on community building. Nevada qualifies as an at risk state. Children from Nevada benefiting from Udaleku would be a qualifying component.

Udaleku 2018

Reno, Nevada

Udaleku 2019

San Francisco, CA

Udaleku 2020

Boise, Buffalo Region. The Boise delegates reminded NABO that this falls on a year that Jaialdi will be held and that it would be difficult for them to do both.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren)

Please submit your clubs 2017 winners and number of players as soon as possible after you hold your tournament. If you have more than 21 teams you can send two teams to the finals. NABO Mus earned over \$11,000 in dues in 2016. This will help cover the cost of hosting the International Mus this year. The club whose players win the Mus Finals hosts the Finals the following year.

The **2017 NABO Mus Finals** will be held at the Campos Farms on Saturday, June 10th, in Caruthers, (near Fresno) CA.

Junior Mus (Gina Espinal, excused)

The 2017 Junior Mus Tournament will be held on Friday, July 21st in Buffalo, Wyoming. Possibly at the Hampton Inn. Please submit your team's names to Gina at gespinal@sbcglobal.net by June 30th, and she will let you know the location of the tournament.

International Mus:

Future International Mus Dates

The **2017** International Mus Tournament will be in the United States. This is our 6th time hosting the International Mus Finals. Plans have not been finalized yet; it will be in California, a combination of San Francisco & Chino. It will start with the Basque Cultural Center Festival on August 26, play some games during the 4 days in San Francisco and then finish the week in Chino with the Chino 50th Anniversary and picnic. The cost is prohibitive because hotels, transportation, and excursions in CA are expensive. They are anticipating 14 teams to participate from 12 countries. Euskadi, Spain, France, Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Argentina, United States, Australia, Venezuela, and Canada. Last years winners send two teams and NABO, as host, sends two teams.

2018 No host yet.

2019 Argentina will host the International Mus Tournament.

Each country pays \$1500 to support the International Mus Finals. Each country also brings gifts for all of the players and delegates. NABO gives a calendar and in the past has also given NABO watches, cowboy hats, and sheep wagons.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Pierre Etcharren at mus@nabasque.org. For more information see the www.globalmus.com website.

Music (Caroline Chiramberro, excused)

Klika Exchange with Aldude in 2018. The sheet music will be up online. Current and past Klika members are invited to participate.

Txerriki Sukalde Txapeldun (Gratien Etchebehere, excused)

The 2017 lukainka, chorizo & morcilla/tripotata contest will be held on Friday July 21st in Buffalo, WY. This is where the first txerriki sukalde txapeldun was held.

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

Kantari Eguna will be held in conjunction with the Mendiko Euskalduna Picnic in Gardnerville in August.

Dance (John Ysursa)

NABO will once again be hosting dance workshops in the spring, possibly into early summer. These will include educational elements. Inaki Goirizelaia, former Rector of the University of the Basque Country, will be on sabbatical at Boise State and will be facilitating the dance workshops. As mentioned above this will not simply be about dance instruction, but will also include the history and importance of the specific dances. Please let John know if your club would be interested in having Dr. Goirizelaia host a dance workshop. johnysursa@boisestate.edu The cost to interested clubs would be room and board and possibly a travel stipend.

Lisa Corcostegui pointed out that on the NABO website you can find past dance workshops, music, steps, and videos. Go to nabasque.org, click on the Activities tab, then Dance, and then choose from the drop down menu what you are interested in, costumes, kids dances, etc.

Hezkuntza/Education (John Ysursa)

Celebrate + Educate = Perpetuate.

Basque Studies Programs are now not just at Boise State and University of Nevada, Reno, they can also be found at the following Universities: UC Santa Barbara, Amherst, MA, and Columbia University in New York. For a full list of Basque educational opportunities go to nabasque.org, click on the Activities tab, then Education, and then choose from the drop down menu what you are interested in, University level, Exhibits, etc.

Scholarships

Pete Cennarusa supported the founding of the Basque Studies Program at Boise State. They will now be able to offer a scholarship. This year it will be the Jim Juasoro Scholarship and next year will be the Pete Cennarusa scholarship.

California Historical Society

This project is on hold. There were some miscommunications between all of the parties involved. Much work was done on the history of Basques in California for this project. It may yet move forward to include Basques in the west.

Please contact education@nabasque.org and NABO will be able to help you with resources for the educational topic that your club is interested in showcasing.

Cultural Aide Loan (Steve Achabal, excused)

The Cultural Aide Revolving Loan (CARL) is up and running the application is available on the NABO website. There have been no applicants as yet.

If you are interested in being on this committee or would like more information please contact the chairman, Steve Achabal, at loan@nabasque.org.

Facilitator's Report: (Kate Camino)

Errebal will perform in Reno, Buffalo, and Boise from July 15-31. Kate Camino is working on a grant to help defray from the costs to clubs for hosting the dance/music group. Errebal is Gari Otamendi's group. He taught at Udaleku in Boise and Elko.

Webmaster

Lisa Corcostegui would like to remind everyone that each club has a page on the NABO website. She is happy to update your page with photos or contact information if you send it to her. She will include a link to your club's website if you have one.

Astero

Please add NABO to your club's newsletter mailing list so we can include your club's events in Astero. Please send your event information to info@nabasque.org Please send pictures when your club hosts a NABO event such as Kantari Eguna, Mus, Txerriki, etc. These are great to post on the website and are helpful for grant justifications.

Basque Government

See NABO Committee reports for more information. There was a letter of introduction from Gorka Alvarez Aranburu, the new Director for the Basque Community Abroad included in the Facilitator's Report.

Basque Government Grants 2016

NABO will receive about \$70,000 from the Basque Government. This is double the amount we received last year.

Basque Government Intern

The new intern to the United States at Boise State is Intza Balenciaga.

Break 9:50 – 10:10 am

Old Business

Smithsonian Sign Storage

Sam Zengotitabengoa and Inaki Arrieta Baro, Basque Library, Reno have been coordinating on shipping the signage to Reno from Washington DC. We will receive the invoice when we receive the items.

Buffalo is holding the convention Friday, 7/21 – 24/17

John Camino reported on the schedule of events. The NABO meeting will be Friday, 7/21 at the Hampton Inn. The Junior Mus Tournament will also be Friday afternoon. There will be a fundraiser selling sheep wagon stoves with proceeds going to the local food pantry on Friday night right after the lukainka & tripota contest. The parade is Saturday and a dance at night. Sunday is the Mass and convention activities in the park. Monday is the Mountain tour (fishing, eating, and mus).

They would like dance clubs and Klika's to perform. Contact buffalobasque@gmail.com as soon as possible.

The rooms are booking fast. For hotel or general information see the website www.BigHornBasqueClub.org The closest airports to Buffalo are Sheridan, Casper or Gillette.

If you or your club would like to put an advertisement, memorial, story, or photos in the souvenir booklet/program contact Jennifer@buffalobulletin.org as soon as possible.

New Business

Bizi Emankorra

Bizi Emankorra is an award to recognize a person who has made significant contributions to NABO and/or who have given extraordinary commitment to Basque culture in the United States; i.e., they have contributed beyond their own local Basque community.

The 2017 nominees were:

Jean Flesher – a self-taught musician who has worked to perpetuate Basque music and dance in the United States since the age of 16. After providing music for the Utah'ko Triskalariak dancers, he put together a band locally that would play at Basque events across the country. Jean was instrumental in getting the Buffalo Basque Dance group off the ground. He continued to support the buffalo Basque

club by attending and providing entertainment at their annual picnic. Today, Jean is mentoring a new generation of Basque musicians carrying on the tradition of the great icons in Basque music, Jimmy Jausoro, Bernardo Yanci, Jean Iribarne, and the like.

Nancy Trevino – served as NABO Secretary under Mary Gaztambide from 2004 – 2009. She was very involved in her local Basque Club in Salt Lake City, also serving as secretary there from the late 80's until about 1992. She was a dedicated dance mom and followed the Utah'ko Triskalariak dancers on their travels performing at various venues.

KBBS Basque Radio Program – was an hour-long radio show every Sunday out of Buffalo, Wyoming. Its opening line, "One hour of music, news, messages, and views sponsored by, and for, Basque people of the area," said it all. Over the 40 years of the program 1957 – 1997 several Basques would help Jeanette Esponda Maxwell, station owner, commentate on the program. The only surviving commentator is Rosita Maya, who still resides in Buffalo. The program relied on the donations from local Basques to keep it going, as well as the generosity of Jeanette herself, and her commitment to keeping the program on the air. Jeanette referred to KBBS as Buffalo Basque Station Beyond keeping everyone informed about local news, the program served to perpetuate the Basque language in Buffalo and the surrounding area. It was originally designed to ease the isolation felt by the sheepherders.

Jean Escoz & Alberta Escoz – Long time NABO delegates from Buffalo. They have been active in their club and always supported NABO activities.

- Mayi Petracek motioned to close the nominations and award the Bizi Emankorra to Jean Flesher, Nancy Trevino, the KBBS radio program (Jeanette Esponda & Rosita Maya), and Jean & Alberta Escoz. 2nded by John Yursa. Unanimously approved.

The Bizi Emankorra winners will be presented with their plaques at the NABO Convention in Buffalo. The winners will be listed in the Convention Booklet.

Annie Gavica mentioned there have been other radio stations that have had Basque programs. They are currently being showcased at the Basque Museum & Cultural Center. Here is a link -

http://basquemuseum.com/collections/music?field_music_state_value_many_to_one=All&tid=6100

Guests

Joseba Etxarri, euskalkultura.com

Joseba reported on the efforts of euskalkultura to disseminate Basque cultural events throughout the Diaspora over the past 15 years. Please add the euskalkultura email, etxarri@euskalkultura.com to your mailing list so they can receive your newsletter and keep abreast of your activities. They would appreciate receiving pictures with brief notes describing your events as well.

There is an "In Memory of" section on Euskalkutura.com where you can update about members of your local community who are no longer with us. Euskalkultura would be happy to receive donations to continue their work.

- Geneva Ayarra motioned to create a formal acknowledgement of the collaboration between NABO and euskalkultura.com 2nded by Lisa Corcostegui. Unanimously approved.

Inaki Arrieta, University of Nevada, Reno Jon Bilbao Basque Library

Inaki Arrieta reported on the library's efforts to make the materials more available. They are switching the cataloging system to be more aligned with the main library at UNR. They will have an intern from the Basque Government to help with this project. The NABO archives are housed at the Jon Bilbao Basque Library. They would like to know what records the clubs have, newsletters, photos articles of incorporation, etc. Inaki also asked about a contact from your club with whom to collaborate. Any items given to the library become the property of the Library, however the clubs will have full access.

Questions or Announcements:

NABO Survey

NABO will be sending out a survey to see how your club is supporting Udaleku. Do you send a donation to NABO? Does your club give scholarships to the children participating? Both? NABO is trying to assess the true cost of hosting Udaleku. They are trying to determine in-kind donations and/or direct donations by hosting clubs to help the Finance Committee determine the fee for attendance at Udaleku.

The government of Vizcaya has asked NABO to gather information on whether the Smithsonian Folklife Festival showcasing Basque culture has brought more traffic to your websites or other social media. There will be questions about this in the survey as well.

Clubs who receive funds for Euskara will be asked to indicate how the financial support is being utilized.

Atlanta Basque Club

There will be a new Basque Club in Atlanta. It is filing the paperwork required to be recognized by the Basque Government. Someone from Atlanta will try to come to the NABO Convention in Buffalo.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2017

Summer Convention: Buffalo July 21 – 24, 2017

Fall: Montreal, October (around Columbus Day)

2018

Winter: San Francisco, usually February
Summer Convention: Winnemucca, NV
Fall: Rocklin, usually October

2019

Winter: Salt Lake City, usually February
Summer Convention: Kern Co for their 75th Anniversary
Fall: Mountain Home, Idaho

2020

Winter: San Francisco, usually February
Summer Convention: New England, 10th Anniversary
Fall: Rocklin, usually October

Future Convention Dates:

2021: Elko

2022: San Francisco

2023: Los Banos or Chino (55th anniversary)

2024: Kern County, 80th Anniversary

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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