



The North American Basque Organizations, Inc.

A Nevada Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes – Winnemucca, Nevada
Friday, June 8th, 2018

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM by the President. Maureen McDonald, president of the hosting club (Winnemucca Euzkaldunak) welcomed delegates to the Basque festival on behalf of the Basque club and the city of Winnemucca.

II. Introduction & Roll Call

A. OFFICERS

President – Annie Gavica
Vice-President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
Treasurer – Mayi Petracek
Secretary – Lael Uberuaga
Facilitator – Kate Camino
Webmaster – Lisa Corcostegui
Euskara Coordinator – Aitor Inarra

B. COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia
Cultural Loan – Steve Achabal, excused
Education & Dance – John Ysursa
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea & Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren & Gina Espinal-Aguerre (Junior Mus)
Pilota – vacant chair
History & Memoria Bizia – Patty Miller & Pedro Oiarzabal (both excused)
Txerriki – vacant chair
Kantari Eguna – Becky Sarratea-Murphy (excused) & Noel Goyhenetche

C. CLUB DELEGATES

Alkartasuna Basque Club of Southwest Wyoming	Mikaela	Goicoechea
Alkartasuna Basque Club of Southwest Wyoming	Martin	Goicoechea
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Gina	Espinal-Aguerre
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Marisa	Espinal

Basque Club of Utah	Cristina	Sangroniz Padjen	
Basque Club of Utah	Jean	Flesher	
Basque Educational Organization	Marisa	Espinal	
Basque Educational Organization	Philippe	Acheritogaray	
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Cindy	Schaffeld	
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Patty	Miller	
Big Horn Basque Club	Katie	Fennema	
Big Horn Basque Club	Sara	Goni	
Cenarrusa Foundation	Gloria	Totoricaguena	(+1 proxy)
Center for Basque Studies (Reno, NV)	Kate	Camino	(+1 proxy)
Chino Basque Club	Denis	Petrissans	
Chino Basque Club	Johnny	Plaa	
Colorado Euskal Etxea	Mayi	Petracek	(+1 proxy)
Elko Euzkaldunak Club	Bob	Echeverria	
Elko Euzkaldunak Club	Mercedes	Mendive	
Euskal Lagunak (Mountain Home, ID)	Cindy	Schaffeld	Proxy for Goisalde Jausoro
Euskaldunak Danak Bat (Winnemucca, NV)	Mike	Errea	
Euskaldunak Danak Bat (Winnemucca, NV)	Paige	Brooks	
Euzkaldunak (Boise)	Argia	Beristain	
Euzkaldunak (Boise)	Ricardo	Yanci	
Fresno Basque Club	Jean Pierre	Etchechury	(+1 proxy)
Gooding Basque Association	Asun	Bedialauneta	(+1 proxy)
Iparreko Ibarra: Northern Valley Basque Club, Rocklin	Noel	Goyhenetche	(+1 proxy)
Kern County Basque Club	Valerie	Arrechea	Proxy votes for Louis Iturriria and Maria Toretta
Lagun Onak Las Vegas	Argia	Beristain	(+1 proxy)
Los Banos Basque Club	Victor	Olano	(+1 proxy)
Marin-Sonoma Basque Association	Pierre	Etcharren	
Marin-Sonoma Basque Association	Valerie	Arrechea	
Mendiko Euskaldun Kluba, Gardnerville	Anita	Izoco	(+1 proxy)
New England Basque Club	Noel	Goyhenetche	Proxy votes for Juan Mari Aramendi
New Mexico Euskal Etxea	Lisa	Corcostegui	Proxy votes for Blas Uberuaga
Oinkari Basque Dancers	Jaclyn	Lasuen	
Oinkari Basque Dancers	Marie	Monasterio	
Ontario, Oregon Basque Club	Frank	Yraguen	
Ontario, Oregon Basque Club	Lisa	Corcostegui	
San Francisco Basque Club	Jean Pierre	Elissetche	
San Francisco Basque Club	Valerie	Arrechea	
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center	Philippe	Acheritogaray	
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center	Pierre	Etcharren	

Santa Rosa Basque Club	Susan	Gavica	(+1 proxy)
Southern California Basque Club	Christian	Indaburu	
Southern California Basque Club	Mike	Aguerre	
Susanville Eskualdun Inc.	Erinn	Zubillaga	
Susanville Eskualdun Inc.	Maurice	Goni	
Txoko Ona Basque Club	Gloria	Lejardi	(+1 proxy)
Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea	Samine	Irigoién	(+1 proxy)
Zazpiak Bat Reno Basque Club	Dominika	Zubillaga	
Zazpiak Bat Reno Basque Club	Enrike	Corcostegui	
Zazpiak Bat Vancouver	Philippe	Acheritogaray	<i>Proxy votes for Elena Sommer and Johnny Ugalde</i>

D. GUESTS

Inaki Arrieta, Reno Basque Library
 Joseba Etxarri, EuskalKultura.com
 Iñigo Medina, Basque Government
 Joe Nemeo, Ardi Baltza
 Benan Oregi, Basque Government

E. CLUBS ABSENT

Battle Mountain Oberenak
 Basque Studies at Boise State University
 Euskal Etxea of Miami
 Euskaldunak: Quebec
 Euzko Etxea (Brooklyn, NY)
 Oberena (Los Angeles)
 Seattle Euskal Etxea
 Ventura County Basque Club

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Corrections for the previous minutes (2018 San Francisco Winter) are listed below:

- The minutes mentioned appendices (see Appendix A, see Appendix B, etc.) but appendices were not included in the PDF. The appendices will be added to the those minutes and made available via the NABO website.

Mayi Petracek moved to approve the 2018 Winter Minutes. Bob Echeverria seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report and Financial Snapshot

Mayi Petracek gave the financial snapshot and Treasurer's Report. NABO has 43 clubs and all but four clubs (Miami, Battle Mountain, New York, and Seattle) have paid annual dues for this year. There are

6,554 total club members as part of NABO. There are four pilota organizations as part of NABO, and all four have paid their annual dues for this year.

We received another donation for the Grace Mainvil memorial.

100 calendars were given away as int'l mus gifts. We are seeing an increase in online sales.

Mayi gave a brief overview of insurance changes. She noted that NABO's insurance premium has increased this year (from \$395 to \$650).

As delegates know, there are opportunities for financial assistance through various NABO programs. Mayi noted to delegates that the Finance Committee (composed of Mayi Petracek, Valerie Arrechea, Victor Olano, Philippe Acheritogaray and Pello Urrutia) was asked to absorb the responsibilities of financial assistance. If someone in your clubs needs financial assistance for Udaleku or other programs, please inquire with the Finance Committee. The Committee takes financial privacy very seriously and will keep financial information confidential.

Noel Goyhenetche had a question about Udaleku scholarships. There are some clubs that already give donations, and he asked if the Udaleku committee checks on club donations as part of evaluating financial assistance. Valerie Arrechea responded that yes, the Udaleku committee takes into account any funds that clubs already give to students when considering additional financial assistance.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

See delegate packets for Finance report. Mayi addressed Finance questions in the Treasurer's Report section of these minutes.

B. Calendar

Mary Lou has moved to using Google Docs for calendars. Previously the "online price" was \$7 per calendar, but at the 2017 Winter meeting a price increase was approved, so the online price will be \$10 moving forward to cover shipping costs.

With Philippe Acheritogaray's help, we have included promotion of Basque movies in the calendar. The 2019 calendars should be ready by mid-August 2018.

C. C.A.R.L.

Steve Achabal noted in his committee report that New England Basque Club was approved for C.A.R.L. funds to help fund their Basque Fest 2018. The funds will serve to place a deposit for permits, insurance, and advertising which will be held on June 23, 2018. Steve also noted that he will be stepping down as Committee Chair. Annie Gavica expressed thanks for Steve's service as Chair for the last few years.

D. Education

John Ysursa did not attend the meeting, so Annie Gavica gave the Education report (See committee reports for details).

E. Euskara

The Euskara report was presented by Aitor Inarra, NABO Euskara coordinator. Aitor shared a PowerPoint presentation with delegates that reported how Euskara programs are going in US and Canada.

There was a question about whether there is a library of teaching materials that Euskara teachers can use across years or across instructors so as teachers change, Euskara students will still have a consistent learning experience. Aitor responded that there are some old materials from HABE available, and there are also items on the NABO website

Aitor then presented a proposal to delegates about a Temporary Teaching Program for Euskara. The program would bring teachers from the Basque country to a NABO member club. The member club would design the program they wanted, and NABO would help finance. Aitor requested that delegates vote to approve the pilot program. Some discussion followed.

There were questions from delegates about various aspects of Aitor's proposal, regarding: visas for the potential teachers (it would be a tourist visa since they would be unpaid volunteers), NABO's liability and/or insurance responsibilities (teachers could optionally get traveler's insurance and NABO could help finance).

Mayi Petracek suggested they just start with 1 teacher to minimize initial investment and see where it goes.

Gloria Totoricaguena said that before voting yes, she would like to see a documented proposal that legally protects NABO from liability.

Gloria Lejardi had questions about what the teachers would do to support themselves financially while they volunteer at the clubs for several months. Aitor answered that each club will need to consider that and send a proposal before they will authorize the money. Jean Pierre Etchechury suggested that NABO just give the money to the clubs and let the clubs pay for the plane tickets.

Motion 1: Martin Goicoechea moved to authorize \$6200 from the NABO Euskara account (\$1400 per teacher maximum) for round trip plane tickets for 4 teachers. The money will be paid directly to the clubs who will be hosting the teachers. Bob Echeverria seconded. 51 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion approved.

Motion 2: Cindy Schaffeld amended to reduce the amount to a plane ticket for 1 person (not 4). Marisa Espinal seconded. 3 in favor, 52 opposed. Motion denied.

Annie thanked Aitor and Martin for their hard work on this proposal, and with championing Euskara through their work on the Euskara committee.

F. Facilitator/Webmaster Report

Kate Camino, NABO facilitator, is in the process of justifying grants. NABO has also recently been awarded a Nevada Humanities grant of \$4,750. Kate noted to delegates that she is always happy to help

delegate clubs in any way possible, especially those in Nevada because of her familiarity with Nevada grants.

Please continue sending information to Astero, so we can spread the word about Basque club activities all around NABO. We're in the process of digitizing all NABO meeting minutes. We currently have all minutes from 2002 onward but are working to digitize all minutes.

We just received a great batch of 2018 Mus Finals photos from Sam Snodgrass, which will be posted on the NABO website after this meeting.

G. Euskal Kantari Eguna

Note: the printed delegate packets don't contain Kantari Eguna, but the digital packet does. Annie read the official written committee report to the delegates, noting that the 2018 Kantari Eguna will be hosted by Los Banos Basque Club on October 20, in conjunction with the Fall NABO meeting and the Los Banos Fall Family picnic. Victor Olano added that the Los Banos club is very excited to host Kantari Eguna this year and will have an informational packet out soon.

H. Memoria Bizia & History

Patty Miller gave an overview of the History report from the delegate packet. Please see report for history project updates from Nevada, Idaho, and Utah. Three history-related projects are currently in progress, including the Basque Museum & Cultural Center's *Basque Community History Project*; *Inner Strength: Portraits of Basque Immigrant Women* Exhibit; and *History of the Western Range Association*.

Patty emphasized that they are always looking for additional oral history volunteers to join the team. Volunteers are especially needed in California (Susanville, San Francisco, Stockton, Fresno, Los Banos, Chino, Santa Barbara, etc.) to be liaisons. These liaisons wouldn't have to conduct the histories themselves, just be a local point-of-contact. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Patty.

Patty also gave an update on the *Hidden in Plain Sight: The Basques* exhibit that premiered in 2010. It is now available as a mobile exhibit and is very versatile in how it can be installed. It is free to use (clubs only pay transportation costs). The mobile exhibit is here at the Winnemucca Convention Center this weekend if you want to go take a look.

I. Mus

2018 NABO Mus Finals: Pierre reported that the 2018 Mus finals went very well. Tournament playoffs began in January. 619 teams participated in the Mus playoffs at 29 clubs, and 45 teams qualified for the finals. Finals were held on June 2 in Homedale, ID. The winners of the Final were players from Reno that played for the Santa Rosa Basque Club of Paradise Valley, NV. Pierre thanked all the organizers of the tournament. The meals were great, everything was set up for them and the tournament ran smoothly. He also thanked Euzkaldunak of Boise for providing transportation from Boise to Homedale at no charge to the players.

Mus Rules: Jean Flesher brought up a question/concern about the rules changes, and wanted to bring it up on the floor of the NABO meeting for discussion. Rule number 7 states that you must count your cards right when they are dealt, and if you discover a mis-count later on, the hand of the person holding the incorrect number of cards does not count. Jean's opinion is that this rule provides an opportunity to

cheat. **Jean moved to go back to the the old way of dealing with this issue. Mike Aguerre seconded.**

Pierre Etcharren responded that this rule currently mirrors the International Mus rules. He wants to give a chance to all the clubs to weigh in before the vote is conducted, so he recommended that the vote be tabled until the next meeting to give clubs a chance to vote.

Gina Espinal noted that this exact situation (rule 7) happened in the National tournament and when it happened, everyone was ok with re-dealing instead of disqualifying the hand. Gina requested that this formal rule change get written up and proposed to the delegates at the next meeting. **Valerie Arrechea moved to table the rule change until the Fall Los Banos meeting, with written rule change sent out before the next meeting. Enrike Corcostegui seconded. 53 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion approved.**

Noel Goyhenetche expressed appreciation about the new rule regarding teams moving tables between games (see committee reports for details). He noted that there were some problems with this at his club's tournament and having the rule in place was helpful.

There was a question about financial costs for the International Mus tournament. The decision is that NABO will pay travel and lodging for the participating team (2 players), as well as 2 delegates (Mus Chair, plus someone he selects).

Gloria Lejardi had a question from the Hometown club. They have been told before that there is some NABO financial assistance for the club that hosts the NABO Mus Finals, but there is no written policy and they would like a policy to refer to. Mayi Petracek took an action item to work with Pierre to develop a written reimbursement policy to be used at the next national tournament.

J. Junior Mus

Gina Espinal, Junior Mus Chair, reported that there were unfortunately no participants in the Junior Mus tournament this year. She thanked Winnemucca for being willing to provide a playing space for the tourney, and thanked clubs who have had local tournaments.

K. Pilota

Since there is no NABO Pilota chair, Annie Gavica summarized the Pilota committee report (see report in delegate packet.) The 2018 NABO pilota finals will be held in San Francisco at the Basque Cultural Center on Saturday, August 25 in conjunction with their August Jaialdia. The 2019 NABO pilota finals will take place in Bakersfield, CA on Saturday May 25th, in conjunction with the 2019 NABO convention and the Kern County Basque Club festival.

L. Txerriki

Since there is no NABO Txerriki chair, Valerie Arrechea gave a quick summary on txerriki in NABO. The Txerriki contest started in 2011 at the summer NABO convention in Buffalo, WY. This year, we have 3 tripota, 2 chorizo, and 2 lukainka participants signed up so far. This weekend's contest will be in the alley of the convention center, and winners will be announced at 4pm.

M. Udaleku & Music

Valerie Arrechea and Kate Camino gave an update on Udaleku 2018, which will be held July 8th – 20th in Reno. There will be 101 applicants this year. Reno hosts were very accommodating and were able to

make enough room in hosting families to accept all applicants. Special thanks to Dominika Zubillaga for working tirelessly coordinating lodging.

We received donations from the Gardnerville club, Susanville club, Basque Cultural Center, and individual donors for a total of \$2,800 in donations for Udaleku this year.

As a side note from Udaleku, there was mention of putting together a potential costume-making workshop. This would be geared for people who already know how to sew (bring your own sewing machine). We would go over different parts of making a Basque costume. If anyone is interested, please talk to Lisa Corcostegui or Valerie Arrechea. November sometime, probably in San Francisco.

VI. Presentations

A. Eusko Jaularitza / Basque Government

Benan Oregi & Iñigo Medina from the Basque Government were in attendance. Inigo has started his Basque Government internship in Reno, NV.

Benan reminded delegates that Gaztemundu 2018 is coming up and the deadline to apply is June 18, 2018. This year's topic is Basque dance instruction, and the last day to apply is June 18, 2018. The "dance" theme happens every four years and historically one that generates more U.S. participation than the other themes.

Benan asked that if clubs have plans for Day of the Diaspora on September 8, to please share those plans with him or Iñigo so they can spread the word. The Basque Government will be creating a worldwide "agenda" that will publicize the events that all the clubs are carrying out. They are seeking to add Day of the Diaspora education to school curricula in the Basque Country.

They also gave an update on the mid-World Congress meeting that was held in San Francisco in February 2018. There was a gathering of World Congress delegates from the North American region. Annie added that she has also asked NABO committee chairs to include in their committee reports what they hope to accomplish in the future with the committee, and that information will get compiled into a general NABO "5 year plan" that will be shared with delegates in case they have any additions, and the final draft will be shared with the Basque Government as a sample of the long-term goals of NABO.

B. Presentation - Iñaki Arrieta Baro

Iñaki Arrieta Baro of the John Bilbao Basque Library at the University of Nevada gave a short Powerpoint presentation about the Archival Collections at the library. The library now has 93 archival collections. They have received material and artifacts donated from Basque families in Nevada (notably Anita Anacabe and the Frank Begon collection).

C. Joseba Etxarri - euskalkultura.com

Joseba Etxarri of www.euskalkultura.com gave delegates an overview of Euskalkultura. They recently received the news of a decreased operating budget from grants, and are trying to reorganize their structure based on the reduced budget. Joseba asked that all clubs continue to send notes, events, news to info@euskalkultura.com.

Joseba also mentioned that there is a new hotel called Unanue opening up just outside Donosti. It's a building that was built in the 1400's, located inside a nature reserve. It will be themed to the Basque Diaspora. Feel free to contact Joseba for more information.

VII. Old Business

A. Carmelo Urza Scholarship Committee

Kate updated delegates about the first winner of Carmelo Urza scholarship, which was first mentioned at the fall Montreal meeting. There were 3 applicants, all members of Basque clubs, and the winner was Kali Kester from Battle Mountain.

The next scholarship deadline (for the Spring 2019 award) is November 1, 2018. The deadline pattern will likely be April 1 of each year for fall term award, and November 1 of each year for spring term award. As a reminder, students need to already be enrolled in a USAC program to apply. Any student from a USAC consortium school is eligible. If anyone is interested in being part of this scholarship evaluation committee, please contact Kate.

B. Investment Committee Charter

Mayi reminded delegates that the establishment of an Investment Committee charter was a suggestion from the winter 2018 NABO meeting in San Francisco. The Finance committee met and researched charter best practices, and created a charter.

Mayi reviewed the Investment Committee Charter with delegates, and asked for delegate approval. ***JP Elissetche moved to approve charter. Bob Echeverria seconded. Unanimously approved.***

C. Committees Bylaws proposal from Winter 2018 meeting

Philippe Acheritogaray, the chair of the Bylaws Special Committee, reviewed the results of the committee's work between the winter 2018 meeting and today, and presented the committee's recommendation. See delegate packet for the proposed text.

Gloria Totoricaguena presented an alternative proposal from the Cenarrusa Center for Basque Studies. It differs from the Bylaws Committee proposal mainly in that the members of each committee elect their own committee chair, instead of the chairperson being elected by the Board of Directors (delegates). Both proposals allow anyone to sign up for a committee they are interested in, and outside people can be in a committee (with committee member approval).

There was further discussion about the differences between the two proposals, how other clubs appoint committee members/chairs, and how people can currently join NABO committees. Some delegates felt they needed more time to take the issue back to their clubs in light of this new alternative proposal. ***Cindy Schaffeld moved to table the bylaws proposal until the October meeting. Bob Echevarria seconded. 36 in favor, 10 opposed. Motion passed.***

Delegates are urged to read the two proposals in detail, discuss with your club, and be prepared to vote at the Fall 2018 meeting.

D. Bizi Emankorra bylaws proposal

At the San Francisco winter meeting, Philippe Acheritogaray brought forward a motion from the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center to add a "section 12" to the NABO bylaws that states: "The NABO Bizi Emankorra, also known as the NABO Lifetime Contribution Award, is awarded to persons who have made significant contributions to NABO. Nominations are presented no later than the winter meeting by general members through their voting representatives, and approved with a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The award is generally presented at the NABO convention." *Philippe moved to accept the wording as section 12 of the bylaws. Cindy Schaffeld seconded. Unanimously approved.*

E. Bizi Emankorra Award Follow-Up

At the San Francisco winter meeting, Isidro Etcheto was nominated for the award, but he has already received it (2011). Jerry Etcheverry will still be presented with the award this weekend as previously discussed.

VIII. New Business/Announcements

A. Club Application – Ruby Mountain Ardi Baltza

Kaia Memeo and Francie Mendive briefly joined the meeting to speak on the background of the Ruby Mountain Ardi Baltza group. Their overall mission is the preservation of Basque culture by keeping it relevant and incorporating contemporary elements. There are three main Ruby Mountain Ardi Baltza programs: They are 1) a community group, similar to a regular dance group that is open to all members, 2) Kontolari, a storytelling and folklore performance ensemble, and 3) a band that plays music at Basque festivals. The club's home base is Kaia's house in Lamoille, Nevada. Basque ancestry is not required for membership. The Ruby Mountain Ardi Baltza corporation (Nevada) is a charitable tax-exempt organization under IRS section 501(c)(3).

Kaia Memeo and Francie Mendive thanked the NABO clubs for inviting their dance group to perform at various Basque festivals. They are now seeking to join NABO in order to take advantage of NABO's resources and support.

During the lunch break at the meeting, a small group of delegates (Cindy Schaffeld, Philippe Acheritogaray, Bob Echeverria, Noel Goyhenetche, Mercedes Mendive, and Cristina Sangroniz) volunteered to convene and evaluate the Ruby Mountain Ardi Baltza's application and give their recommendation to the rest of the delegates for approval.

After lunch the small group, who reviewed the

After lunch, the small group presented their recommendations. The group did not approve Ardi Baltza for NABO membership because the paperwork Ardi Baltza presented isn't complete. They recommended that Ardi Baltza fill out the rest of the paperwork, and re-apply to NABO again with the complete paperwork. As of this moment, their application to NABO is incomplete.

B. Elections

Elections for NABO President were held first. Annie reminded delegates that they received nominations via email in April— one nomination for President (Philippe Acheritogaray) and one for Treasurer (Mayi Petracek). They both accepted their nominations.

There was then discussion about nominating someone on the floor during the meeting. There was an approved motion at the 2016 Winter (San Francisco) meeting that nominations must be received by delegates no later than two months prior to the summer meeting. There was also an approved motion at the 2016 Winter meeting to change the by-laws so that no nominations may be accepted from the floor the day of the meeting, but as of June 2018, that change is not reflected in the by-laws on the website.

Mike Aguerre nominated Jean Flesher for President. Jean respectfully declined the nomination.

Valerie Arrechea moved to close nominations for President. Bob Echeverria seconded. Unanimously approved.

There was only one accepted nomination for President (Philippe Acheritogaray) and only one for Treasurer (Mayi Petracek).

Jean Pierre Elissetche moved to accept Philippe Acheritogaray's nomination for N.A.B.O. President of the Board of Directors. Christian Indaburu seconded. Approved with one dissenting vote.

Jean Pierre Elissetche moved to accept Mayi Petracek's nomination for N.A.B.O. Treasurer. Cindy Schaffeld seconded. Unanimously approved.

Jean Flesher moved that if a current elected officer intends to not run again, they notify the delegates of that decision in time for others to be nominated (within 2 months). Philippe Acheritogaray seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. Club Contact Information on www.euskaletxeak.net

Benan Oregi urged clubs to update their contact information on www.euskaletxeak.net. To be eligible for grant funding, every club must be registered with current contact information. Benan will send registration instructions to the NABO Secretary for distribution. It's very easy to register. Kate Camino added her agreement about the importance of registering because the Basque Government has leverage on any NABO program involved with NABO funding. She also encouraged all clubs to register, or if already registered, update their information.

D. Other Announcements

Ander Caballero resigns from Basque Government position

Ander Caballero, Delegate of the Basque Country to the US, joined the meeting briefly via teleconference. He announced to delegates that he would be resigning his position as in the Basque Government, effective immediately. He was very honored to have gotten to know so many wonderful Basque Americans during his time at the Basque government.

Letter from Jose Mallea

Lisa Corcostegui read a letter from Jose Mallea to the delegates. In the letter he discusses that he is writing a book and has already interviewed several American Basques. He is looking to potentially partner with an entity to publish the list of Basque names, but is aware of potential privacy issues of publishing names publicly or on the internet.

Soka exhibit about Basque dance

There is a Basque dance exhibit called “Soka” that is making its rounds with Basque clubs. It is an interactive exhibit (80x80 meters), and is in English, Basque, French and Spanish. Montreal is planning to bring it to their club, and hopefully it will go to other Basque clubs in 2019. If any club is interested in bringing this exhibit to their own club, please contact Noel Fagoaga from the Montreal club. There was discussion about smaller clubs desiring to host the exhibit, but there could be a barrier to entry since many small clubs don't have a clubhouse of their own. In that case, clubs could talk to their city, public libraries, museums Catholic churches, or other entities in their towns that they could partner with to borrow the physical space for the exhibit.

Presentations to Annie & Lael plagues of the NABO year of service

Kate Camino presented plaques to Annie Gavica, outgoing President, and Lael Uberuaga, outgoing Secretary, for their year of service to NABO.

E. Incoming President's Items

Philippe Acheritogaray as incoming President asked delegates for permission to start gathering information about the items he had in his presidential nomination letter. ***Jean Flesher moved to approve topics. Mayi Petracek seconded. Unanimously approved.***

Philippe nominated Kate Camino as incoming secretary. Kate accepted. ***Jean-Pierre Etchechury moved to approve Kate as Secretary. Jean Flesher seconded. Unanimously approved.***

Philippe then suggested the need for NABO bylaws cleanup, which he discussed in his nomination letter.

Valerie Arrechea moved to create the “Bylaws Normalization Committee” to review existing 14 amendments to the bylaws and create additional amendment recommendations based on the motions that have been approved in the minutes. Seconded by Katie Fennema. Unanimously approved.

Volunteers to participate on the Bylaws Normalization Committee are: Valerie Arrechea, Philippe Acheritogaray, Frank Yraguen, Kate Camino, and Gloria Totoricaguena. ***Cindy Schaffeld moved to make Frank Yraguen the chair of the Bylaws Normalization committee. Gloria Lejardi seconded. Unanimously approved.***

F. Future Meetings

Euzkaldunak in Boise would like to host the Fall 2023 meeting and the Summer 2025 Convention in conjunction with Jaialdi 2025.

IX. Adjourn

Cindy Schaffeld moved to adjourn meeting. Mayi Petracek seconded. Unanimously approved to adjourn.