

NABO MEETING

July 21, 2006

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall
Buffalo, WY

President Mary Gaztambide called the Summer NABO meeting to order at 8:35a.m. She welcomed everyone to the NABO Convention in Buffalo. Mary asked all the delegates to introduce themselves and report on their club/organization's activities for the last five months. The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Alkartasuna SW Basque Club
Anaitasuna Basque Club
Basque Educational Organization

Basque Club of Utah

Basque Museum & Cultural Center
Big Horn Basque Club

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.
Center for Basque Studies

Cenarrusa Center for Basque Studies
Chino Basque Club
Colorado Euskal Etxea

Elko Basque Club
Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Fresno Basque Club

Homedale Txoko Ona
Marin-Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Mountain Home Basque Club

Oinkari Dancers

Martin Goicoechea
Gina Espinal
Franxoia Bidaurreta
Esther Biddaurreta
Nancy J Trevino
Jean Gaztambide
Jill Aldape
Alberta Escoz
Johnny Esponda
Ricardo Yanci
Kate Camino
Argitxu Camus Etchecopar
Jill Aldape
John Ysursa
MaryAnne Carricaburu Matassa
Michael Matassa
Bob Echeverria
Jerry Etcheverry
Susan Gavica
Josephine Arriet
Tony Campos
Ricardo Yanci
Linda Etcheverria
Teresa Fernandez
Anita Izoco
Ramona Larrea
Joe Lasuen
Jill Aldape
Annie Gavica

Ontario Basque Club
Reno Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center
Seattle Basque Club
Southern California Basque Club

Grace Mainvil
Linda Barrenchea
Ken Barrenchea
Jean Pierre Elissetche
Pierre Etcharren
Dan Pradere
Mike Aguerre

Officers

President – Mary Gaztambide
V-President – Pierre Etcharren
V-President – Bob Echeverria
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Nancy J Trevino
NABO Facilitator – John Ysursa

Committee Chairperson

Valerie Arrechea – Udaleku (excused)
Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia (excused)
Video – Jesus Pedroarena (excused)
Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea
Mus–Victor Esain
Pelota – Maurice Negueloa (excused)
Web Site – Philippe Acheritogaray (excused)
Aurrera Goaz – Anita Anacabe Franzoia (excused)
History – Gloria Totoricaguena (excused)

Guests

Juliet Compos – Fresno Basque Club
John Mainvil – Ontario Basque Club
Alana Gavica – Winnemucca Basque Club

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:

Basque Educational Organization/Philippe Acheritogaray to Franzoia Biarritz
Basque Educational Organization/Yvonne Hauscarriague to Esther Biddaurreta
Basque Museum & Cultural Center/ Patty Miller to Jill Aldape
Boise Euzkaldunak Inc/Ysabel Bilbao to Ricardo Yanci
Elko Basque Club/A.T. (Anita) Anacabe Franzoia to Robert Echeverria
Homedale Txoko Ona Club/Tony Uranga to Ricardo Yanci

Homedale Txoko Ona Club/John Legardi to Ricardo Yanci
Ontario Basque Club/Liza Corcostegui
Seattle Basque Club/Toni Sabarots to Dan Pradere
Southern California Basque Club/Dominic Etcheberria to Mike Aguerre
Southern California Basque Club/Randy Gariador to Mike Aguerre
San Francisco Basque Club/ Valerie Arrechea to Jean Pierre Elissetche

Welcome

Johnny Esponda, Buffalo Basque Club President welcomed everyone to the Buffalo and the NABO Convention. He also announced the activities of the weekend.

Minutes

Bob Echeverria motioned that the minutes for the San Francisco meeting be approved without any correction. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Grace Mainvil provided a copy of a detailed treasurer's report to all delegates. Grace asked the delegates to review the report during the meeting. Questions and discussion would take place at the end of the meeting.

The following are the NABO account balances:
(Includes checking, savings and CD's)

General Account Funds:	\$12,529.97
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 1,325.52
Mus Account Funds:	\$73,676.21
Educational account Funds:	\$78,259.67
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 700.04
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 2,917.31

Review of Roberts Rules

Mary Gaztambide and John Ysursa presented an abbreviated review of Roberts Rules. John proposed the following rules that are adjusted to work for NABO:

1. Invited speakers and agenda items would be given an allotted amount of time to speak The NABO President would assign the speaker their

allotted time and they would need to stay within that allotted time and finish by the end of the time.

2. Delegates can speak on any matter for five minutes.
3. If either the invited guest or the delegate goes past their allotted time, the NABO President has to call for a floor vote to decide if the delegates want the speaker to continue. The floor vote has to be approved by 51% of the delegates in order for the person to continue. If the vote is not approved, then the president must tell the speaker that their time is up.
4. A delegate or the NABO president could propose that a discussion on a topic be ended. The president would call for a vote. This would also require a 51% approval vote of the delegates. With a 51% approval vote, we would move to the next subject.

The motion was discussed and it was voted to approve the motion. It was also decided that the motion would officially go into effect at the Gardnerville meeting but at the meeting today the delegate would try to use it. It was also motioned that the NABO President should purchase a "Speaker Timer" so that the NABO speaker would receive a warning when they are at the end of their allotted time and when their time is up. This also passed.

NABO Facilitator Report-John Ysursa

John gave his facilitator report using power-point. His detailed report is posted on www.basque.us.

John started his report with three items he would like to happen with NABO:

1. **He wants to propose not impose.** It will not work if people think that only the things that John wants to happen can be done. He encourages the delegates to make proposals and suggestions for what should happen in NABO. He does have some proposals for NABO. But many of the proposals were suggested to him by others.
2. **He is seeking collaborators.** In order for things to work, others need to get on board and participate. His title is facilitator but he can not do everything. NABO will start dying if only one person does everything. NABO's great strengths have always been the efforts of grassroots.

- 3. He wants to “Charge-not drain-batteries”** One the priorities of going to a NABO meeting should a time some great ideas and charge our batteries. Then the delegates can go back in their communities to try to make it happen.

John made the following proposals:

Agenda for NABO Meeting in Garnerville

Motion: At the Gardnerville meeting, the morning NABO meeting will be for a brief overview of essentials. We have to go through the introduction, approve the minutes, review the financial reports and any critical item in the morning. Then the rest of the morning and afternoon sessions will be given over to presentations and committee work regarding the formation of a 15 year plan for NABO and our Basque Communities.

Why: Now is the time to be planning for the future as our Basque American community transitions from the generations of immigrants to American-born Basques taking on leadership roles. By merging the youth director’s workshop with our NABO meeting, we assemble some of the key ingredients for formulation a viable plan for the future.

The motioned was seconded and approved.

North American Summit

A motion was made to create a NABO delegation who would meet with the Mexico and Canada delegates. It was proposed that, if the arrangements could be made, the NABO delegation, consisting of John Ysursa, Anita Anacabe Franzoia and the President of NABO would go meet in Chino in September for this North American Summit. After some discussion, this motion was seconded and passed.

Since the grant money for this North American Summit must be spent by December, 2006 so if it does not work out for Chino in September, another time will be set.

Below is a summary of the items covered on the facilitator’s report:

Promised Projects for July 2006:

Hizketa-NABO newsletter

Elko Udaleku

Elko Kantari Eguna

Cenarrusa Ctr. Basque Studies: workshop set for July 27-28

BarnetgiaTunes for dance groups CD for Youth Directors
Instructional DVD to learn Basque Dances for everyone
NABO Delegates Handbook sample
BOGA guide Competed for level 1

Other Projects Done/Available

Photo Exhibit
Elkar Ezagutzea: Knowing one another
Astero Weekly Basque Updates
NABO news and calendar
Basque Govt. Programs
Basque Educational Sources
Membership Drive

Promised Projects by October 2006

Youth Directors Workshop:

On October 20 & 21 the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), Basque Studies Center (BSC) and the Gardnerville Club will host the NABO Youth Director Workshop, The Youth Directors for the individual club's will meet the morning of October 20th at the UNR for a morning session followed by lunch and a afternoon session. Friday evening, Juan Antonio Urbeltz an expert in Basque dance folklore, will give a lecture on Friday evening. On October 21, the Youth Directors will join the NABO delegates in Gardnerville for the NABO meeting, where they will contribute to the NABO 15 year plan.

Visiting Basque Chefs:

Funded by a grant from the Basque Government, a pilot program has been set to visit three California Basque Communities with Basque Club Houses.

North American Summit

NABO has been funded, by a grant from the Basque Government to pay to fly to the US, two delegates from the Mexico Basque Club, two delegates from the Vancouver Basque Club and two delegates from the Montreal Basque Club to meet with a NABO delegation. This delegation will discuss the possibility of doing some periodic joint ventures. Such as, NABO sending a charter plan to Mexico to join their 100 year celebration of the Mexico Basque Club. Then in another few years, NABO delegates would go to Canada for one of their celebrations. NABO would also invite Basques from Mexico and Canada to participate in Udaleku and other events. The hope is, if the details can be worked out, to have the Mexico and Canada delegates go to Chino in September.

Visiting Instructors

The first visiting lecturer is Juan Antonio Urbeltz who will be speaking at the Universities of Boise, Reno and Bakersfield

NABO Delegates Handbook-Draft for delegates to vote on
Promoting Euskara-Instructor's material/financial aid/ hosting instructor
Festival Musicians-contact information for local Basque musical bands
Annual selection of NABO Facilitator by delegates (Gardnerville)

Projects in the works and in need of collaborators:

Gaztealdi Summer 2007 for Basques 16 to 20 years old

Kantuketan Exhibit February 2007

Cultural Tours

Youth Directors

Euskara: Barnetegia model/euskararen Eguna workshop for instructors

Hi ere kantari: songbooks

Orhipean-NABO Book

Bertsolartiza: Introduction

Basque Film Series

International Congress--delegates may apply to be one of three delegates by Oct.

Journal of Basque Studies

Denver: Basque Soccer

Old Business:

By-Laws

The sub-committee assigned to research if any changes need to be made to the membership bylaws met and determined that the by-laws did not need to be changed. They will remain the same. Thank you to the members of this sub committee: Valerie Arrechea, Tony Uranga and Xabier Berrueta.

Euskara Report:

Martin Goicoechea reported that the great news is how so many clubs have increase their member in their classes and how many new clubs have started with their classes. Martin thanked John with all his hard work on Euskara. Also the first Euskararen Eguna held in San Francisco was very helpful for Euskara. Many good idea and examples came out of that event and are currently being put in to work. John Ysursa said that the BOGA program is a very effective

program but one of the pieces that are missing is having a manual, a way of tracking where students are in their learning and a way of motivating students to stay with the program. Lisa Corcostegui is currently working on teacher/student manual that will provide a way on paper to keep everyone moving along. The conversation class material should be available in the middle of October according to our coordinator in the Basque Country, Kinku Zinkunegi. It will be a step by step procedure for teaching in the class room. If the materials are available in October, they will try to have the next Euskararen Eguna in November. John and Martin were thinking to have it in Southern California. They hope to be able to introduce the new speaking method at this workshop. Martin will notify everyone by email when and where it will happen. He is hoping that every club will soon hold Euskara classes. Right now there are seven clubs that are holding classes. Martin reminded us that for the culture to survive it is important to keep the language going.

Mus

Victor Esain thanked the Gardnerville Club and the Overland Hotel for hosting the National Mus tournament this year. The 2006 winners, from San Francisco Cultural Center, are Noel Erdozainzy and Raymond Lahargue. They will go to the International Championship in Santiago Chile.

The next National tournament will be held on June 2, 2007 San Francisco.

The 2007 International Tournament will be held in Morocco Spain. In 2008, the tournaments will be held in Uruguay and then in 2009 back in Europe. The next time NABO could hosts the International Mus Tournaments could be as early as 2010 but at this point no one knows.

Gina Espinal reported that the Junior Mus tournaments will be played at the NABO Convention in Buffalo WY on Saturday at 3:00. There will be two clubs playing, Salt Lake and Reno. There were other clubs that would have liked to have sent players but they could not get the players to Buffalo.

At this time there were only five clubs out of the 35 NABO clubs that had the Junior Mus tournament. One suggestion that Gina had was that maybe the tournaments should be held at Udaleku. Gina asked if a club only has one child in their club that plays Mus and wants to participate at the Junior Mus Tournament, if they could pair up with another single player in order to play in the tournament. After some decision, John Ysusra motioned that Gina do what ever she needs to do. The motion was seconded and approved.

Udaleku

Bob Echeverria mentioned that it would have been great to have had at least one person from every club participate in Udaleku. This year's Udaleku was very successful. John and his crew had daily activities planned and everything organized. There was great support from the community for donating the food. The participants had a great time and learned a lot. Their favorite activity was playing Mus. A financial report will be ready by October. Also a report will be put into the Udaleku book. This year the activities, like the dance, that were held in the Elko Basque Center were restricted to Basques only and were not open to the public. It worked out much better this way than in past years.

The 2007 Udaleku will be held on June 17th - 30th at the Basque Cultural Center in San Francisco.

Kantari Eguna

Kantari Eguna was held in Elko, NV on Saturday night, July 1 at 9:00 p.m. in the Elko Basque Center. It was well organized and very successful. It was enjoyed by all those that attended.

The 2007 Kantari Eguna will be held in Gardnerville, NV.

Pilota

Pierre Etcharren reported that the 2006 NABOko Pilota Txapelketa will be in Fresno at Tony Campos's ranch on August 5th.

This year the Basque Government sent over some Basque Pilota instructors that gave pilota camps. The camps were very helpful. NABO would like to have the Pilota camps every year because they were so successful.

Tony Campos reported that every four years the International Pilota has the World Tournaments. This year they will be Mexico and will be played on September 16-22.

Website

John Ysursa reported that the NABO website has been up for several years and there are two ways to get to the site, www.NABO.us and www.basqueclub.com. Both addresses go to the same site. Philippe Acheritogaray is the webmaster. The web site for language is info@euskara.us.

Video

Jesus Pedroarena is in the Basque Country but he sent a report. This report was sent out to all the delegates.

Calendars

Grace Mainvil reported on behalf of Mary Lou Urrutia. Mary Lou sent 25 2007 calendars for the meeting. The 25 calendars that were sent to Buffalo will be sold at the NABO table during the weekend. Those clubs interested in buying calendars can put down their club's name and how many calendars they want to order. Mary Lou will bring the calendars to Gardnerville for you to pick up. This will save the clubs the price of mailing the calendars. The calendars will still be sold to the clubs for \$5.00 each payable to NABO and then clubs can resell them for whatever price they want. If anyone of the clubs wants to prepay for their calendars they can give their money to Grace. Mary Lou again did an excellent job on the calendars.

History

Kate Camino reported that the UNR Library and the Center for Basque Studies had recently hired a new Basque Librarian from the Basque Country. Imanol Irizar. The Center was thrilled to have him as their librarian. Gloria Totoricaguena had great hope for him to work on the NABO archives and the history project. Unfortunately, it was discovered that he had rare cancer and he had to return home to the Basque Country.

There is nothing to report on the history project but please keep track of the items that are needed for this project. The library is still working on the archives project but the history project will wait until a new Librarian is found.

Kate also reported on the Center for Basque Studies was not able to hold the Ikasi program this last year because they only had one Ikasi professor on campus this summer. They are hoping to hold it this next year. They are planning a special edition Ikasi program and center it on the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the book Sweet Promise Land by Robert Laxalt. The Center is planning to have the Ikasi program in 2007. It is a great program to learn about Basque culture, language, food, history, music, dance language and many other things. It usually last for three days.

Bertso Book

As John indicated the sale of the Bertso Book has been slow. John and Martin hope to start a new advertising campaign that will increase sales. Martin Goicoechea reported on the Bertsolariak trip to New York and their performance at the United Nations. For their performance, they took suggestion from the audience for their topics. They were the only group that used the improvisational method. They receive a lot of respect for their performance. The trip was a great success.

Bizi Emankorra Award

Mary Gaztambide announced that the Bizi Emankorra awards will be given to Grace Mainvil and Pierre Etcharren at the San Francisco meeting in February. Normally the awards are given at the NABO convention but there was a request made that they be given in San Francisco so that family members could be present.

Aurrera Goaz

Anita Anacabe Franzoia is in the Basque Country so not report was given.

Club Reports

The following clubs gave reports:
Mountain Home Basque Club

No club reports will be given at the fall meeting because NABO delegates will be working on the formation of a 15 year plan for NABO and our Basque Communities.

Next club reports at the Winter/Spring meeting in San Francisco:
Ontario Basque Club

Treasurer's Report Approval

Grace Mainvil explained the Treasurer's Report. For reporting purposes, in the future Grace will separate the Euskara account from the educational account on the Treasurer's Report. Bob Echeverria asked Grace to change the Udaleku Account Expenses note to read Elko Udaleku instead of Elko Basque Club since the shortfall was in the Elko Udaleku account not the Elko Basque Club account. Grace will make this change. Bob also mentioned that when everything is finalized for the 2006 Udaleku account, there will be more money

in the account then was there before the 2006 Udaleku. Grace agrees that this is very good.

The last account Grace explained was the Jean Leon Iribarren Memorial Fund. She explained that she has not check with the NABO accountant to see if and when the current funds in this account can be transferred to the Pilota Account because they charge \$200 or \$300 an hour for answering questions. She will wait until submit she submits the NABO accounts for the end of year accounting and ask the question then. She hopes they will not charge too much at that time for the question. Grace can not the account be changed without getting advise from the accountant because it is a memorial account and there are tax implications.

Grace has also included an inventory list of all the equipment that NABO has and a list of all resell items that NABO has along with all the different books and song books that NABO has is listed on the report.

Grace also noted that she has a new email address. Her new address is gracem@usfamily.net.

Ken Barrenchea motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

John Ysursa asked for a committee of volunteers to brain storm ideas for creating the plan for the October meeting. John announced that Valerie Arrechea and Anita Anacabe Franzoia are already on the committee. Jill Aldape, Kate Camino, Michael Matassa and Ricardo Yanci all volunteered to be on the planning committee. This group will assist John in brainstorming ideas for planning for the Youth Directors workshop and the NABO 15 Year plan.

Mary announced that the next item of business is elections. The positions that were up for re-election are the president, the vice president and the treasurer. Mary Gaztambide had submitted a nomination to remain the president and Grace Mainvil had submitted a nomination to remain the treasurer. Bob Echeverria was nominated by Teresa Fernandez to remain as the second Vice President. No other nominations were submitted. Pierre Etcharren motioned that the nominations from the floor be closed. The delegates voted to keep all three in their current positions. Mary Gaztambide will remain the NABO President, Pierre Etcharren will remain the First Vice President, Bob Echeverria

will remain the NABO Second Vice President and Grace Mainvil will remain the NABO Treasurer.

Mary mentioned that the meeting San Francisco will be on Friday, February 16, 2007.

Future Meetings

Fall Meeting 2006 in Gardnerville, NV on October 21, 2006

Winter/Spring Meeting 2007 in San Francisco in February 16, 2007

NABO 2007 Convention in Winnemucca, NV in June, 2007

Fall Meeting 2007 in Denver CO in August, 2007

Winter/Spring Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT in February, 2008

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Echeverria to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

