

NABO MEETING

October 21, 2006
Overland Basque Restaurant
Gardnerville, NV

President Mary Gaztambide called the Fall NABO meeting to order at 8:35a.m. She welcomed everyone to Gardnerville and gave a special welcome to Benan Oregi and Andoni Martin from the Basque Government. She also welcomed Elena Sommer and Jon Laurenz as delegates from Vancouver Canada, Jean-Claude Elissalde as a delegate from Montreal, Canada and Eduardo Ormaechea and Begona Jauregi as delegates from Mexico City. Mary then welcomed the group of Youth Directors that were representing their individual clubs.

Mary stated that NABO would like to get a list of names of the individual clubs' contact person. She called the names of individual clubs and the clubs that were represented at the meeting gave their contact person. John Ysursa gave each club a folder that the delegates can put handouts in from the NABO meetings and then present the information to their club directors. Names and email addresses of the contact for each club and organization should be submitted to Nancy J Trevino at ntrevino@sa.utah.edu

The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

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

Chino Basque Club
Elko Euzkaldunak Basque Club

Euskal Lagunak Club

Delegate

Gina Espinal
Philippe Acheritogaray
Esther Bidaurreta
Nancy J Trevino
Jean Gaztambide
Delfina Krakau
Teresa Fieldgrove
Tina Rozales
Ricardo Yanci
Ysabel Bilbao
Gloria Totoricaguena
Argitxu Camus Etchecopar
John Ysursa
Bob Echeverria
Teresa Francoia
Josephine Anchustegui
Gina Gridley

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Euzko Etxeaf New York
Fresno Basque Club

Iparreko Ibarra Sacramento
Los Banos Basque Club

Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Oinkari Dancers

Ontario, Oregon Basque Club

Reno Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Seattle Basque Club

Society of Basque Studies

Southern California Basque Club
Ventura Basque Club

Jerry Etcheverry

Susan Gavica

Anna M. Aguirre

Josephine Arriet

Tony Campos

Yvette Soroberry DeGuero

Jean Pierre Petrinon

John Alfaro

Teresa Fernandez

Anita Izoco

Delfina Krakau

Annie Gavica

Grace Mainvil

Lisa Corcostegui

Linda Barrenchea

Ken Barrenchea

Valerie Arrechea

Jean Pierre Elissetche

Johnny Curutchet

Xabier Berrueta

Amaya Michelena

Danielle Uberuaga-Bock

Emilia Doyaga

Anna M. Aguirre

Mike Aguerre

Jose Urrutia

Officers

President – Mary Gaztambide

V-President – Pierre Etcharren (excused)

V-President – Bob Echeverria

Treasurer – Grace Mainvil

Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

NABO Facilitator – John Ysursa

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia

Video – Jesus Pedroarena

Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea (Excused)

Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea

Hizketa – John Ysursa

Mus–Victor Esain

Pelota – Maurice Negueloa (Excused)
Web Site – John Ysursa
Aurrera Goaz – Anita Anacabe Franzoia (Excused)
History – Argitxu Camus Etchecopar

Guests

Benan Oregi – Basque Government
Andoni Martin – Basque Government
Elena Sommer – Zapiak Bat Vancouver Canada
Jon Laurenz – Zapiak Bat Vancouver Canada
Jean-Claude Elissalde – Euskaldunak Quebec Canada
Eduardo Ormaechea – Euskaletxea Mexico City
Begona Jauregi – Euskaletxea Mexico City
Juliet Compos – Fresno Basque Club
John Mainvil – Ontario Basque Club
Frances Pedroarena - Gardnerville
Alise Cendagorta – Basque Club of Utah Youth Director
Franxoia Bidaurreta – San Francisco
Pedro Olarzabal - Reno

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:

Basque Educational Organization/Yvonne Hauscarriague to Esther Bidaurreta
Basque Museum & Cultural Center/ Patty Miller to Delfina Krakau
Elko Basque Club/A.T. (Anita) Anacabe Franzoia to Teresa Franzoia
Big Horn Basque Club/John Esponda to Teresa Fieldgrove
Big Horn Basque Club/Jean Escoz to Tina Rozales
Euskal Lagunak Club/Ramona Larrea to Gina Gridley
Southern California Basque Club/Dominic Etcheberria to Mike Aguerre
Southern California Basque Club/Randy Gariador to Mike Aguerre

Welcome

Basque Club Teresa Fernandez, President of the Mediko Euskaldun Basque Club welcomed everyone to Gardnerville. She also announced the activities of the weekend.

Minutes

Corrections to the Buffalo meeting minutes were to correct the spelling of the name Franxoia Bidaurreta for the proxy from the Basque Educational Organization and that the Future meetings indicated that the fall, 2007 meeting

would be held in Colorado, but this location had not been confirmed. It was motioned that the minutes for the Buffalo be approved with the noted corrections. 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.

The following are the NABO account balances:

(Includes checking, savings and CD's)

General Account Funds:	\$13,337.16
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 108.49
Mus Account Funds:	\$66,091.93
Educational account Funds:	\$37,446.43
Euskara/HABE Account	\$12,493.41
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 7,700.04
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 3,268.87

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Old Business

Selection of the NABO Facilitator

Mary Gaztambide announced that the NABO Facilitator position had been posted and only one application had been received. The application was for John Ysursa. Bob Echeverria nominated John Ysursa for the position of NABO Facilitator for the year 2007. The nomination was seconded. A vote was taken and John was vote in to continue as the NABO Facilitator for the next year. Mary asked the delegates to give John a big Thank You for the work John has put into NABO.

New Business

Emilia Doyaga from the Society of Basque Studies in America announced that the 26 Basque Hall of Fame will be held on November 11 in San Francisco. Those that will be honored will be Franxoa Bidaurreta, Johnny Curutchet and Frederic Fuldain. Emilia also announced that April 26, 2007 is the Seventy Anniversary of the Bombing of Gernika. Mark Kurlansky who wrote The

Basque History of the World has proposed that Basque Clubs have an event that week and let the world know what happened 70 years ago. He has also proposed that we use the Picasso picture of Guernica as an icon to help to get the word out.

Xabier Berrueta proposed that NABO join as a charter member of the newly formed World Pilota Council. With approval from NABO, it will be integrated by NABO, FEVA and The Euskadi Federation of Basque Pilota and its mission statement says it will promote Pilota as a sport through training activities, competition, and research and through any activity which benefits the game of Pilota in general. It will be a non-profit organization. The only cost is membership fees which have not been determined. The proposal was seconded. After discussion the proposal was accepted.

Philippe Acheritogaray brought a request to the NABO delegation, to approve to pay for Tim Kahn's travel expenses to Buffalo, WY. Tim showed the movie The Last Link at the NABO convention and sold the DVD's during the convention. These expenses were already presented to the NABO Officers and were refused. To pay travel expenses for the showing of The Last Link was not part of the contract made between Tim Kahn and NABO and a request was not brought to NABO for approval before the Buffalo NABO Convention. The motion was restated and seconded. It was voted on and the motion did not pass.

Udaleku Report

Valerie Arrechea gave Bob Echeverria time to wrap up the Elko Udaleku. Bob did so by presenting a final check to Grace for the 2007 Udaleku.

Valeria announced that there would not be a 2006 workshop for 16 and older kids. She asked for suggestions of a possible location for the 2007 workshop. Please contact Valerie if your club would like to host the workshop. So far she has received only one suggestion for the subject. It is to do a workshop on makil dantzak from each province.

The 2007 Udaleku will be held at the Basque Cultural Center in San Francisco, June 17th through the 30th. It will be the 30 year celebration of Udaleku. Valerie asked about the fee for the 2007 Udaleku. The instructors are in the process of committing to the camp, and it looks like they will be providing quality instruction across the board. Applications will be out in February for Udaleku as well as a list of most frequently asked questions. There will be at least three aide positions available. The deadline for these applications will be May 1st.

Bob Echeverria made a motion that the fee should stay at \$250.00 per person. The motion was seconded and passed.

Since this will be the 30th Anniversary of Udaleku, Valerie would like to find copies of past Udaleku group pictures and complete the collection that is posted on the internet. Photos can be emailed to Etcharren@msn.com

In 2008, Udaleku moves to the Northern NABO region, which consists of the Idaho-Wyoming region. It would be good to know where it will be held by the next meeting.

Facilitator Report-John Ysursa

John gave an up-date of things he has been working on. He has been sending out Astero with Weekly Basque Updates. He spoke of the meetings and events that he and Mary attended in New York City with the Basque Government. He explained why it was important that Basque Clubs submit information about their members and activity. He reminded us that it is important for Clubs to get information to Argitxu Camus Etchecopar, who is writing the book about NABO that will be printed this next year. This is just one of the reasons we are asking for all clubs/organization to give us their contact person's information, so we can stay in contact with the clubs. He reviewed the need NABO has to create a four-year plan and how at this meeting we will be working on this plan. John reported that by Christmas, the three current web addresses for NABO will become one address. That address will be NABO.us.

In April the Basque Government will be holding their International Basque Congress. NABO will be sending three delegates to participate in the Congress. Soon NABO will post an application on the website so the NABO delegates and can apply to be one of three delegates. More information will be on the website.

John introduced the visiting delegates who were present from Canada and Mexico. There were two delegates from the Mexico City Basque Club, two delegates from the Vancouver Basque Club and one delegate from the Montreal Basque Club. Everyone was encouraged to get to know the delegates and share ideas.

College Lecture series is one of the ways that NABO hopes to be more visible. This week UNR hosted the first lecture. Juan Antonio Urbeltz gave a very interesting lecture on Basque folk dance. It was very successful.

The Youth Director had their first meeting the day before and they will be meeting again after lunch. So this group is coming together and making process.

In the afternoon, NABO delegates will work on the NABO 15 year plan. Check the website for more information on many other projects.

Kantari Eguna

Teresa Fernandez reported that the 2007 Kantari Eguna will be held in Gardnerville, NV. It will be the second weekend of August.

Euskara Report:

John reported that the Euskara Workshop will be held in Southern California possibly the last weekend in January. More information will be sent out. They want to encourage teacher to continue with their classes and to keep going. There are at least 10 classes taking part and they hope to add more soon.

Jr Mus

Gina thanked Buffalo, WY for the great accommodations. The winners were: 1st place winners were Gaven Sarratea and Megan Barrenchea from Reno. Second place winners were Lexi Sabarots from Seattle Washington and Carina Barajas from Salt Lake City.

Next year the tournament will be held in Winnemucca. This will be a more central location and hopefully they will have more team participating.

Pilota

There is still a need for a Pilota Chairperson

Xabier Berrueta reported that they had the 2006 NABOko Pilota Txapelketa in Fresno at Tony Campos's ranch on August 5th. The World Pilota championship was held in Mexico. There were no NABO participants in this championship but the United States did get the bronze medal in handball.

This year the Basque Government sent over some Basque Pilota instructors who held camps in San Francisco and Boise. They were very successful and they will have the Pilota camps again next year.

Website

Philippe Acheritogaray reported that with the changes to the Website and address, John Ysursa would be the new webmaster and chairperson.

Video

Jesus Pedroarena reported that he had sent some videos to Argentina and Boise.

Calendars

Mary Lou Urrutia does have the 2007 calendars with her so she will be selling them after the meeting and at the Country Club dinner. The price will remain the same at \$5.00 each payable to NABO. Also she had started to get orders through the web link so she knows the link is working. In May each year, she sends out email messages about the calendar but she often gets emails returned to her because of wrong addresses. So if you want to receive an email in May and are not getting one, you need to send her your correct email address.

Bob Echeverria announced that Argitxu Camus Etchecopar would like copies of the old Basque Calendars that the Basque Government sent to NABO during their first four years of NABO as an organization. If anyone has any of those old calendars please get them to her so she can copy them.

History

Mary Gaztambide announced that Argitxu Camus Etchecopar from the Center for Basque Studies at UNR would be replacing Gloria Totoricaguena on the history committee. NABO wants to thank Gloria for all her work on the History Committee and wants to welcome Argitxu.

There is she is a lot of information she needs for the NABO history book which is going to be printed in 2007. Argitxu will be contacting everyone for information and photographs. She would also like a copy of each club's by-laws.

Aurrera Goaz

Xabier Berrueta will be sending out information on a basketball game in Sacramento on December 30th. They will take a bus from San Francisco to Sacramento. More information will be sent out by email.

Club Reports From Visiting Delegates

Elena Sommer and Jon Laurenz gave reports on the Vancouver Canada Basque Club. Jean-Claude Elissalde as reported on the Montreal, Canada Basque Club. Eduardo Ormaechea and Begona Jauregi reported on the Mexico City Basque Club. They all profiled their clubs beautifully and expressed their interest in what NABO and the Basque Clubs in NABO were doing.

Report from the Basque Government

Benan Oregi began his report by introducing Andoni Martin as a staff member working for Josu Legarreta, the Director of Relations with Basque Communities. Andoni will work with Benan. So now NABO will have access to Andoni and Benan, as well as Josu.

Benan reported on the events and meetings that Mary Gaztambide and John Ysursa had with Josu Legarreta and his team in New York City in October. He also reported on the upcoming International Congress which will take place in July, 2007. NABO will be able to send three delegates to the Congress. Benan gave the back ground of the Congress and what would be addressed at this present congress and what would be expected of NABO and the NABO delegates. The theme of the Congress is "Building Bridges". The Basque Government would like to know what NABO's needs are, so they can create programs and opportunities for NABO that will help to build bridges between the Basques throughout the world.

Andoni reported on the Congress which will held in Bilbao in July, 2007. The Congress is an opportunity to not only review where the Basque are now and what has happened in the past four years but to plan where we want to be in the future. (2007-2011)

Benan finished up by asking NABO two questions. The first question is: What would NABO like to see happen at the 2007 Gaztemundu which will take start on July 1, 2007, which is one week before the Congress. Benan asked if NABO would like to have a Euskara program where teachers would go to the Basque Country and learn how to teach Euskara? This first proposal comes from the Office of Culture. The second proposal comes from the Office of Relations with Basque Communities. This proposal is to focus on training of Facilitators. It would be a means to provide information to the Facilitator which they can use to work on a daily basis with the clubs. Benan and Andoni asked NABO to let them know by the end of the day, what they would like the focus of

Gaztemundu to be, Euskara or Facilitators? If it is decided to do a facilitator training Gaztemundu, the Euskara Gaztemundu would take place next year.

The second question they would like an answer to is about the congress. They want the Congress to answer to the needs of each country. If NABO starts now, they will have plenty of time to put together a document that will state the needs of the Basque in the United States. What does NABO want to happen in the next four years? They would like NABO to create a working team that really represent the different groups of NABO. A committee should be made up of a small group of very involved people that represent members of NABO. This committee would be charged with putting together a proposal that would represent the needs of all members of NABO. A proposal that would state what NABO would like to see happen in the next four years. If this committee starts now they could prepare a document and present it to the NABO delegates in the NABO convention in Winnemucca for approval. And present it at the Congress in July.

Presentation by Dr. Gloria Totoricaguena

John Ysursa introduced Dr. Gloria Totoricaguena and stated that the reason this presentation was being given was to start the NABO delegates thinking about mapping out a NABO strategy for the next 15 years.

Gloria Totoricaguena, Director of the Basque Studies Program at the University of Nevada, Reno gave an excellent presentation to the NABO delegates regarding leadership in all-volunteer organizations, effective fund-raising and budgeting in organizations, comparison of Basque organizations to other ethnic groups in the USA, global aspects of ethnic identity increasing/improving quality of club memberships and not only quantity, etc.

Gloria's presentation can be found on the NABO website at <http://www.nabo.us/Gloria/>.

The afternoon was dedicated to a group discussion as a follow up to Dr. Totoricaguena presentation and to address specific issues in order to map out a NABO strategy for the next 15 years.

At the end of decision, it was decided to continue to map out the 15 year strategy and set goals at the next meeting.

Future Meetings

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

NABO 2007 Convention in Winnemucca, NV in June, 2007
Fall Meeting 2007 Location and date to be determined
Winter/Spring Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT in February, 2008

Adjournment

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