

## NABO MEETING

February 9, 2008

St. Ambrose Catholic Church Hall

Salt Lake City, UT 84108

President Mary Gaztambide called the NABO meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the NABO meeting in Salt Lake City. She asked for all proxies to given to the secretary. Mary called for a roll call of those present. The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

### **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 Basque Club  
Eusko Etxea New York  
Gooding Basque Association

Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Oinkari Dancers  
Ontario Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club  
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center  
Society of Basque Studies  
Washington D.C. Basque Club

### **Delegate**

Maitexa Cuburu  
Nancy J Trevino  
Patty Miller  
Alberta Escoz  
Jean Escoz  
Ricardo Yanci  
Kate Camino  
John Ysursa  
Bob Echeverria  
Anna M. Aguirre  
Asun Castanon  
Javier Zamora  
Becky Sarratea-Murphy  
Noel Arraiz  
P.J. Mansisidor  
Grace Mainvil  
Lisa Corcostegui  
Valerie Arrechea  
Pierre Etcharren  
Emilia Doyaga  
Nagore Goitiandia

### **Officers**

President – Mary Gaztambide  
V-President – Pierre Etcharren  
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil  
Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

## **Committee Chairperson**

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused

Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused

Euskara/Bertsu Book–Martin Goicoechea, excused

Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea

Mus–Pierre Etcharren,

Pelota – Evelyne Garat, excused

Aurrera Goaz - No Chairperson

History – Arigitxu Camus Etchecopar, excused

## **Guests**

Joseba Etxarri from Euskal Kultura

Enrike Corcostegui – Reno, NV

Manny Villanueva-Reno, NV

## **Proxies**

The following proxies were submitted:

San Francisco Cultural Center, Idoya S Urruty to Pierre Etcharren

San Francisco Basque Club/Jean Pierre Elissetche to Valerie Etcharren Arrechea

Anaitasuna Basque Club/Gina Espinal to Valerie Etcharren Arrechea

Big Horn Basque Club/Madeline Harriet to Jean Escoz/Alberta Escoz

Basque Club of Utah/Jean Gaztambide to Nancy J Trevino

Elko Basque Club/Jess Lopategui to Bob Echeverria

Oinkari Basque Dancers/Delfina Krakau to P.J. Mansisidor

## **Welcome**

After the roll call, Mary introduced the President of the Basque club of Utah, Marc Gaztambide. Marc welcomed the delegates to Salt Lake City. He also announced the events of the day. The NABO delegate's lunch is being made by Jean Flesher and Johnny Cendagorta. In the evening, the Basque Club of Utah will be putting on their 25<sup>th</sup> Basque Dinner Dance. Everyone is invited. On Sunday, everyone is invited to Jean and Mary Gaztambide's house to play mus.

## **Minutes**

The following correction was made for the Ontario Meeting of November, 2007: Bob Echeverria suggested that additional information be added to the

Ontario minutes about the dinner that Jess Lopategui had attended to honor the shepherders. The dinner was held in the Basque Country and it was held to honor the Basques that came to America and were shepherders. Bob also noted that NABO had given a donation help to build a monument in honor of these shepherders.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea made the correction to the Udaleku report that the word professional needs to be added to this statement: "This is the first time Udaleku will have a Txistu Instructor to teach txistu." They have always had Txistu Instructors but this is the first year they will have a professional Txistu Instructor/Player.

A motion that the minutes be approved with correction by Bob Echeverria and the motion was passed.

### **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:	\$ 6,019.14
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 3,075.25
Mus Account Funds:	\$74,314.55
Educational account Funds:	\$45,775.68
Euskara/HABE Funds	\$12,976.87
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$17,989.26
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 5,300.03

### **New Business**

#### **Joseba Etxarri**

Joseba Etxarri from Euskal Kultura spoke of the booklets that are published by the Basque Government about people who contribute to the legacy of the

Basque heritage. This year they want to write one on women who came from the Basque Country and immigrated to the United States. They want their stories on how they kept their Basque culture and heritage alive and how they passed it on to the future generations. They would like the American Basques to send stories of these women to Basque Heritage, which is now headquartered in Donosti. Their website address is <http://basqueheritage.com/> . They would like all the Basques to send the stories of these great women and their activities that kept their Basque heritage alive. These stories are a way to say “Thank You” to these strong women and to show the rest of the world what the Basques in the US are doing

They also want news, videos and information from everyone about what is happening in their clubs and communities because this information keeps our Basque Heritage alive. They want to know about the small activities as well as the large ones, because even the small activities are important in keeping their heritage alive. They will post the stories on their website. If you send them in English they will try to post them in English. Hopefully in the future they will all be in English.

### **KIROL (Sport)**

#### **Pilota -- 2008 Goals:**

Evelyne Garat was not able to attend so Pierre Etcharren read the report:

Evelyne has been in contact with Boise, San Francisco, Bakersfield and Chino regarding Pilota. Boise is starting a women's Baleen Tournament. Their plan is to focus on women and then on their youth program. Chino and Bakersfield have secured members to start coaching children's handball, along with girls Paleto Goma in Bakersfield. San Francisco already has these programs in place. Chino, Bakersfield and San Francisco have organized youth pilota games in addition to the NABO finals.

Ikaspilota 2008: Xabier Berrueta is currently working with the World Pilota Council on locations and dates for the summer. Evelyne will get the information out as soon as it is available.

World Pilota Council is planning to host a training seminar this summer along with a tournament in Trinquet in August 2008 in Santiago, Chile. Information will be sent to the Pilota Chairperson for each club.

NABO Finals 2007 were held in November in Bakersfield, CA. It was organized by Maurice Neguelous. Thank you to the Kern County Basque Club for hosting the games and dinner and dance. Results are on the NABO website.

NABO Finals 2008 will be held in San Francisco at the Basque Cultural Center in conjunction with their Autumn Fest on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. They hope to have Paleta Goma, Handball and Women's Baleen games scheduled, along with youth handball and girls Paleta Goma.

Evelyne wants to remind the clubs to please pay your 2008 Pilota dues as soon as possible.

### **Sokatira**

John Ysursa announced that Chino will have a Sokatira (tug-of-war) completion in Chino so clubs should get their teams together. Valerie Etcharren Arrechea asked how many people per team and what would the weight limit be. She also asked what would be the team categories or would they be a mix. John said they would have men, women and children categories. Bob Echeverria suggested that each team have six people and that there be no weight limit. John will work out the details.

### **GAZTEAK: Youth Focus/Advisory Group**

John Ysursa has asked for volunteers to help to advise and organize for the youth of the NABO. The volunteers have phone meetings to discuss activities and events for the youth. The volunteer members:

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea (San Francisco)

Amaya Ingram (Boise)

Maite Maisterrena (Chino)

Lisa Corcostegui (Reno)

John Ysursa – Recording Secretary

### **9 & Under**

Lisa Corcostegui spoke of one idea that was presented at the Basque Congress. They would facilitate the creation of craft and play packets that would be used in teaching children nine and under about Basque language, song, dance, culture and other things Basque. They hope to eventually have about 13 packets. The packets could be used by the local instructors and/or parents.

Each packet would have a lesson plan, a craft project, music and other activity. They are hoping that people will send them suggestion for lesson plans and Basque craft ideas. They also hope that eventually the packets will be available through the NABO website. They will put together some packets at the NABO convention in Chino and they encourage anyone who is interested in them to join them and if anyone has ideas for the packets to let them know.

## **Udaleku**

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea reported that this year's Udaleku would be held in Buffalo, WY on June 15 through 27. She asked Alberta Escoz from the Big Horn Basque Club to give an update on Udaleku. Alberta said they were renting a big house to be used for the activities. One of the main focuses of Udaleku will be on the sheep experience. So they are planning a day in the mountains. They are hoping to do a sleep over in the sheep wagon and are trying to get as many sheep wagons as they can. They will do a cook out and may make lamb stew and sheepherder's bread. They are also having a sheep herding demonstrations. In addition to these activities there will be swimming, movies and a rodeo.

Valerie expressed what a great Udaleku this will be and how this will be a great opportunity for the participants to learn and experience what their grandparents and great grandparents did when they came to this country. She announced that Kate Camino will be running the day to day of Udaleku. Lisa Corcostegui will be there as a dance instructor and they will be concentrating on the dances of Gipuzkoa Dances. They will also have a professional Txistu instructor coming from the Basque Country to teach the participants.

The Udaleku applications will be on the web shortly. The cost of Udaleku for the participants is \$250.00. The participant is responsible for their travel expenses.

Valerie would like to start looking at the long term, the larger picture, of putting on Udaleku. We need to start looking at the actual costs of putting on Udaleku. The \$250.00 per participant is not covering the expenses. We need to start looking at ways to keep the costs down and find additional ways to fund Udaleku. NABO and the host clubs are often taking on some of the additional expenses but we do not want to drain them. One idea is to have clubs that do not host Udaleku donate money to the hosting club or find US grants that would help pay for some of it. Bob Echeverria has some suggestions for Buffalo and will talk to them later.

The 2009 Udaleku will be held in Chino, CA.

This year's theme of Gaztemundu 2008 will be on Basque music. Out of the 27 participants that will be going to the Basque Country for Gaztemundu, seven will be from NABO. We have 1 from Bakersfield, 2 from Boise, 1 from Buffalo and 3 from San Francisco. They all are from music majors and play Basque instruments.

The exchange project with Xiberoa 2009 is going well. Fifteen students from the US will go to Xiberoa at the end of June 2009 for two week and in September, 2009 fifteen students from Xiberoa will come to Chino, San Francisco and possibly Bakersfield for two weeks as their part of the exchange. The students going on this exchange will be expected to develop an email relationship before they go to Xiberoa. At this point, the student that is going on the exchange will be expected to pay the cost of getting there. Valerie said that the cost would be about \$2,000.00, if they were buying their ticket today. As we get closer to the time, they will have a better idea of what it will cost. There may be other expenses and as soon as Valerie has more information, she will get the information out. The goal for this program is to have Basque kids that have been through Udaleku for the four years and are in their senior or junior years of high school go on this exchange. Right now they are still working out the details.

### **Gaztealde:**

John Ysursa reported that Amaya Ingram who is the coordinator for Gaztealde was not able to be at the meeting. In finding a coordinator for Gaztealde, they thought it was very important to find someone that fit into the age group of this program. This program is for 16 to 20 year olds Gaztealde will be held in Boise. It will start on July 21 and run through July 25. It will end with the Boise festival. It will adopt the Udaleku program. They will be staying at the dorms at Boise State. They are not sure of the costs yet but will get the information out later.

Note: Ikasi will not be held this year.

John Ysursa would like to thank Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Amaya Ingram and Lisa Corcostegui for all their hard work.

### **DANTZA & MUSIKA: Dance & Music Focus/Advisory Group**

John Ysursa reported that we are fortunate to have a great group of volunteers for the Music/Dance focus group. They are Jill Aldape (Boise); Valerie Etcharren Arrechea (San Francisco); Lisa Corcostegui (Reno); Jean Flesher

(SLC); Annie Gavica (Boise); Molly (Jauregui) Hill (Battle Mountain); Patxi Kerns (Boise); John Krakau (Boise); John Ysursa – Recording Secretary

John Ysursa reported that they have an on-going assessment of the dance groups are interest in and what they need. NABO as a federation is trying to be of assistance to dance groups everywhere. They are building resources that can be used by the dance groups.

They know that one thing dance groups need is recorded music so they are trying to make this available on CD's. They do not have the music on the web so if you are looking for music you need to send an email to NABO making your request for the specific dance music you are looking for and they will try to get it out to you.

NABO has been collecting video clips that can be used as an educational teaching tool in learning dances. They will list the dances by regions and characteristic. So send video that you come across into NABO and they will keep these growing resources.

For the first ever NABO will give a tribute to the Klika players. At the 2008 NABO Convention in Chino, NABO will present "Kilka in America". Kilka have been in the United States since the 1960's. San Francisco started their Kilka in 1964, followed by Chino in 1967 and Bakersfield in 1975. Rockland started theirs in 2007.

At dinner/dance on Saturday night, NABO will invite the Kilka players to come up and be honored. Each Kilka player present will receive a certificate of appreciation from NABO. There will also be a video of the Kilka restoration. They are hoping to have all the Kilkas play together at the NABO convention.

The focus group is working on putting together a Dance Instructor Workshops to teach instructor how to teach dance. They are hoping to have a workshop sometime this summer, perhaps in Boise and perhaps in San Francisco. They will send out more information as soon as something has been organized.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea is heading up the interest group for Txistu Instruction. They are hoping to animate our current and prospective Txistulari. Valerie hopes to develop some lessons on YouTube and to provide music and instruction. They also want to develop opportunities to perform the Txistu. Some ideas for these opportunities are at the NABO convention, at Kantari Eguna and at the individual clubs festivals.

## **EUSKARA/KANTAK/MUS: Focus/Advisory Group**

Volunteers: Martin Goicoechea (Rock Springs), Pierre Etcharren (San Francisco), Gina Gridley (Mountain Home), Gloria Lejardi (Homedale), Begona Echeverria (Chino)

### **Senior Mus**

Pierre Etcharren reported on the International Mus Tournament in Mar de Plata on October 3-11, 2007. There were eight people that came from the United States. The NABO players were Fidel Marcos and Pedro Marizcurena from Ventura. Euskadi won first place, Canada was second, France was third, Argentina B was fourth. Then three countries were tied Argentina "A", Venezuela and United States, Mexico was eighth, Chile was ninth, Uruguay was tenth, Australia was eleventh and Spain was twelfth .

The NABO people stayed at the four-star Dos Reyes Hotel. The Tournament was very well organized with different tours every day. They were treated very well and had a very nice time.

At the delegates meeting the Participating fee was raised from \$600.00 to \$1000.00. NABO paid for two players and their coach.

Euskal Etxea of Mar de Plata will be hosting the Semana Vasca in the year 2010. Pierre met with organizing committee and they extended an invitation to NABO to bring a dance group to participate. Mar de Plate did this before and it was a great experience for our dancers.

This year's NABO Mus tournament will be held in Chino, CA on Saturday, May 31, 2008. Sign up is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. and games will start at 8:00 a.m. Each club is asked to forward names of winners by May 20, 2008.

Pierre made a motion to amend the NABO By-Laws to take care of some concerns that came up in the NABO tournament, such as, having players not look at their cards until all cards have been distributed. In preparing this amendment to NABO Mus rules, Pierre used the International Rules and he advises that NABO stays as closely as possible to the International Rules since the players will have to use these rules in the International Tournaments. There was discussion and a motion to accept the changes. The motion passed.

The 2008 International Mus Tournament will be held in Barcelona, Spain on September 6 through 14, 2008. Mayte will not organize a group tour but she will help individuals who would like to travel.

The 2009 Tournament will be held in Uruguay. They are looking at Punta d'Este as the location. The 2010 International Mus Tournament will be in France.

NABO is committed to organize the 2011 International Mus Tournament in the US. NABO needs to start looking for a location and dates. Locations in the US where the International tournament was held in the past were Las Vegas, NV; San Francisco, Ca and Boise, ID. NABO will need to start planning and organizing for this tournament soon. The final program will have to be presented at the 2010 Tournament in France.

A motion was made that the NABO Mus Cards be approved and should be printed so they are available at Chino. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Junior Mus**

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea reported for Gina on the junior mus. Gina wants to encourage all the clubs to hold Jr. Mus tournaments and to submit their winners to her. The Jr. Mus tournaments will be held the last weekend in August in Chino at the NABO Convention.

### **Kantari Eguna**

No report.

John Ysursa reported that Kantari Eguna will be held in Rockland on October 11, 2008

### **Mini Song Books**

The Mini Song Books, "Hi Kantari" are now available. There were 3,000 books printed.

The Mini song books are dedicated to Atta Martxel Tillous.

There are three things NABO hopes to accomplish with the books.

1. Promote Singing
2. Promote Basques
3. Promote the learning of Euskara

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea made a motion that 100 books be donated to Udaleku for their participants. The motion was seconded and passed

John Ysursa had made up 44 bags with 50 books in each bag. The bags will be sold to the Clubs for \$40.00 a bag. Grace will keep a list of those taking bags and how much they owe NABO.

When John has time, he will up-date the NABO web site to put the music for each song in the mini song books on the web. Then if we do not know the music we can go there and listen to it.

### **Euskara**

John Ysursa wants to thank those in the focus group for helping to put together these goals.

1. Euskaratu: actively seek members who could translate portions of our websites, newsletters and other things into the Basque language so that it becomes more visible to our membership and community.
2. BOGA(tu): Find someone who could become the BOGA coordinator for all those using the BOGA in the U.S. & Canada.
3. Sustatu: Continue to sustain our current volunteer Euskara instructors with regular workshops.

### **JAKINARAZI: Education & Communication (News, Websites, Media)**

Volunteer/Advisory members: Gina Gridley (Mtn. Home); Ricardo Yanci (Boise); John Bieter (Boise); Xabier Berrueta ( San Francisco); Michael Matassa (Denver); Izaskun Urien ( Washington D.C.); Philippe Acheritogary (San Francisco); Nicole Hauscarriage ( San Francisco); Aitor Sotes (Basque Government Delegate) John Ysursa – Recording Secretary

**Video:** No new information/No Change

**Calendar:** No Report. Grace does have some calendars at the meeting if anyone wants to buy them for \$5.00. The 2008 calendar is a tribute to Atta Martxel Tillous.

**History:** Argitxu Camus Etchecopar could not be at the meeting but sent a report with Kate Camino to read for her.

“The Reno Zazpiak Bat Club and the Basque Club of San Francisco donated copies of their archives to the University of Reno Basque Library. They have been photocopied and I am currently organizing the files and working on a detailed description of these archives. The Basque Educational Organization is also in the process of donating its archives to the Basque Library Archives in Reno.

Maybe more clubs could follow their example. I will be more than happy to go to the clubs and make copies of their archives, just like NABO did, they are

more than welcome to do so. These archives can be different types: meeting minutes, newsletters, membership lists, correspondence of any sort, photographs, etc.

Thank you. Argitxu”

**Aurrera Goaz:** NABO needs a new chair of Aurrera Goaz. If anyone is interested in becoming a chair of this committee, please contact Mary Gaztambide.

**DIRUA: Finances Focus budgeting, B.G. grant requests, etc:**

Coordinator/Spokes Person: Grace Mainvil (NABO Treasurer) Amaya Michelena (Seattle); Bob Echeverria (Elko), Joe Lausen (Mountain Home) John Ysursa – Recording Secretary

The Goals for 2008:

NABO needs to create a fifth new region for the Eastern area. This need is because of the new clubs we have from the East. As a part of the Cultural Tours from the Basque Country, the groups that come over are suppose to go to at least one area in each region. The last group we had had to cut their tour short because of illness. We will try to reschedule them or get another group to come over. When we find out when a group will be coming, NABO will get the word out to all the clubs. Now the Performers Tour grant pays for all their travel. The Host club just needs to take care of their room and board.

We have not received information on when the grants will be due. It could be March or April. They have asked John Ysursa along with other Facilitator from each federation around the world to go to the Basque Country so they could all hear at once what the new regulations are to get the Basque Government Grants.

The Basque Government is very interested in the federations and clubs “four year plans”. NABO is working our “four year plan already”. We need to see what we can do as a federation for clubs to integrate some of the thing we’ve got going. We did this a couple of year ago when we broke out into regional group to talk about how we could do some things regionally. An example is the Basque Film Series. At the Chino Convention on Friday evening they will have a Basque Film study.

John Ysursa motioned that as a Federation, each year NABO ask the host club of the NABO convention to make an effort to include at least one educational activity to the convention. This would not be a requirement of hosting the NABO convention but would be encouraged. And hopefully clubs will think about offering an educational event when they plan their convention. The motion was seconded.

Kate Camino reminded the delegates that the Basque Library in Reno has a copy of the most of the Basque films that been converted to the American system. So it is not complicated to show a film.

Some examples of an educational event are reviewing a Basque film, to have a guest lecture or a workshop on a Basque issue. Perhaps even a Cooking class or Basque Art Display or Dance instruction. It would be up to the organizers to decide what they want to do. The motion was approved.

John mentioned that there is movement to bring together a Basque Studies Consortium. This an attempt to see if there can be some joint efforts to combine the effort of the Center Basque Studies, the new Basque Studies program at Boise State University, the immerging Basque Studies Program at the California State University at Bakersfield. There would be three tiered memberships. One would be Academic Institutions, Boise State University, California State University, etc. The second would be Associate Members that would be non academic organizations or institutions that want to be involved to help and encourage these types of educational programs. The third group would be individuals. There are quite a few people working at different institutions that do not have a Basque Studies Program. They would like to connect with a larger community, such as Basque Studies.

The motion is that at this point it is just a show of solidarity that NABO becoming an Associate Members (no money is involved). And as an Associate Member, that NABO would like help and encourage these types of endeavors. In October, there is going to be a conference posted at Cal State University, Bakersfield and that topic is going to be “Basques in the West” NABO can play a role in getting the word out and help promote these events. NABO could also help to build a bridge between these communities. The motion was seconded and votes on. It was approved.

John Ysursa noted that on Thursday February 14t, 2008, Lehendakari Juan Jose Ibarretxe will be speaking at Stanford. Stanford has decided to support his visit in spite of the protesters. NABO members are very happy about this decision and support it.

On Saturday, he will be speaking at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center.

Bob Echeverria made a motion that NABO President Mary Gaztambide goes to California to represent NABO at the events associated with the Lehendakari and that NABO pays her travel expenses. The motion was seconded. After some discussion, the motion was approved.

Grace asked for a clarification on whether Mary's travel expense will be paid by NABO or by some other means. Pierre A explained that NABO should pay her expenses.

Emalia Doyaga proposed and John Ysursa seconded the motioned that NABO send a letter of appreciation to Stanford University President Hennessy for allowing the Basque President to speak there. The motion was approved. Emilia Doyaga and John Ysursa will work together to write the letter.

Lisa Corcostegui made a motion that President Mary Gaztambide has a written script that would say something like "We, the North American Basque Organization (NABO), are not politically motivated however we support Stanford University decision to allow Lehendakari Juan Jose Ibarretxe to express his views. The motion was seconded and approved.

Since it was almost time for to break for lunch but we only had two items left on the agenda, Mary asked the delegates if they wanted to continue the meeting, and try to finish it up before breaking for lunch. P.J. Mansidor motioned that we stay and finish the meeting and then go to lunch. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Grace Mainvil reviewed the Treasurer's Report. In her report, she mentioned that there were only two clubs that had not paid their dues. One of the clubs has indicated that their dues will be coming to Grace soon. Grace will contact the other club and remind them to pay their dues. The dues are still \$50.00 per club plus 50 cents per member. NABO has not changed the club's dues for a long time.

Grace reviewed the Treasurer's Reports. Grace mentioned that that the money she receives from the Basque Government is always deposited into the General Account. Grace will then check with the NABO President and the NABO Facilitator to determine which NABO account the money should be transferred

Grace noted that the "Shooting from the Lip" books were distributed out by the University of Nevada, Reno Center for Basque Studies at the cost of \$713.57. The Center for Basque Studies donated this service. The books went to all the NABO Basque Clubs that wanted them and to 240 different libraries across the western states. NABO kept 25 books to sell.

It was suggested that in the future, if the club/organization has been the one that has applied for the grant, the money should go to the club/organization instead of to the individual providing the service. There was a situation where the club paid the teacher and then NABO also paid the teacher.

Patty Miller motioned that the financial report as presented be accepted. There was a second and the Treasurer Report was approved.

## **New Business**

### **Bizi Emankorra Award**

Kate Camino reported that there was only one nomination for the Bizi Emankorra Award. It came from the San Francisco Basque Club and it was for Jean-Leon Iribarren. The Bizi Emankorra Award Selection Committee members that were present were: Kate Comino, Chair, Ricardo Yanci and Bob Echeverria. They agreed that he should receive the 2008 Bizi Emankorra Award for all his service for NABO and for promoting his Basque Heritage. Kate made a motioned that the award be given to Jean-Leon Iribarren. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kate reported that last year's Bizi Emankorra Award for François Pedeflous normally would have been presented at last year's NABO Convention. But during the last convention in Winnemucca, François was in the Basque country. So the award will be presented to him in Chino.

### **Other Items**

Emilia Doyaga gave an update report on what had happened since NABO sent their letter to the Wall Street Journal Editor responding to the negative article on the Basques, which was released in the fall of 2007. She also said that she took a packet of 1700 names of people from the Basque County who opposed the article.

Anna Aguirre reported on the upcoming events that would be coming up through the New York Eusko Etxea Basque Club. They have a very nice website that you can check out at <http://www.newyorkbasqueclub.com/>

Ricardo Yanci reported on the Band "Amuma Says No". This is a new Basque band that would like to play for your club's parties, weddings and other events.

You can find out more information at <http://www.myspace.com/amumasaysno>. Please contact them for more information.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea reported that an official reception will be held in honor of Lehendakari Ibarretxe on Saturday, February 16th at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center. It will be followed by a pilota game as part of the anniversary festivities.

During the week of February 11 through the 16, there will be a Pilota Tournament at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center. The men and women players will be from Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela and the US. This is a special tournament because the players will be mixed up in teams so that no two players from one country will be on the same team.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea also asked what happened to the request that came to NABO a few years ago to have more Basques put their names on the National Bone Marrow. Patty Miller mentioned that Diane Etcheverria from Boise was involved in getting the Basque to register on the National Bone Marrow Registry but she did not know what was happening now. Valerie said that it is easy to have your name added to the Registry and that registering to be a bone marrow donor requires only a small blood test or swab of cheek cells to be tested for your tissue type.

### **Future Meeting**

NABO 2008 Convention/Meeting in Chino on August 30 and 31, 2008  
Fall 2008 Meeting in Reno, NV in November 8, 2008  
Winter/Spring 2009 Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on February 14, 2009  
NABO 2009 Convention in Reno, NV  
Fall 2009 Meeting???  
Winter/Spring 2010 Meeting in Mountain Home, ID  
NABO 2010 Convention/Meeting in Boise ID or Ontario OR???  
NABO 2011 Convention/Meeting in Washington, D C  
NABO 2012 Convention/Meeting in Buffalo, WY  
NABO 2013 Convention/Meeting in New York City, NY

### **Adjournment**

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