

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
Seattle, Washington
10/10/09

Welcome by President, Valerie Arrechea

Welcome by Danielle Bock-Grande, President of Seattle Basque Club
She thanked the Aspiris for the venue and reception and thanked the rest of the Seattle BC Board.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
V-President – Mary Gaztambide
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Marisa Espinal
Facilitator – John Ysursa
Euskara Coordinator – Izaskun Kortazar

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused
Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea, excused
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino (excused)
Mus – Pierre Etcharren, excused
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre
Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren
History – Argitxu Camus Etchecopar, excused

Club Delegates

Anaitasuna Basque Club	Gina Espinal-Aguerre Marisa Espinal
Basque Educational Organization	Yvonne Hauscarriague Maitexa Cuburu
Basque Club of Utah	Mary Gaztambide(proxy)
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Patty Miller Cindy Schaffeld
Big Horn Basque Club	Alberta Escoz Jean Escoz
Boise Euskaldanak, Inc.	Ricardo Yanci Annie Gavica
Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture Center for Basque Studies	Gloria Totoricaguena Lisa Corcostegui(proxy)

Chino Basque Club	Kathy Biscaichipi
Elko Basque Club	John Ysursa
Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.	Teresa Franzoia(proxy)
Gardnerville Mendiko Euskaldun Club	Anita Anacabe Franzoia(proxy)
Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club	Joe Lasuen
Kern County Basque Club	Goisalde Juasoro
Marin Sonoma Basque Association	Noel Arraiz
Oinkari Dancers	Becky Sarratea-Murphy
Ontario Basque Club	Mike Uro
Reno Zazpiak Basque Club	Louis Iturriria
San Francisco Basque Club	John Goyenetche
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center	Evelyne Etcharren (proxy)
Santa Rosa Basque Club	Tyler Smith
Seattle Euskal Etxea	Izar Bicandi
Southern California Basque Club	Grace Mainvil
Washington DC Euskal Etxea	Lisa Corcostegui
Zazpiak Bat-Vancouver Canada	Joxe Mallea(proxy)
	Jean Louis Curutchet
	Philippe Acheritogaray(proxy)
	Arantxa Arriada
	Gratien Etchebehere
	Annie Gavica (proxy)
	Amaya Michelena
	Danielle Bock-Grande
	Gina Espinal-Aguerre
	Hilah Henley(proxy)
	Elena Sommer

Guests

Joe M. Guerricabeitia, Seattle Euskal Etxea
 Marilou Michelena, Seattle Euskal Etxea
 Gaizka Mallea, Seattle Euskal Etxea
 Enrike Corcostegui, Ontario Basque Club
 Ray Aspiri, Seattle Euskal Etxea, & Basque Museum & Cultural Center
 Toni Sabarots, Seattle Euskal Etxea

Valerie informed delegates of change to format. Committee Chairman Reports will now be submitted as an addendum to the minutes. Delegates' Folder handed out at roll call. Folder includes agenda, minutes, Committee Reports, letters from BEO and San Francisco Basque Cultural Center, and past financial reports.

Correction to July 24, 2009 Minutes;

*Lisa Corcostegui is listed as present, she did not attend and gave her proxy to Grace.

*Emilia Doyaga was the Center for Basque Studies Delegate.

*Grace made corrections to report. Pg 4 of July minutes in N.A.B.O. account totals listed checking, savings and CD's. CD's were an addendum, not included in totals. Calendars amount listed on P.17 should be 2500 calendars not 25,000. \$2.83 per calendar.

*There is no student exchange planned for next summer, simply talking about how to do future exchanges, no date set.

*Membership fees discussion Kristie Auzqui should be given credit for the suggestion of using .25 for Aita Tillous Scholarship Fund rather than Valerie Arrechea.

Moved by Mike Uro of Iparreko Ibarra to accept minutes with corrections.

2nded by Joe Lasuen of Mountain Home. Passed unanimously.

Valerie announced the Treasurer's Report would be switched to the beginning of the meeting. (see attached)

Treasurer's Report (Grace Mainvil)

- Pilota grant from BG moved from educational account to Pilota account.
- requested that all clubs that took N.A.B.O. brand playing cards in Reno send a check. Joe Lasuen, Mt. Home asked if there was a list of how many decks each club took and how much they owe. Gina Espinal has the list of what each club owes.
- report includes checks received up to 10 days prior to 10/10/09 mtg.
- Int'l. Mus in U.S.A has been moved up to 2010 from 2011 because Uruguay pulled out. Delegates warned that money removed from CD's to cover cost of tournament will incur penalties.
- Grants from Basque Government(BG) are deposited into main account and later distributed to specific accounts.
- A CD was cashed from Euskara account.
- \$50 from Euskara Izazkun
- \$250 donation from Iparreko Ibarra for Udaleko not included in report.
- Lisa Corcostegui donated expenses for instructional supplies for Udaleko.
- \$400 in donations to Aita Tillous fund
- The bank asked Grace to change account #'s on older accounts. One was Jean Leon Iribaren Memorial Fund designated for pilota.

Valerie thanked Grace for her meticulousness and hard work.

Valerie explained why different accounts are set up and how the money is used, particularly grants and donations. Donations and grants must be spent for the purpose allocated. Mary added receipts are required for all Basque Government Grants (BGG)

Toni Sabarots asked what the Jean Leon Iribaren Memorial Fund was. Grace explained he was president when he died. The money collected had been used for a "Whiskey Creek" forestry project (a Basque sheep camp in the Sierra Nevada mountains). When the project concluded money in the account was used for pilota.

Philippe Acheritogaray, SF, commented the Board can use money from a management account or other account for any purpose. Patty Miller, Boise Museum, disagreed, stating you may not use grant money or donations in that way. Valerie stated it was N.A.B.O.'s fiduciary responsibility to keep funds separate. Evelyne agreed funds should be kept separate. Patty asked if any funds were more general. Some funds in general account are more liquid.

Grace Mainvil explained the IRS issued two EIN numbers many years ago. The CPA, Gary McGee & Co. in Portland Oregon, a specialist in non-profits, was surprised by this. Educational Funds are more open, but must meet 501(c)(3) guidelines. Calendars, Udaleko, Euskara are in Educational Fund. Mus and Pilota accounts are under 501(c)(4). Per IRS, reimbursement for Officer Travel can be split between 2 accounts.

John Ysursa suggested Ed accounts are more fluid, but mainly from BGG. He went on to explain that any club who applies for a grant receives 75% when the grant is approved. The last 25% is paid months after the receipts are submitted for the 100% spent. BGG's are intended to promote Basque Culture. Money is just sitting in these accounts and needs to be spent. He suggested N.A.B.O. needs a long term plan to spend the money. There is some concern that with a new BG continued grants are not a certainty. In the past the Nationalist Basque Party was committed to supporting the Diaspora. This is not a certainty with the new party in power.

Valerie Arrechea will create a finance committee to plan N.A.B.O.'s financial future. Volunteers will not necessarily be accepted for this committee, looking for people with a financial background. The President does not need approval to form a committee.

Philippe Acheritogaray questioned if grants needed to be spent in the year they are funded. John explained the accounts are made up of the 25% that have accumulated over the years.

Philippe Acheritogaray asked for an explanation of the two tax accounts and the 2 EIN#s 501(c)(3) & 501(c)(4). Grace explained the 2 EIN#s was an IRS error. The same board and officers is for both groups. Valerie reminded Philippe that he had called and spoken with the CPA about this same subject several years ago. Tony Campos (Fresno Basque Club) had explained a few years ago when Philippe asked the same question that the Fresno Basque Club has two numbers as well. After continued discussion, Joe Guerricabeitia asked that the discussion be closed. Valerie will have the Finance Committee explore the 2 EIN#s and explain it to Philippe and any one else interested.

The letter from the BEO requesting that the July financial report be redone in the commonly used was introduced. A copy of the letter was in each of the red folders John prepared. Also included were copies of the April and July reports. The April report was missing even numbered pages. *Gina Espinal motioned for the report to stand. Lisa

Corcostegui (Ontario Basque Club) 2nded the motion. Motion carried with most in favor, one opposed – Yvonne Hauscarriage, BEO delegate.

*Patty Miller motioned listing only the last four digits of the account numbers on the reports. Joe Lasuen 2nded, unanimously passed.

Delegates and members are the only ones privy to N.A.B.O. financials. In the future, the Treasurers Report will be included in John's packet. Reports will include account totals. Grace has President's permission to use whatever format she thinks best for the Treasurer's Report. All info must be submitted to Grace one week prior to the next meeting in order to be included in the report.

Committee Reports (see attached addendum for submitted written reports)

Video (Jesus Pedroarena) - no report, as Jesus is in the Basque Country.

History –(Argitxu Camus Etchecopar) Argitxu is working on CA Basque Heritage Project. She is doing research and the info she is looking for is listed at the bottom of her report.

Pilota (Evelyne Etcharren) – Evelyne reported there was a Pilota Invitational in Boise this year, and there will be one in Boise again in 2011. There will be no Invitational in 2010 because Boise is hosting the N.A.B.O. Txapelketa in conjunction with Jaialdi. SF Basque Cultural Center hosted the Pilota finals this past July for the 2nd year in a row. 2 female players from Boise will be going to Argentina for the World Pilota games held during Semana Vasca in Bahia Blanca. Tony Uharte was invited to play in a tournament in Mexico. These trips are paid for by the World Pilota Federation. Next year is the Mundial which occurs every four years. N.A.B.O. members are submitted to the US Pilota Federation, then selected for participation in the International Pilota Finals. Valerie encouraged all clubs to play pilota. Those with no court could play on any wall with a tennis ball.

Udaleko (Valerie Arrechea, Kate Camino) – Valerie has taken a co-chair, Kate Camino. Kate will give future reports. Chino club and Chino families donated most of the cost of hosting Udaleko. There were many individual and club donations as well. Finding housing for all the children who participate is difficult so numbers will be limited (capped) in Reno 6/14 – 6/25 2010. Delegates did not vote on a specific number because that will have to be up to each hosting club to determine how many children they can accommodate.

*Motion by Valerie for Udaleko fee to remain \$300. John Ysursa 2nded. Unanimously passed.

BOGA will be used to teach Euskara at next years Udaleko so kids can continue to learn Euskara on-line after Udaleko is over.

Mike Uro suggested UNR donate housing for Udaleko participants. Gloria Tortoricoguena didn't think that would be possible because UNR uses dorms for other projects over the summer.

Ricardo Yanci asked when Udaleko breaks even. Valerie explained it is hard to determine because most hosting clubs donate the food and other expenses. This year Chino estimated the costs of items donated with a dollar amount included in the report. We want to keep the fee low for more family participation. It breaks even most years only because of generous donations. If not, funds would be taken from the Udaleko account or under the umbrella of Educational accounts.

Valerie requested Gina let SoCal know the dates of Udaleko were changed so as not conflict with the Southern California or the Elko picnic.

Gina mentioned there are scholarships available for Udaleko participants. Valerie announced the Aita Tillous Scholarship Fund is for this purpose. These scholarships are based on financial need. The Xiberoa exchange fell under this. Applications are anonymous. They are submitted to Grace and the names are blacked out before they are reviewed. 4 scholarships were given last year for a total of \$700 for participation in Udaleko in 2009.

Xiberoa Exchange – The report was given in Reno on the N.A.B.O. students who went to the Basque Country. Valerie reported on the students from the Lycee du Pays de Soule who came to California. Originally Chino was to take the students for half the time, but the dates didn't work out. The San Francisco Basque Cultural Center (SFBCC) generously took on all the expenses for hosting the exchange students. Valerie listed the activities and described the pastoral (Basque play from Xiberoa) that they performed. As N.A.B.O. President, Valerie wrote a letter to Yosemite on behalf of the students from the school from the Basque Country and the \$300 entrance fee to Yosemite was waived for the group. Juan San Mames donated a paella dinner for the group. Jose Minhondo hosted a dinner in San Rafael at his restaurant the Chalet Basque. Pierre Etcharren took the group to see a California rice farm. Lisa Etchepare and Ann Marie Chiramberro were with the group throughout their visit as tour guides. In the future, exchanges should be more traditional, with students from Euskal Herria going back to the homes of those they hosted. This would eliminate the responsibility of the visit falling on one club.

Philippe Acheriterogaray did not feel the group qualified for the Yosemite waiver. He felt they were not here for the educational purposes stated in the letter, and were visiting Yosemite strictly as tourists. He made a motion to repay Yosemite the \$300. Valerie asked for a 2nd – there were no responses. Danielle Bock-Grande, a community organizer from Seattle mentioned it is very common practice to get waivers for youth groups. The motion was closed with no 2nd.

Philippe Acheriterogaray wrote a letter from the SFBCC (distributed in John's packet) questioning how the project was authorized and outlining the cost of the project. Valerie had a report from the SFBCC Treasurer that costs were 11,000 not 13,000.

Valerie reviewed the two year history of the project beginning when it was first suggested at the Ontario meeting in 2007. Mary Gaztambide supported that the project had her full authorization as the president and updates on the project were made at each meeting. All projects in N.A.B.O. are not voted on by the delegates, some are approved by the president and committee chairs.

After much discussion, John Ysursa made a motion that local problems between clubs be handled locally and not brought before N.A.B.O. Joe Lasuen 2nded, most voted in favor, only Philippe Acheriterogaray voted against.

Patty Miller (Boise Basque Museum) suggested in future a N.A.B.O. project present an estimated budget. Valerie explained when a club hosts an event some expenses are assumed by the club. Anita Franzoia said that is understood by the club undertaking the project and thanked larger clubs for assuming the costs of bigger projects. Cindy Schaffeld (Boise Basque Museum) felt people shouldn't get stuck with the cost and asked "why can't the \$34,000 in the Education Account be used?" Valerie clarified when a club hosts a large event like a Mus Tournament, Pilota Finals or Udaleko the club expects to incur most of the cost. Evelyne Etcharren commented when N.A.B.O. first started there was no educational fund and most clubs just volunteered in an effort to promote the culture, it's sad people now feel it is a burden. Joe Lasuen suggested the yet to be formed Finance Committee look into this. Valerie commented it was on the July meeting agenda for the SFBCC to request funds for the Xiberoa exchange, but SF pulled the request from the agenda.

Someone asked if we are all under N.A.B.O. why are individual clubs arguing. Gratien Etchebehere (SFBCC) asked if a BGG had been applied for to fund the project. No grant had been applied for by N.A.B.O. John said originally the exchange was to be split between Chino and SF, but the Xiberoa group changed the dates and couldn't get to Chino. Maitexa Cuburu said as a SFBCC board member she spoke for her board and it was not about the money. Gloria Tortoricaguena suggested it was a process issue.

Joe Lasuen thanked the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center for hosting and incurring the cost of the exchange project. Joe Guerricabeitia said communication is important between NABO and the clubs for determining responsibilities and costs for events.

*Cindy Schaffeld made a motion that the to be formed finance committee explore the possibility of financial support for sponsoring N.A.B.O. activities at individual clubs with the Educational Fund. Gloria Totoricaguena 2nded, it was passed unanimously.

John Goyenette suggested clubs apply to N.A.B.O. for a grant like they apply to the Basque Government. Valerie reminded everyone we are here for the betterment of the community to go forward and promote our culture, not to breakdown. Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. Mary suggested concerns be brought up before and not after a successful event. It is a shame such a successful event should be complained about after the fact, especially when the Xiberoa project has been in discussion for two years.

Beti – Gazte (Vasco Bilbao, report by Tyler Smith): New youth group. Vasco Bilbao from NY is the new Chairman. Young adults to have ownership of the group, and learn to organize events. Goal of group is to have one activity each year while learning to work with different communities, how to plan and budget for an event. The Chairman will rotate each year to give as many people as possible the opportunity to lead. Tyler Smith and Teresa Francoia reported that the youth will meet in Elko as it is centrally located at the end of Udaleko. This is intentionally planned before Jaialdi so friendships can be fostered at successful events. Gathering will be held at Elko Fairgrounds. The group will meet 7/3. It is a 3 day weekend to make traveling easier. It coincides with a national Basque Festival.

Mus (Pierre Etcharren): 2010 U.S. Finals will be in Winnemucca. A female team, Nekane Gavica & Ana Marie Smith represented the U.S. in Balmeseda. Tony Espinal represented N.A.B.O as Pierre was unable to go. The team rankings are listed in the report. The 2010 U.S. Mus Finals will be held in Winnemucca on Saturday June 12th in conjunction with the picnic. The 2010 International Mus Tournament will be in Southern California. It is being marketed as Los Angeles. Many clubs are collaborating on this project. Chino, Las Vegas, and Ventura to name a few. Two U.S. teams, first and second place, will be allowed to play because we are hosting. Several clubs are working together to coordinate this event. The U.S. has been asked to take on this responsibility because Uruguay will be unable to host the event. Tony was asked last year in Barcelona about the possibility of the U.S. hosting in 2010 rather than 2011 as planned. This will be the 5th tournament held in the U.S. The first was in SF in 1979, then Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Boise.

Youth Mus (Gina Espinal): Gina reported the Reno team won first place and Salt Lake City came in 2nd. The 2010 Youth mus tournament will be held in Boise. She requested a little more coordination from Boise. In Reno the kids were distracted by the river and other events so close to the venue. Please give Gina or Grace the payment for N.A.B.O. cards purchased in Reno. Cards will be given as goodwill gifts to Pelota players in Argentina. Izar will make sure Maite and Esther see Patty about getting cards to be dispersed by N.A.B.O. team.

Euskara (Martin Goicoechea, report by Izaskun Kortazar): North Carolina University cancelled Basque Class, but the teacher will help students interested with BOGA. There will be teachers available to help students who can't attend classes, but want to do BOGA at home online. Basque Government offered to train 12 people to become Euskara instructors, but right now there is not the minimum number needed so Izaskun is helping them with BOGA and other grammar questions online. She is asking for financial help from HABE. Izaskun will help presidents or Euskal Etxeak who want to use BOGA. There are more than 100 students using BOGA with Izaskun or local Basque teachers. Send Izaskun an email at izaskunkortazar@gmail.com if you are interested. There is a new window in BOGA where US and EH students can practice

Euskara with each other. The next teacher training will be Martin Luther King weekend. There are Basque teachers willing to come from the Basque Country to teach Euskara classes during the summer for free in exchange for room and board. If there is interest email Izaskun. You don't have to pay for BOGA if you are taking classes with a teacher at your Euskal Etxea. You pay \$50.00 if you do it online. You need software. You must email Izaskun and she will create a password and add you to BOGA

Kantari Eguna (Noel Goyhenetche): We will now have a committee and Chairman for the Kantari Eguna. Noel Goyentche from Rocklin will be the new chair. Rocklin and Gardnerville will look into partnering and alternate hosting it every other year. Looking into American Idol voting aspect for adults, also bringing a singer over from the BC. The president thanked Gardnerville for stepping up and hosting this event in 2009. Kantari has no budget. Valerie suggested seed money for a Kantari budget.

*Patty Miller motioned that the Finance Committee will decide if Kantari should have a budget and how much. Philippe Acheritogaray 2nded. Discussion; Grace reminded everyone N.A.B.O. has always paid dinner for participants in the range of a few hundred dollars. Gratien Etchebehere suggested the timeline for creating a committee and making a decision is too long to allow for proceeding with guest singers. Joe Lasuen agreed with Patty. Cindy suggested we keep with tradition and hosting club gets stuck with bill. The motion of the finance committee deciding if the committee should get seed money passed with a unanimous vote. The Kantari Committee includes; Noel and a yet to be determined Co-Chair, Johnny Curuchet, Valerie, Martin Etchamendi, Teresa Fernandez, and John Yursa. Arrantxa Arriada, SFBCC, brought up Johnny Curuchet's complaint about the noise level. Valerie pointed out Johnny is now on the committee and in a position to handle his concerns.

Facilitators Report (John Yursa)

Anita Franzoia (Elko) motioned John will research cost of new speakers and present to Finance Committee for February meeting. Annie Gavica (Boise Euskaldunak) 2nded. Unanimous approval of motion. San Francisco will host the February meeting and they have a sound system.

The old N.A.B.O. flag (an Ikurrina with N.A.B.O. symbol in the middle) was lost. Miren Askereta, outgoing Minister of Culture, presented N.A.B.O. a Basque flag at the Salt Lake City 2009 meeting. Flag etiquette is not to deface a U.S. flag. Evelyn said Pilota needs a flag now to send with N.A.B.O. Pilotaries to Argentina. In order to participate in World Pilota Council they need to represent N.A.B.O. and not the U.S.A. Xabi Berrueta also requested a flag for the U.S. Pilota Federation. Izaskun suggested flag with the Ikurrina on one side and the NABO symbol on the other side. John suggested a N.A.B.O. contest to have members design the N.A.B.O. flag. Valerie will look into having something made for pelotaries to take to Argentina.

Focus Groups There is an open invitation to join Focus Advisory Groups. Groups designed to give forum for continued discussion and to help get input on which grants to ask for from BG.

EuskalEtxea.net offers opportunity for communicators to put up info about their club. Website started by BG, each club needs to get a password and update themselves. All Euskal Etxea registered with the BG have their own webpage. This would be beneficial for clubs without their own website. You can still send updates for the N.A.B.O. website, but this is another opportunity to share info about your club.

Egunak - Encouraged to name events in Basque with English translation. Basque Day/Euskararen Eguna, Kantari Egun, etc. Joxe suggested naming cities in Basque as well, for example San Sebastian/Donostia.

John wants to spell out N.A.B.O. because in Spanish nabo is a slang term for male genitals.

Kultur Astea – There is interest in an exchange during the summer if clubs are willing to host. There are teachers from the Basque Country interested in teaching language, culture and “Basqueness” for a week in exchange for Room and Board. The teacher or pair of teachers would then travel to the next city for a week of training at another Euskal Etxea

Portable exhibits – Available for viewing in your area. Each club who hosts exhibit is responsible for getting materials, for example the Basque Houses or Musical Instruments Photo Exhibit, set-up, take-down and providing venue for viewing.

Astero member profiles - John would like to profile clubs one week each year. You can highlight activities or honor a particular member. If no one sends a bio to request a specific time it will be posted during your annual festival. Please send info you would like included to John at info@nabasque.org

Basque Music, Song and Dantza - NABO website will have webpage that lists Basque Folk Dances. The specific dance will have a link that has an introduction of the dance and as available a video clip, sheet music, etc. Baztan workshops again this year.

Creating a hybrid group with young men from many groups to teach men to dance, started in SoCal but open to including men from all over CA.

Txistu Instruction Books w/CD are available for clubs. \$100 for set of three books/CDs. 5 sets available for sale.

Basque Government sent movies. Philippe Acheritogaray had them transferred to the U.S system. They have English subtitles.

*Gloria Toticaguena motioned Clubs bring their orders for the movies to the February meeting for Jesus to make copies available. Yvonne Hauscarriague 2nded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Basque stone carver – for info go to <http://edergile.free.fr>

Lodging for San Fermin in Pamplona/Iruna – rooms for 450 Euros/night. Contact Monica at sanfermin.rooms@gmail.com

Basque Talk app for Iphone, UTALK.

Valerie thanked John and Izaskun for all their hard work.

Old Business

Increase in Dues At the July meeting in Reno dues were raised to \$1.00 per member. 25 cents of the 50 cent increase goes to the Aita Tillous Fund and 25 cents goes to the general account. On the floor is an increase of club dues from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Only two clubs responded negatively to Valerie's email (Montreal & So. Cal). Ventura and Fresno responded in favor of an increase. Patty Miller presented a spreadsheet describing the impact to all clubs. Toni Sabarots (guest) asked why we need to increase dues. Grace explained that we've been collecting dues over the years to create a healthy account balance that helps fund activities. For example, Mus generates \$10.00 per person. While that account seems flush, Grace estimated the cost of hosting the 2010 International Mus Tournament would be about \$70,000 based on past figures of hosting an International Tournament. Valerie added we don't want to be dependent on the Basque Government for grants. There has been no increase to dues in years, yet costs have gone up. Mary Gaztambide stated Utah could support a \$75.00 increase. Vancouver also agreed to an increase of \$75.00.

*Joe Guerricabeitia motioned to raise club base fees from \$50 to \$100. Mike Uro 2nded. The motion passed with a majority vote, but with 11 voting against. Reno abstained from voting.

Patty Miller suggested a \$500 cap on per member dues for larger clubs. Gratien Etchebehere felt it would complicate how to divide the increase between the Aita Tillous fund and the General fund if capped. Gloria Totoricaguena felt a cap was not fair to smaller clubs because they all pay the same base fee. Alberta Escoz thought a cap would encourage membership for club growth. Grace estimates the base fee increase would generate about \$2000.

*Becky Sarratea-Murphy (Gardnerville) motioned that there be no cap. John Goyenette 2nded. Gratien Etchebehere added an addendum that there be no graduated scale based on membership. The motion carried with the majority vote. Seven voted against (J. Escoz (Buffalo), A. Escoz (Buffalo), Philippe Acheritogaray, Patty Miller, Cindy Schaffeld, Tyler Smith, Izar Bicandi)

To recap. New dues effective January 1, 2010 - \$100.00 base fee per club + \$1.00 per member fee.

Euskara Coordinator and Facilitator contracts

The contract for Euskara Coordinator between N.A.B.O. and Izaskun Kortazar is up for renewal. Valerie did not feel she had the authority to sign without delegate approval. The contract would be for \$8000 per year, plus \$2000 that would be used to reimburse expenses presented with receipts. If more than \$2000 was needed, N.A.B.O. could decide to reimburse those extra expenses at a later date. The agreement was worked out by Martin Goicoechea, Euskara Chairman.

*Lisa Corcostegui motioned to approve the contract as presented. Annie Gavica 2nded. It was unanimously approved.

The Facilitator position is funded by the Basque Government. The position pays for 20 hours a week, although more hours are put in. The salary is based averaging Idaho and California salaries, coming up with a figure of \$44,000. A half time position was then valued at \$22,000. Gloria Tortoricaguena asked what would happen if no money was granted to fund the position next year. The assumption is that the position would terminate. The current contract ends in December. The contract for the facilitator position has been a verbal agreement between the facilitator and N.A.B.O.

*Ricardo Yanci (Boise Euskaldunak) motioned to create a \$22,000 contract for the facilitator position (between the person filling the position and N.A.B.O.) contingent on the grant being awarded from the BG. Gloria Totoricaguena 2nded. Unanimously passed.

*Cindy Schaffeld motioned to accept John Ysursa as facilitator for 2010. Mike Uro 2nded. Unanimously passed.

Global Federation Proposal John Ysursa provided a copy of the statement created by the N.A.B.O. committee that looked at this proposal. The understanding at the meeting in Reno was that N.A.B.O. was invited to attend a FEVA meeting to discuss a global federation. New information shows that the meeting in Argentina will not be a FEVA meeting, but rather a meeting of the Euskal Etxeak in the Americas. The purpose of the meeting is not to discuss how to form a federation, but to possibly adopt the document FEVA sent as by-laws for the new federation.

Valerie called for discussion on a) the document submitted by FEVA and b) if N.A.B.O. should send a representative to the meeting.

Discussion on the document presented by FEVA: Joe Lasuen asked if FEVA wanted to date or marry N.A.B.O. John responded, "They want to see how far they can get." John went on to explain the two year history of the project since it was first discussed at the World Congress in 2007. Ricardo asked what the negative impact would be of not sending someone to the meeting. John mentioned there would be people from the USA present at the Semana Vasca in Bahia Blanca and it would be assumed they represent N.A.B.O.'s interests.

Gloria clarified there has been a confederation of the Americas since the 1950's. CEVA was originated to support the Basque Government in exile. It has died out and there were discussions to revitalize CEVA in 1989. Bob Echeverria was part of the discussions about this again in 1997. The topic came up again at the 2007 World Congress at a meeting attended by John Ysursa and Mary Gaztambide. Gloria further explained cultural differences might make it appear to Americans as though there was something sneaky about the way the meeting and information had been handled, but that is just the way Argentinians work.

There are conflicting opinions within N.A.B.O. regarding this document and the idea of a Global Federation in general. There is some doubt about whether N.A.B.O. is joining or if individual clubs are. Only the mission statement of the document was discussed,

not money issues or structure. Gratien Etchebehere suggested that we wait and see what results from the meeting. Others expressed the idea that it was important to help form whatever this was shaping into. The N.A.B.O. committee recommends "no" to this document and came up with an alternative statement. Gina Espinal said Anaitasuna and other clubs she carried a proxy for preferred to wait as opposed to joining a new federation. They said, no to this document and questioned the timing and rush. Gloria, stated the Cenarusa Foundation wants to explore what a global federation would mean, in terms of effort and cost. It would be interested in further discussion, but say no to the by-laws that were sent. Valerie asked for a clear N.A.B.O. vote on FEVA document as it was presented.

Joe Lasuen motioned not to accept the FEVA written proposal. John Ysursa 2nded. Philippe Acheritogaray questioned why we are motioning not to do something.

*Joe Lasuen moved to reject the proposal (clarifying his earlier motion). Gloria Totoricaguena 2nded. Unanimously carried.

Discussion regarding sending a representative to the meeting in Bahia Blanca: Joe Lasuen (a member of the committee that looked at this issue) felt someone should go to Argentina to explain our misunderstanding or confusion about the purpose of the federation and gather more information. Joe mentioned the committee wants to be sure this is a cultural exchange and not political. Patty Miller asked if there was a need for a global federation. Mary Gaztambide suggested N.A.B.O. needs to decide what it wants. Gloria asked what would be the benefit of joining. John Ysursa responded communication, when leadership changes connections are sometimes lost. Mary added originally it was to be FEVA and N.A.B.O. and others would join later. FEVA wanted only a confederation of the Americas, N.A.B.O. wanted the world to be included. Valerie asked if we wanted to send someone. Cindy Schaffeld thought if someone goes it needs to be an officer or official representative. Gina suggested sending someone to say no to the current proposal and then continue the discussion. Ray Aspiri said the world is big. Anytime you have an association you have duplications, territory issues and politics. He agrees with Gloria, if we are not part of the formation we can't complain if it's not what we like. We need to include what the Association can not do in the by-laws. Anita thinks the president and someone else should go. Alberta Escoz suggested the second person should speak Spanish. Hilah asked what is the statement 2 representatives will bring to Argentina. Delegates would need to vote on N.A.B.O. statement. Mary suggested the 2nd person should know participants.

*Joe Lasuen motioned that the President and Facilitator should go. Teresa Franzoia suggested the President and Gloria Totoricaguena. Gloria said it should be an official representative. Cindy Schaffeld 2nded Joe Lausen's motion of sending the President & Facilitator. Unanimously passed.

*Annie Gavica motioned to make Gloria Totoricaguena a consultant to the president & facilitator. Teresa Franzoia 2nded. Unanimously passed. Lisa Corcostegui had concerns that joining a global federation would be implicit agreement with any political statements.

*Annie Gavica motioned Gloria be reimbursed for flight and lodging. Withdrawn.

*Danielle Bock Grand motioned a % of cost. Teresa Franzoia motioned N.A.B.O. pay ½. These motions did not have any second. Upon further discussion,

*Joe Lasuen motioned that those attending the meeting be reimbursed for those receipts submitted for travel, lodging, food for days while at the meeting. Gratien Etchebehere 2nded the motion. Gloria stated in regards to travel she only needed to be reimbursed the flight from Buenos Aires to Bahia Blanca. Unanimously passed.

*John Ysursa made a motion that Valerie can fill 2nd spot if he can not make it to Argentina. Valerie said she will take the Secretary (Marisa Espinal). Yvonne Hauscarriague 2nded. Unanimously carried.

Representatives will make clear we say no to the presented by-laws and are open to continued discussion, but it would need to be a non-political, non-partisan entity.

Ellis Island Exhibit Patty Miller of the Basque Museum in Boise reported the Basque exhibit will be at Ellis Island from 2/7/2010 – 5/9/2010. Called "Hidden in Plain Sight", it would then travel around the US. She asked we get word out to clubs about the exhibit and to donate immigration documents, photos, etc. The Basque Government will notify about grants and opening celebration. Individuals can donate to have their ancestors name on exhibit whether or not they passed through Ellis Island for \$100. Clubs may also sponsor exhibit, no amount yet set.

Semana Vasca Mar de Plata, Argentina 2010 (John Goyenetche) In 2007 N.A.B.O. received an invitation to send a group of dancers to Semana Vasca in Mar de Plata in October 2010. It's been discussed at several meetings. A group is being formed of members of all N.A.B.O. clubs. Participants pay their way and are hosted in Argentina. If interested contact John Goyenetche, John Ysursa or Valerie Arrechea. Have musicians lined up and a few dancers. Would like to have a list of all interested by December 2009. Practices would start early next year. A similar exchange took place 17 years ago in Mar de Plata. In the past there was an exchange and dancers from Mar de Plata came to the U.S. to perform as well. That is being looked into. Finance committee can help decide if N.A.B.O funds should be used for that.

Euskadi Trip 2011 Anita Franzoia is planning a trip to the Basque Country. She has partnered with Iyap Tours. 1 person for every 6 would be paid if they help chaperone the kids, an Udaleku group, a Gazteak group. Dates would coincide with Saint's Days, San Fermin, etc . You can open the trip at either end for personal travel for only \$125 more. She would like 3 different ages with different activities for each age group each day. The cost around \$3000 includes 2 meals a day, lodging, and flight. There are Gateways from Seattle, NY, Denver, Salt Lake City, Boise, Reno, S.F., LAX with different prices for each city of origin. A lay away plan available through Anita. Brochures should be available by February meeting. The trip would be a way to expose Basque Diaspora to Basque Country and opportunity to meet relatives there. Toni Sabarots asked if the trip would fit with Gaztemundu and qualify for Aita Tillous scholarship funds. Valerie said it fell under the Aita Marcel Tillous fund the last time Anita brought up the trip, but that trip was cancelled This could be discussed further at a later date.

Coalition for the National Museum of the American People: This organization is trying to put together a museum in Washington DC that would showcase those cultures that make up the United States. They ask for a letter of support, no financial support required.

*Gratien Etchebehere motioned we write a letter. Gloria Totoricaguena 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Amerikanuak - Those producing the documentary would like \$10,000. They are looking for a Basque Government grant. They thought we co-produced the Last Link and we might like to help.

*Joe Lasuen motioned Anita Franzoia research whether they want \$10,000 or less. John Ysursa 2nd. Unanimously passed.

N.A.B.O. Flag for Argentina pilota tournaments: Valerie asked for a vote on purchasing a N.A.B.O. Flag as requested by Xabier Berrueta . Annie Gavica suggested we make something now for pilota and open up the contest for a more official flag.

*John Ysursa motioned we make a provisional N.A.B.O. flag. Joe Lasuen 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Future meetings: Fall 2010, Convention 2012 Currently the Fall 2010 location is open, and available for a club to host. Patty Miller suggested that N.A.B.O. move to only 2 meetings. a year instead of 3. She asked that the issue be put on the agenda for the February meeting. Ricardo Yanci suggested that the 3rd meeting per year could be committee members only. Valerie said committee members meet via teleconference throughout the year.

Washington DC has withdrawn its offer to host the convention in 2012. Anita Franzoia volunteered Elko to host 2012 meeting. John Ysursa mentioned that Buffalo had graciously offered to move up their hosting date. 2011 & 2012 will be between Buffalo & Elko. If Elko doesn't host 2011 it will take 2012. Mountain Home will host Winter (Feb.) 2011.

Euskalkultura Does N.A.B.O. want to write a letter of support stating that Joseba Etxarri's website is important. Gloria Totoricaguena asked if we send a letter of support to anyone who asks, what does a letter of support mean, and is it appropriate? Joseba did not ask for this. Is supporting him supporting a business? Gratien said it's not a political website it's about Basque culture, not necessarily strictly a business.

*Lisa Corcostegui motioned we send a letter. Joe Lasuen 2nd. After discussion by the delegates, Valerie asked Lisa if she wanted to withdraw her motion. The issue was withdrawn by Valerie. Instead of N.A.B.O. sending a letter of support, it was thought more appropriate to leave this in the hands of individuals or clubs.

Valerie Arrechea thanked Seattle for doing a great job hosting and adjourned the meeting.

There was an announcement that Dinner would be at Bilboa's at 7pm.