

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2012
Elko, Nevada

The President called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

The delegates shared a moment of silence for Josephine Arriet.

Welcome by Fred Beitia Jr., President of the Elko Euskaldunak. He briefly described the events planned for the weekend of their 49th Anniversary and the N.A.B.O. convention.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

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

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia
Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre, excused
Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren, excused
History – no Chairman
Txerri Txapeldun – Gratien Etchebehere, excused
Kantari Eguna – Noel Goyhenetche, excused
Beti Gazte – Kristiane Bizkarra, excused

Club Delegates

Alkartasura	Martin Goicoechea + proxy
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Marisa Espinal + proxy
Basque Educational Organization	Marisa Espinal (proxy)
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Patty Miller + proxy
Basque Club of Utah	Mary Gaztambide
	Nancy Trevino
Big Horn Basque Club-Buffalo,WY	Teresa Fieldgrove

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture
Center for Basque Studies, Reno
Chino Basque Club
Elko Euskaldunak

Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Gooding Basque Association

Kern County Basque Club
Las Vegas Basque Club
Los Banos Basque Club
Marin Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Oinkari Dancers
Ontario Basque Club
Reno Zazpiak Bat Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center
Santa Rosa Basque Club, Paradise, NV

Seattle Euskal Etxea
Southern California Basque Club
Txoko Ono, Homedale, ID
Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea
Winnemucca

Guests

Julian Celaya, Basque Government
Andoni Martin, Basque Government
Lurdes Auzmendi, Basque Government
Xabier Zabaltza, Basque Government
Kinku Zinkunegi, HABE
Pedro Oiarzabal, University of Duesto
Aimara Puerta, University of Duesto
Sam Snodgrass

On-line Guests

Adelaide Daraspe, Montreal, Quebec
Philippe Acheritogaray, San Francisco

Jean Escoz
Steve Achabal
Annie Gavica
Patty Miller (2 proxies)
Kate Camino + proxy
John Ysursa + proxy
Bob Echeverria
Anita Anacabe Francoia
Goisalde Jausoro + proxy
Asun Bedialauneta
Peggy Guerecaechevarria
John Goyenatche + proxy
Jose Mari Beristain + proxy
Jean Pierre Elissetche (2 proxies)
Pierre Etcharren + proxy
Becky Sarratea-Murphy
Noel Arraiz
Tyler Smith + proxy
Grace Mainvil + proxy
Marguerite Wilson + proxy
Jean Pierre Elissetche + proxy
Pierre Etcharren + proxy
Susan Gavica
Annie Gavica
Anita Anacabe Francoia(2 proxies)
Marisa Espinal (2 proxies)
Gloria Lejardi + proxy
Jose Mari Beristain (proxy)
Brenda Willey
Mandy Chaffin

Approval of the February 2012 Minutes

Marisa Espinal submitted the February 2012 minutes.

Anna Mari Aguirre made a correction: her name should be spelled Anna M. Aguirre rather than Ana Marie Aguirre.

Bob Echeverria made a correction: his name is spelled Echeverria not Etcheverria.

Goisalde Jausoro noted the date of the Fall meeting in New York was incorrect it should have read 2013 not 2012.

- Jean Pierre Elissetche motioned to accept the February meeting minutes with the corrections as noted. Kate Camino seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Grace Mainvil)

The report in the Facilitator's packet was from February. Grace went over the correct report and the July report was emailed to all of the delegates.

Grace explained for new delegates that the N.A.B.O. accounts were assigned two EIN numbers by the IRS: one under the North American Basque Organization Incorporated. This includes the General, Pilota, and Mus accounts. The second EIN number is under the Educational Fund of North American Basque Organizations Inc. This includes the General Educational, Euskara/HABE, Udaleku, Aita Martxel Tillous Youth Fund, and the Jean Leon Iribarren Memorial Fund accounts.

Grace applauded the original idea to charge per Mus player because it makes the Mus Fund self-sufficient. The Mus Chairman has already paid Vancouver for the winning team from the United States and the International Mus Delegate per our vote at the February meeting. Grace will reimburse him, and that amount will be deducted in the next report.

All clubs are strongly encouraged to make a *minimum* \$50.00 donation to the Udaleku Fund to try and make it as self-sufficient as Mus. It currently puts a financial burden on the club hosting Udaleku. Some families were given refunds when they were unable to participate in Udaleku this year. The \$50.00 deposit is not refunded unless there are extenuating circumstances. Four families have requested tuition aid from our Aita Tillous Fund. The scholarship does not go directly to the family; it will be transferred from the Aita Tillous Fund to the Udaleku Fund. All other participants paid through PayPal.

Special Presentations:

Julian Celaya, from the Basque Government

Julian Celaya briefly addressed the delegates in Basque.

Andoni Martin, The Four year Plan

Andoni brought warm greetings from his colleague, Benan Oregi. He presented the highlights of the four-year plan. The main point of the four-year plan is that the Basque Government is trying to maintain the same level of financial support despite funding cuts. The cultural tours were cut due to lack of funds. The Basque Government would like to see the program expanded with Basque-American artists traveling to the Basque Country and not just artists from the Basque Country visiting the Americas.

Gaztemundu will take place in September 2012 with the help of HABE. This year the focus will be on Basque Teachers.

The Basque Government is hoping to have a regional meeting in New York in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary in 2013.

Pedro Oiarzabal is helping the Basque Government with a project to assess the needs of immigrants returning to the Basque Country with an eye to creating legislation that would ease their return. The Basque Government is hoping to get help from the European Community to study European and Basque Migration. Another point is private business in the Diaspora. An agreement was signed between Euskadi and Idaho. A new business office will open in Boise at the end of July 2012.

The lack of participation by the youth is still a concern. A young person will be able to accompany N.A.B.O. to the Advisory meeting. N.A.B.O. will have to nominate one young person to accompany them to the regional meeting.

Lurdes Auzmendi, Vice Councilor of the Deputy Ministry for Linguistic Policy of the Basque Government

There was a video presentation describing the use of the Basque Language and the Basque Governments efforts to increase its use. It is the oldest and youngest language in Europe. Bernard Etchepare wrote the first book written in Basque in 1545. Steve Achabal asked how the delegates could view the video to share it with their clubs. It will be posted on YouTube. Here is a link, http://www.nabasque.org/Euskara/Euskara_munduan2.htm

Lurdes addressed the delegates in Basque. She had a power point presentation with pie charts describing the use of Basque Language in the world. 37% of the people of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country claim to be able to speak Basque, but only 20% of them use it regularly. In the Basque area of southern France only about a quarter of the people speak Basque. A cooperation agreement has been signed between the Basque Government and both Navarre and France to make Basque a language with legal status in those regions.

Lurdes briefly touched on the history of the Basque language. She described the principles and priorities of Basque Language Policy under the Normalization Law of 1982. The main aim of the Basque Government is to move towards a feasible form of bilingualism. The Basque language policy has been based on three

priority areas in this order of importance: education, administration and mass media. In the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country (Gipuzkoa, Alaba, and Bizcaia) parents have the choice in which language their child is to be educated; 60% choose Basque, 22% opt for a bilingual model and the last 18% choose Basque as a subject.

The progress made in the last few decades would not have been possible without the existence of a standard variant of the language, the one called Euskara Batua. Without this standardization process, Basque, split into dialects, would have been denied access to the university, to the administration and to other spheres of modern life, especially literature, Wikipedia, Twitter, Facebook or other social networks. Lurdes hopes that the newfound peace in the Basque Country will make it possible to include all sectors of society in the process of reviving the Basque language, including those who have been reluctant up to now.

Basque is taught at 32 Universities in Europe and the Americas. Four of these are in the United States: Boise, Santa Barbara, Chicago, and Stanford. The Etxepare Institute of the Basque Government coordinates these efforts. HABE, the Basque Literacy and Language Learning Institute for Adults, in collaboration with the Department of the President of the Basque Government, and local federations of Basque Centers, like N.A.B.O., is responsible for the Euskara Munduan program. The aim of this program is to teach Basque to Basque communities in the Americas.

Lurdes also described the United States efforts to increase Basque language usage. There are currently more than 200 students in 20 different groups in the United States. Lurdes thanked Kinku Zinkunegi and all those who are teaching Basque for all of their efforts. She encouraged all those who have not yet tried to learn Basque to take a class at your local euskal etxea or try the on-line course, BOGA. She concluded with a video of all of the classes and activities to encourage the use of the Basque language in the United States.

Break 9:45 – 10:00 am

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Please see submitted reports in the Facilitator's packet for full details.)

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea & Izaskun Kortazar)

Martin reported that in the year 2000 it was decided that a concerted effort was needed to promote the use and learning of the Basque language in the United States. The older generations were shrinking in numbers and younger generations were not using Basque. Martin expressed his gratitude to the Basque

Government, HABE, Izaskun and all of the teachers who signed up to teach Basque classes at all of the euskal etxeak.

Izaskun made her report in Euskera. Her report included the status of current Euskara classes, the status of future teachers projects and the 2nd Barnetegi held in Boise in June, suggested Euskara events for your euskal etxea, and euskara news.

Euskara has grown so much we now have a committee to help design the four-year plan. Some of the goals they came up with are to systematize the Euskara Curriculum based on HABE materials for adults and children, and to continue to create future teachers so more classes can be offered.

Video: (Jesus Pedroarena, excused)

<http://www.eitb.com/es/television/canal-vasco/> &
<http://www.eitb.com/es/television/etb-sat/>

Calendars: (Mary Lou Urrutia)

The 2013 N.A.B.O. calendars are here! Please contact Mary Lou to let her know if you will pick up your club's calendars at the Reno or Gardnerville picnic or if you would like them shipped. Your club will be responsible for the shipping costs.

We have added our phrase Celebrate + Educate = Perpetuate to the logo and at the bottom of each page. The names of the months were removed, but it will be added next year. We returned to the American format of Sunday to Saturday. This is our second year linking with the music site, Elkar. Please give Mary Lou your feedback at calendar@nabasque.org Next year she is considering a collaboration with the Basque Library at the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada Reno. There would be a link each month to an audio clip of a book from the Basque Library.

Mary Lou wanted the delegates to understand that the pictures used for the calendar are those that remain sharp and clear when blown to calendar size. 1m pixels are best. Sam Snodgrass offered to help Mary Lou edit the photos to see if it's possible to improve clarity of pictures sent that have fewer than 1m pixels.

It is now possible to pay for calendars through PayPal. Your club may still send the Treasurer, Grace Mainvil, a check for calendars at 705 Nicklaus Lane, Eagle, Idaho 83616.

- Mary Lou made a motion that the price per calendar remains \$5.00. Jean Pierre Elissetche seconded. Unanimously approved.

Pilota (Evelyne Etcharren, on-line report)

The 2012 NABOkO Pilota Txapelketa Handball games are scheduled for this weekend in Elko during the festival and convention.

Boise will be hosting their annual San Ignazio Paleta Goma Invitational July 27th and 28th.

The San Francisco Basque Cultural Center will host the men's paleta goma, cuero, and ladies' baleen tournaments on August 25, 2012.

Grace Mainvil asked for clarification about the United States Pilota Federation and the World Pilota Council. N.A.B.O. is a member of both. There are no dues to belong to the World Pilota Council. She has not been paying dues to the U. S. Pilota Federation since 2010 per the request of the Pilota Chairman. After the Pilota Chairman had sent a letter to the U.S. Federation of Pilota about what the benefits were to N.A.B.O. There has not been a satisfactory response as to why N.A.B.O. is the only member to pay dues. The San Francisco Basque Cultural Center paid for the flights of the players representing the United States and also paid for the flight of the President of the U.S. Pilota Federation to the last Mundial.

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Paypal was a much better system. The payments are time stamped. Grace Mainvil asked about the fees charged by PayPal. It is about 2% per transaction. Kate Camino recommended that anyone who will be organizing an Udaleku should be at some of the N.A.B.O. meetings from the beginning rather than just at the final teleconferences.

Udaleku 2012:

Steve Achabal, the Boise delegate, reported 105 children would be split into 7 groups of 15. Each group will have 1 or 2 instructors plus up to four aides. There will be plenty of supervision and one-on-one attention. The children's days will be full, starting at 8:30 am and ending with events scheduled each night; dance lessons - salsa, tango, and swing, cooking class – paella. A day of games is planned at Txoko Ono in Homedale. Mountain home will be taking the kids up to Idaho City. They will also be attending a rodeo. The final performance will be Friday night, July 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Udaleku 2013

John Goyenette reported it would be in Bakersfield next year June 16 – 30th. Applications will be on-line March 1st.

Beti Gazte: (Kristiane Bizkarra, excused)

John Yursa described some of the events planned for the Youth Basque Olympics this weekend at the Convention for kids 10 and above. One event will be the laundry basket pull; partners trade places pulling their partner in a basket.

John *strongly encouraged* everyone to go back to his or her clubs and help organize more youth events. See the N.A.B.O. website youth tab for more ideas. Anita Anacabe Franzoia suggested we have a torch or Makil that is sent to each

club for their youth event and end with a Youth Olympic Village next year at the Convention in Elko.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren)

Mus finals were held April 28th in Chino. It was decided years ago that the winners' club hosts the following year's finals. We recently voted to have the winners from last year automatically eligible for participating in the next year's finals. 41 teams played. This year's winners, Pedro Marizcurena and Fidel Marcos, were from the Ventura Club. They will represent N.A.B.O. in the International Mus Tournament in Vancouver. Pierre Etcharren is the delegate representing the United States. Next year's finals will be held at Los Angeles Oberena Club. Jean Baptiste Bidegaray assisted Pierre during the Mus finals.

International Mus:

It is not known at this time which country will host next year. If no one steps up it may be N.A.B.O. again.

When it comes to international activities whether Mus or Pilota, Canada represents Canada even though they are N.A.B.O. members. Vancouver is paying for this year's International Mus, not N.A.B.O.

Junior Mus: (Gina Espinal, excused)

The Junior Mus Finals will be held today at 1 p.m. There are 6 teams participating. A big thank you from the Junior Mus Chairman to Vonetta and Jose Menaka, the Elko members who stepped up to run the Junior Mus Tournament.

Sales

Mary Lou Urrutia asked about the playing card sales. Recently there have not been a lot of sales. Cards were given to the delegates of the World Congress. The children participating in the Junior Mus Tournament used N.A.B.O. cards.

Grace will have pins, watches, patches and flags available for sale at the Euskara table during the Convention. She will have them for sale next year as well. The Euskara table will be selling backpacks and water bottles to raise funds to help Euskara teachers attend the barnetegi.

- Anita Anacabe Franzoia made a motion to give anyone who signs up for BOGA a N.A.B.O. pin. 2nded by Tyler Smith. Unanimously approved.

Pierre Etcharren made a note that N.A.B.O. gives calendars and cards as promotional gifts to all of the participants of the International Mus. All of the countries bring a gift for all of the finalists.

Grace will look into prices for a new N.A.B.O. pin.

Marguerite Wilson asked if clubs could purchase them to sell at their picnics.

N.A.B.O. merchandise may be purchased individually or in larger quantities. The

Basque Museum, for example, buys them 100 at a time and sells them at the museum.

Txerri Jana Contest: (Gratien Etchebehere, excused)

This is our second annual pig contest. Mike Hardoy will be running the contest, which will be held Saturday. There will be three categories; morcilla/tripotata, chorizo (sausage with red pepper), and lukainka (sausage without red pepper). All entries must be homemade. You can enter as an individual or an organization. Julian Celaya of the Basque Government was volunteered to judge.

Kantari Eguna: (Noel Goyhenetche, excused)

Noka will be performing in Rocklin on October 13, 2012.

Facilitator's Report: (John Ysursa)

Dance instructors from Bizcaia are coming to the United States and will be putting on workshops in Boise, San Francisco, and Chino. They will be focusing on newer dances developed by Segundo Olaeta called "Aurreku de Honor".

Gurea program – Originally Kalakan was to come, but they were asked to go on tour with Madonna. Noka, (comes from the familiar form of address used by women when speaking to other women) a group from Chino, will be playing at Kantari Eguna, at Stanford, and at the Fall meeting in Mountain Home. This will give us a chance to showcase our homegrown talent.

The Basque Government will once again be sending the interns from their office as instructors on Basque culture in a box. We have had the "A" team, the "N" team, and this year the "G" team, Mayte Galardi and Inaki Goikoetxea, will be coming to three communities who responded to the open invitation; Denver, Chino, and Rhode Island.

Hi Kantari The webpage has been streamlined for Smartphones. You can now see the lyrics from the Hi Kantari songbook and hear the melodies to help you get started on the right key when you and your club members want to start singing in Basque. Please let N.A.B.O. know at the next meeting or send an email to info@nabasque.org if your club thinks there would be a need to reprint the Hi Kantari songbook and if there is an interest new N.A.B.O. pins.

John, who has been the Facilitator for seven years, is stepping down probably in October, but will be staying to help train the next facilitator. We are looking for someone who is tech savvy who can maintain the website and Astero. Please see the Facilitator's booklet for more of the duties in the job description. The application and job description can also be found on the N.A.B.O. website. The position requires a minimum 20-hour a week commitment. The salary is based on an average Idaho and California salary split in half. The salary is dependent

on continued funding from the Basque Government. The president feels music and dance should be it's own committee. Perhaps it could be two positions.

Sam Snodgrass

Sam spoke about a photo project, Nekasaria Baserritik Zerkausira.

It depicts the process of food from farm to table. He described pictures so good you could almost taste the cheese in the photographs. He would like to see this photo exhibit displayed throughout the Basque Community in the United States. The City Hall of Tolosa originally funded this project. They would need additional funding to bring it to the United States. A ballpark figure for the transportation costs to bring the panels to the U.S. and travel throughout the country would be \$10,000 - \$20,000. Sam doesn't have firm numbers. At this point he would like to see if there is any interest. If your club would be interested please contact Sam directly at EuskalSam@gmail.com, for more information see the link for the diagram of the exposition and examples of the panels:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/targazki/BASERRITIKZERKAUSIRA?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCNf-4tXczIKfmwE&feat=directlink>

The Representatives of the Basque Government were given cowboy hats to wear during the Elko Festival and N.A.B.O. Convention. A group photo of all of the delegates was taken before lunch.

Lunch break 12:10 – 1:55

Old Business

Finance Committee

There was not a lot of response with interest for the Finance Committee. Although the delegates voted for a Finance Committee, only two people expressed interest in being on the Committee. The president put together a list of N.A.B.O. projects and where the funding comes from. The projects that are funded by the Basque Government would need to be evaluated if the funding were no longer available. For example, the clubs that were interested might fund the Gurea tours. The clubs that offered dance instruction might fund a dance workshop. The Facilitator and Euskara Coordinator positions would be dissolved.

The president suggested individuals could volunteer to write grants to fund N.A.B.O. projects. Marguerite Wilson asked about a class on grant writing. Kate Camino mentioned most foundations offer a workshop on grant writing. She also reminded the delegates that N.A.B.O. is incorporated in Nevada. She was able to get grants to help defray the costs of Udaleku when the Reno club hosted it with a grant from the Nevada Humanities and Arts Council. Each club should look into grants within their state.

- Martin Goicoechea motioned to table the committee until there was more interest. 2nded by Noel Arraiz. Unanimously approved.

History Committee

There were not a lot of volunteers who came forward to chair this committee. Pedro Oiarzabal offered to hold a 6-hour workshop on August 10th at the Center for Basque Studies in Reno. It would be a train the trainer workshop on conducting oral histories, so that people could go back to their communities and train others. This workshop would address many of the concerns brought up by the delegates at the February N.A.B.O. meeting in San Francisco. It would include; a history of oral interviews, ethical and legal guidelines, how to process, store and make available oral interviews. It is vital that local communities interview their older members. We have lost 11 members in Elko just this year. It is so important that you take ownership of your local communities history. Register by 8/8/12. The workshop will need a minimum of 4 participants.

Asun Bedialauneta asked about the storage of interviews. She has been interviewed three times and was wondering who has access to the interviews. N.A.B.O. does not currently store interviews. Each interview Asun participated in was for a different purpose. The only interviews N.A.B.O. has are those that were conducted by Argitxu Camou for the N.A.B.O. edition of the Urazandi collection. Any future interviews could be kept at the center for Basque for Studies in Reno, as well as a copy kept locally in your community. They could also be stored at the Basque Museum in Boise. Lisa Corcostegi has made templates available at the University of Nevada Reno website. Please contact Lisa or Patty Miller if you would like more information about the templates. The BEO also has templates available on their website of questions and legal forms that they used for the San Francisco edition of the Urazandi collection. You can find the document templates at <http://www.basqueed.org/urazandi/index.htm> click on "Current project status & Interviewer Doc".

- Susan Gavica motioned to have Pedro work with N.A.B.O. to offer an oral history workshop. Patty Miler 2nded. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Patty Miller reminded everyone that it was John Ysursa's birthday and the delegates sang, "Zorionak Zuri".

Patty Miller, The Basque Museum and Cultural Center, Expanding Horizons Campaign

The museum sent out surveys in 2009 -2010 to the Basque Community as part of their strategic plan. The feedback suggested the museum expand services in three areas; exhibits, collections, oral histories and make them more accessible.

It is estimated that 400,000 people viewed *Hidden in Plain Sight* at Ellis Island. It raised national and international awareness of the Basques. The exhibit is available for travel to your community. A smaller version of *Hidden in Plain Sight* was exhibited at the World Congress in San Sebastian. The exhibit will be in Gooding next summer.

Virginia Argoitia from Sparks bequeathed \$675,000 to the Museum. \$150,000 was used as set aside for future capital expenditures. \$525,000 is being used as seed money. The goal is to raise an additional million dollars in the capital campaign so the interest could be used for funding special projects. One plan is to hire an educational coordinator and expand the educational services currently being offered. The Museum has been a resource to the Basque community and has helped many clubs with special projects and exhibits. Through the generosity of local sponsors the Museum is almost half way to meeting their goal. Boise Euzkaldunak has committed to help. Please ask your clubs for support of this project.

Montreal Project Indianoak,

Adelaide Daraspe from Quebec asked the president to pass on information about a current project; a traditional Basque trainera, will sail from the museum in TroisPistol down the river to Montreal. The whole trip will be followed and filmed by Talassa, a major program in France that shows adventures. The artist who painted the large panels on exhibit in Montreal is involved with this project. More information can be found on the website: www.indianoak.fr

Quickbooks

Grace Mainvil, Treasurer has looked into the cost of converting our finances to Quickbooks for the CPA. It would be about \$600. The President has already set up the N.A.B.O. accounts on Quickbooks so the costs would be much less. A class on Quickbooks may be necessary.

- John Ysursa made a motion to authorize Grace to spend whatever costs are necessary to update her bookkeeping to Quickbooks. 2nded by Valerie Arrechea. Unanimously approved.

Elections:

The positions of president and treasurer are elected annually. The president appoints the secretary, and the past president fills the vice-president position.

- Anita Anacabe Franzoia nominated Valerie Arrechea for President and Grace Mainvil for Treasurer. Noel Arraiz 2nded. Unanimously approved.
- Martin Goicoechea made a motion to close nominations. 2nded by Annie Gavica. Unanimously approved.

Valerie Arrechea was unanimously re-elected as President of N.A.B.O. Grace Mainvil was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer of N.A.B.O.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2012

Fall: Mountain Home, Idaho, October 6, 2012 (Benan's Birthday)

2013

Winter: Salt Lake City, UT (usually February)

Summer Convention: July, Elko 50th Anniversary + 40th Anniversary of N.A.B.O.

Fall: New York, October 12, 2013

2014

Winter: San Francisco, February 15, 2014

Summer Convention: Bakersfield, CA

Fall: Rocklin, October

Future Convention Dates:

2017: Chino, CA

Respectfully submitted by Marisa Espinal, N.A.B.O. Secretary.