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President Philippe Acheritogaray called meeting to order at 8:15am and followed by welcoming everybody attending. He thanked everyone for their RSVPs and proxies as well as thanking the Basque Club of Utah for hosting the event. He then asked any new delegates to please stand and be recognized. He introduced Pierre Etcharren who was part of NABO's founding meeting in 1973. He extended a special welcome to friends from the Basque Government, Gorka Alvarez Aranburu and Benan Oregi from the Department of Basque Communities Abroad, and Jasone Agirre, a member of the Basque Parliament representing Bizkaia and EH Bildu. This was followed by a short history of the Basque Government's involvement in NABO attending their first NABO meeting 33 years ago also in Salt Lake City. Philippe then introduced Basque Club of Utah's President, Cirbie Sangroniz who welcomed everyone and provided a rundown of the days' events.

Roll call then took place

Attending the meeting were:

NABO Officers

President – Philippe Acheritogaray
Vice-President – Annie Gavica
Treasurer – Mayi Petracek
Secretary – Kate Camino

NABO Administrators

Euskara Coordinator – Aitor Inarra - excused
Facilitator – Kate Camino
Webmaster – Lisa Corcostegui

Program Directors & Committee Chairpersons

Finance Committee – Mayi Petracek
Investment Committee – Mayi Petracek
Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, *excused*
Education – John Ysursa
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
History & Memoria Bizia – Patty Miller
Mus – Pierre Etcharren
Pilota – Tony Huarte
Txerriki Contest Organizer – Valerie Arrechea
Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea & Kate Camino
By-Laws Review Special Committee – Frank Yraguen
Euskal Kantari Eguna – Anita Izoco & Noel Goyhenetche *excused*

Board of Directors (delegates) Representing 36 NABO Member Organizations

British Columbia

Zazpiak Bat: Vancouver Kate Camino Kate Camino proxy



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Quebec

Euskaldunak: Quebec Absent

California

Bakersfield

Kern County Basque Club Valerie Arrechea Valerie Arrechea proxy

Chino

Chino Basque Club Marianna Etcheverria Denis Petrissans

Fresno

Fresno Basque Club Jean Pierre Etchechury Jean Pierre Etchechury

Los Angeles

Oberena Absent

Los Banos

Los Banos Basque Club Mayi Petracek Mayi Petracek

Marin-Sonoma

Marin-Sonoma
Basque Association Valerie Arrechea Pierre Etcharren

Ontario

Southern California
Basque Club Anne Marie Gariador Anne Marie Garaiador proxy

Rocklin

Iparreko Ibarra/
Northern Valley Basque Club Valerie Arrechea Valerie Arrechea proxy

San Francisco

Anaitasuna Basque Club Gina Espinal Gina Espinal proxy

San Francisco Basque Club JP Elissetche JP Elissetche proxy

Basque Educational
Organization

Valerie Arrechea Valerie Arrechea proxy

San Francisco Basque
Cultural Center

Valerie Arrechea Pierre Etcharren

Susanville

Susanville Eskualdun Inc. Valerie Arrechea Valerie Arrechea proxy



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Ventura County

Ventura County Basque Club Absent

Colorado

Denver Euskal Etxea Mayi Petracek Mayi Petracek proxy

Idaho

Boise

Basque Museum &
Cultural Center

Annie Gavica Patty Miller

Basque Studies at
Boise State University

John Ysursa John Ysursa proxy

Cenarrusa Foundation

Argia Beristain Argia Beristain proxy

Euzkaldunak: Boise Basque
Center

Argia Beristain Tyler Smith

Oinkari Basque Dancers

Kristina Franzoia Mikel Sangroniz

Gooding

Gooding Basque Association

Asun Bedialauneta Janae Cole proxy

Homedale

Txoko Ona Basque Club

Annie Gavica Annie Gavica proxy (2)

Mountain Home

Euskal Lagunak

Annie Gavica Annie Gavica proxy (2)

Nevada

Battle Mountain

Battle Mountain Oberenak

Johna Reeves Johna Reeves proxy

Elko

Elko Euzkaldunak Club

Mercedes Mendive Mercedes Mendive proxy

Gardnerville

Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba

Gina Espinal Gina Espinal proxy

Las Vegas

Lagun Onak

Argia Beristain Argia Beristain proxy

Paradise Valley

Santa Rosa Basque Club

Annie Gavica Tyler Smith



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Reno

Center for Basque Studies Kate Camino Kate Camino proxy

Zazpiak Bat

Reno Basque Club Enrike Corcostegui Enrike Corcostegui proxy

Winnemucca

Euskaldunak Danak Bat Absent

New Mexico

New Mexico Euskal Etxea Mayi Petracek Mayi Petracek proxy

New York

Euzko Etxea Absent

Oregon

Ontario, Oregon Basque Club Lisa Corcostegui Frank Yraguen

Rhode Island

Portsmouth
New England Basque Club Valerie Arrechea Valerie Arrechea proxy

Utah

Basque Club of Utah Sonia Castañon Rhonda Spivey proxy

District of Columbia

Washington D.C.
Euskal Etxea Absent

Washington

Seattle Euskal Etxea Absent

Wyoming

Big Horn Basque Club Mick Camino Mick Camino

Alkartasuna Basque Club Martin Goicoechea Martin Goicoechea proxy

Clubs not attending – Euskaldunak Quebec, Oberena (LA), Ventura County Basque Club, Winnemucca Basque Club, Euzko Etxea of New York, DC Euskal Etxea and Seattle Euskal Etxea

Guests in attendance also included Delegate of Euskadi in the US, Jorge Fernandez Quintela, Basque Parliament Representatives, Jasone Agirre Garitaonandia, Patty Yraguen from the Ontario Basque Club, and Joseba Etxarri from EuskalKultura.com.

The meeting continued with the presentation of the minutes from the Los Banos meeting in the fall. Mayi made a correction in the amount paid to Euskara instructors, should be \$400 not \$425. Valerie provided a clarification



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in regards to the Zoom meeting that was mentioned on page 6 regarding a sidebar Mus meeting. Nobody reached out to Mus and so the meeting never took place. Annie Gavica moved to approve the minutes with JP Elissetche seconding. All in favor

Treasurer's report

Mayi then gave a summary of the treasurer's report (see committee reports) as well as the balance sheet for 2018. She also reminded us that the Etxepare Basque Institute is now funding Euskara grants, which until recently was part of HABE's role. Mayi then moved to accept the Treasurer's report with Frank Yraguen seconding the motion. All in favor.

Quorum – it was determined that there was a quorum present with 36 clubs represented in person and via proxy totaling 72 delegates. Quorum requirement is 43, quorum requirement is 22 clubs, and so both requirements have been met. Motion to pass by simple majority would require 37 yes votes and by-law process requires 2/3s or 48 yes votes.

By-Law Review Special Committee

Frank Yraguen provided a summary of the activities of the By-Law Review Special Committee as its chair. Frank thanked everyone for allowing him to be a part of this committee and also thanked Valerie Arrechea for her efforts. He explained the four-column report of the original, suggested amendments and reasoning behind those suggestions. As well as amendments #1-36, that would be presented for vote today. Frank is moving for the acceptance of all 36 amendments but they will be read individually to allow for further discussion and questions. Frank asks for questions about the process. He also said that he had now read all the minutes since the inception of NABO and he feels that the organization is in good shape. Frank then moves that the organization accept the recommendations made by the By-Law Special Committee. JP Elissetche seconded the motion.

Philippe summarized what Frank said, and explained that with the help with CBS archive and Lisa, virtually all minutes are now available online beginning in 1973 with the exception of 2-3 years that are missing.

Frank continued to explain that a member is very different from a delegate and so the committee tried to clarify that differentiation throughout the document. Valerie continued to explain that NABO's By-Laws were adapted from a boilerplate By-Law example and so some of the vocabulary used really wasn't pertinent to NABO's function as a federation. Frank also said there was not consistency in defining the organization in the minutes either. The committee strived to provide continuity in the document. He then went on to discuss special meetings and said that further discussion may be required when that particular amendment comes up. Thinks it is more logical for two member organizations to be able to call a special meeting instead of just two individuals.

Philippe asks if there are any more questions for Frank before reading the amendments. Philippe pointed out that a summary of the amendments was provided in everyone's packets. Most of the changes are vocabulary and gender neutrality. Each amendment would be read one by one and if there are amendments to the motion, that these would happen in real time and updated immediately.



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Reading of the amendments: each was read aloud and discussion that ensued is provided below.

Amendment #5 – Frank clarifies that this would make it possible to have an annual meeting anywhere instead of always in Reno, NV. Mikel Sangroniz asked if changing the location was in accordance to the Nevada Non-Profit laws and Philippe assured everyone that it was in compliance. He also informed everyone that these Nevada Non-Profit Statutes are also available on our website.

Amendment #8 – Frank clarifies that notice of meetings can be given by any means and not just in writing as currently stated in the By-Laws.

Amendment #13 – Question if Vice-President is also included, and Philippe said currently no. The main changes to this one was removal of meal reimbursement and changed the mileage rate from the fixed rate currently provided. This was substituted by the GSA mileage rate. Mayi suggests amending to include VP. Patty Miller asks if anyone else should be added. Frank adds that there was a lot of discussion regarding reimbursements in the minutes over the years. Frank moved to amend the main motion by including the Vice-President in Amendment #13. Seconded by Mercedes Mendive. All in favor.

Valerie seemed to think that there was a motion for chairman to be reimbursed for one meeting a year. To encourage meeting attendance if one meeting was paid for them. Will research the minutes to see if this was the case - will be revisited.

Amendment #16 – this amendment is to be deleted, and isn't just a change as the other amendments were.

The next two #17 and #18 are also removals of these sections.

Amendment #20 – explanation: main addition is to not count vacancy - we don't have delegates so won't count towards quorum - also eliminates board filling the vacancy instead of the member club.

Amendment #21 – just adding the word delegate.

Amendment #23 – JP Elissetche moves to add delegate to the first reference and remove it from the second one. Seconded by Sonia Castañon. All in favor.

Amendment #25 – this spurred extensive discussion regarding officers having to be delegates, or what if an officer's status changes in his/her member club, among other issues. Valerie moves to table this amendment until Bakersfield removing it from consideration today. Frank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Amendment #27 – Question by Patty Miller, has there ever been more than one vice-president, and the answer is yes. Bob Echeverria and Pierre Etcharren have both served as a second Vice-Presidents

Amendment #29 – Mayi feels email should be added. Valerie suggests that the mailing address is required of each club. Annie suggests that more discussion is needed in regards to secretary also having to be a delegate. Lisa suggests also including treasurer. Philippe reminds everyone that the board can override the By-Laws with a 2/3s approval. Also should the secretary be elected?



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Amendment #32 – to remove these two sections of the article as it has never taken place to our knowledge. Lisa said that they may have one in Ontario's files.

Amendment #33 - JP suggests that delegates be included after board of directors. Frank moves to amend, seconded by Patty Miller. All in favor.

Valerie then points out that there is a difference between “its board of directors,” and “the board of directors,” so delegates should be included after the second reference.

Amendment #34 – changed board of directors to treasurer.

Amendment #35 – also a removal

All have been read and modified some of them and removed #25 from consideration. Motion already made and seconded beforehand to approve 35 amendments as corrected. All in favor.

<Coffee break at 9:45am to resume at 10am.>

Please refer to your committee reports and documents provided in your delegate packets for complete information

Investment Committee Report

Mayi provided background of committee formation and the actions taken. This information is included in the packet. Fourth quarter summary is provided - we only lost 6.6% for the quarter and 5.4% for the year, better than the norm. We will reevaluate and will make sure that we are not in anything too risky etc. We have currently recouped almost all of the 4th quarter loss and are back to \$99,000+

It was recommended to the committee, by the investment company, that we should add more money to the portfolio. The charter giving the committee the power to invest excess cash passed at the Winnemucca convention meeting. The committee is now proposing to add another \$50,000 to the portfolio taking \$30K from the general fund and \$20K from Udaleku.

Patty Miller asks what happens if Udaleku needs that money? Valerie responded that we will be ok because that will still leave Udaleku with \$40k in the account. Also clarified that Udaleku 2020 is in SLC and not in Buffalo.

Mayi reminded us to think about what our target total would be for the long-term. She will institute a budgeting format to help determine what our long-term portfolio should look like. Hopefully will be able to provide a budget for NABO for 2020.

JP moved to accept the investment committee proposal and Johna Reeves seconded it. All in favor.

Philippe - closing comment – reminded the delegates that Mus and General are part of the N.A.B.O., Inc. that is tax exempt under the 501(c)(4) section of the IRS code and that Udaleku funds are part of the N.A.B.O. Educational Fund which is tax exempt under the 501(c)(3) section of the IRS code. In the reports, they are



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indicated by a N (N.A.B.O., Inc.) or an E (N.A.B.O. Educational Fund) depending on which they reside in. Mayi will be diligent in keeping track of each for IRS reporting, however, at the end of the day it is the responsibility of the board of directors of oversight along with the officers. Philippe also thanked Mayi for doing such a great job and presenting everything so clearly.

Euskara Program Proposal

Martin Goikoetxea, NABO Euskara Chair, proposed raising the Euskara teacher salaries to follow the Etxepare Basque Institute Grant more closely. This increase would \$1008 a year from \$800 they are currently paid. This proposal sparked much discussion including will the increase be the responsibility of the clubs, and Martin assures that no, this increase would come from the grant. He calculated the increase by averaging their pay over two years at a rate of \$14 an hour. The increase is also aimed to entice more people to teach Basque in our clubs. Martin also suggested that classes taught via Zoom also qualify. Mayi moved to increase the teachers' salary, second by Mick Camino. All in favor. Anne Marie Gariador moved to qualify Zoom classes as well, seconded by Argia Beristain. All in favor.

Martin thanked everyone, and reminded it all that it is always helpful to get more students.

Basque Government - Starting with Gorka and Benan

Gorka explained that he has been in this position for 2 years and this is the 3rd NABO meeting he has attended. He feels it is important to get together to discuss and solve problems. Elkarlana sustatzea - need to maintain teamwork, and get to know each other better.

Grant awards

Gorka told us that February 28th is the deadline for grants for Basque clubs and summarized last year's awards. The deadline to apply for grants for those in extreme need is April 26th. Individuals from Iparralde do qualify for this grant since the club receives the grant, not the individual.

Gaztemundu 2019

Gaztemundu 2019 – Will take place September 23-October 6th in Bilbao - deadline to apply is March 25th. Fifteen spots available again this year. Language provisions are being addressed. The program will end by attending the World Congress.

World Congress

Will take place October 2-4 - in Bilbao. They wanted a motto that included the word xare – net or something to do with a sharing theme – Saregintza. The logo looks like watching the zinta dantza from above.



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Every country gets 3 voting delegates. The goal is to create a four-year plan but also to send different materials and reflections on the Basque Country - they will also hold a seminar that will reflect on the future of Basque communities. - as a contribution to the congress.

Enara - Swallow project creating a survey for all communities in the world to determine the health of Basque communities today. In 2003, the BG sent questionnaires to everyone in the world and 13,000 responded. From these they learned that about 5,000 families were surviving with less than \$500/month prompting the government to create the extreme need grant. Families that are helped with these grants are often repeat recipients because their situations don't change or improve.

This year's survey has nothing to do with the economy, but it is about what it is like to be a 3rd-4th generation Basque and how they live their Basqueness. They need clubs to help distribute as many surveys as possible. These will be sent by email from the Euskal Etxeak database, but it will also be online. They have done a test with 30 folks, and are making adjustments according to that feedback. The goal is to have a snapshot of the Basque community today. This survey can be shared with non-Basques as well, with its results being included in the program of this year's World Congress.

First Euskal Diaspora Eguna in 2018 was celebrated by more than 70 euskal etxeak in 17 different countries - video of how it was celebrated was shown. They are hoping for more participation in 2019. It is an important day to show the world and the Basque Country that Basque communities are alive and working hard. Video will be uploaded to website.

Archive of the Basque Diaspora, that began in 2018, needs our help - add posters, objects etc. to show all of the communities around the world and the things that they do. Memoria Bizia will also be included here.

Final thoughts: Auzolan - teamwork - We need to work together and we need to collaborate on more projects.

Gorka introduced Jorge Fernandez Quintela Delegate of Euskadi in the US.

Jorge Fernandez Quintela

Please contact them when in NYC. The delegation is at our disposal and is ready to collaborate and cooperate in any way needed. Hope to meet everyone personally - and hopes to come to Bakersfield too.

Philippe thanks the Basque Government visitors and asked for questions.

Valerie asked when we should expect the first payment for 2018. The first payment was sent in January, and the balance after the grant is justified.

Mick asks where things for the archive should be sent. Answer: can send these to the Delegation in NYC and they will forward them along.



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Program and Committee Reports

Finance in report – All information regarding the finance committee, investment committee and the Revolving loan committee are included in the Committee Reports.

Calendar – Again refer to report. Gina asked about calendar themes, maybe represent a club, or combine smaller clubs in one month. This may take 3 years to cover all of the NABO clubs. This idea would begin in 2021 potentially. Marylou hopes to be in Bakersfield.

Question – where do photos get sent. You can email them, or upload them on the website.

Education - refer to committee reports - hope to continue dance workshops - Dantza film will be part of future offerings from the Filmategia as well. Philippe explains that the NABO Filmategi is part of the NABO Education committee allowing folks to borrow movies to show in their clubs either on DVD or by downloading a link. Every once and a while we tour a film with its director and the film *Dantza* came out in September and so are now trying to organize a tour with its director, Telmo Esnal. If your club is interested, let Philippe know. There is a \$350 screening fee to help cover the cost of the tour. This tour is slated for the first week of May. Some clubs that have organized screenings include SLC and Colorado, and so Sonia talked about their experience.

John Ysursa continued his report talking about the possibility of an Iparralde workshop, which is a follow-up from Los Banos. The hope is to have it as a PowerPoint with a script for those interested to learn more about Basques from that area of the Basque Country. Next, will be Nafarroa, and then third will be on Hegoalde (Araba, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa). Hope to have these ready to go in the Fall.

Talked about scholarship opportunities and the benefits of studying abroad. The USAC scholarship is a great opportunity providing \$2,000 each semester.

Will have a reveal in Bakersfield of new opportunities for study abroad from Boise State.

If you want to get involved in the education program, reach out to John.

Kate followed up on USAC scholarship and encouraged applications. Reported on the fact that applicants are coming from the youth that are truly involved in their Basque communities. Scholarship information is in the delegate packet. Anyone wanting to participate in the selection committee please get in touch with Kate. If your university isn't part of the consortium, there are ways to still become eligible for these scholarships. Today there are a ton of universities that are part of a consortium.

Euskara - refer to committee report - report audio provided by Aitor with a PowerPoint.

Head of the Etxepare Basque Institute will be in Bakersfield with Kinku and so would like to have a small meeting with them and teachers. Potential fall Barnetegi November 9-10 maybe in Chino. There is an effort to



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rotate Barnetegi sites, as well as the meeting in Bakersfield May 25 at convention. The next Barnetegi is planned to coincide in 2020 with Jaialdi. Aitor concluded with a success story by Oihana Andion, Basque instructor in Boise, Idaho.

Facilitator report - refer to committee report

Kate reported on the grant amounts NABO should expect for 2018. She also reported that the grant cycle had been adjusted and so the deadline for the 2019 grant was changed to February 28, 2019 as previously reported by Gorka. She offered to help anyone wanting to apply for a Basque Government grant. She also reported that the remaining balance of \$465 from the Nevada Humanities Grant written for Udaleku 2018 was received.

Lisa then reported about creating websites for each club. As the subdomain went away with Eus. we should be able to do this, but we are discouraged from having a bunch of WordPress subdomains because can be easily hacked. NABO could host a domain then you could create a WordPress site under that domain. If your club is interested in creating a website (currently 17 clubs don't have sites) please contact Lisa. These sites would be similar to the Reno Basque Club website

Lisa will include all of the deadlines provided by the Basque Government today on the online calendar on the website, as well as updating the grant application pdf.

Philippe also pointed out that the book by Argitxu on NABO is also available on the website as well as where to find the minutes of all of the NABO meetings since its founding.

Euskal Kantari Eguna –Gardnerville's Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba will host the 2019 Kantari Eguna this summer on August 10, 2019 and Rocklin will host in conjunction with its annual festival in the fall of 2020.

<Break for lunch – meeting resumes at 2:45pm>

Basque History Report -

Pedro Oiarzabal provided information in regards to the *Memoria Bizia* project that is included in the committee reports. Pedro's group also helped the Museum with their Basques in WWII project and Patty hopes to help their team out as well.

Patty reached out to various clubs to report on work being done in their clubs. Marianna Etcheverria talked about work being done in the Chino area. The Barthes in San Francisco are also working on interviewing in the Bay Area. Patty reported that they are working on finishing the Inner Strength exhibit that will open on April 26th. It will include 100 immigrant women with some included from California as well, and 10 American born Basque women. They have applied for a grant to help with the catalog that will accompany the exhibit.

Basque Community History – more interviews have been conducted in the Salt Lake area. They will branch out to Nevada in the spring.



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Basques in CA - Annie G. and John Y working on that project - mostly on the website side. Basques of California.eus. John Y reported that they had to apply for permission for the domain name so they are a bit behind.

She is hoping to have something to present at the World Congress representing all the work done in California and something less digital that could become part of a standing exhibit. Asun Garikano has been granted permission from the Basque Government to dedicate half of her worktime to this project. Iñigo Medina has also contributed helping with place names in California and Jean Flesher and Joseba Etxarri have contributed as well to the project.

Benan: This project has been in the works for several years. The last world congress “Diasporizatu” or Diasporize meaning that the Basque Country needs to learn more about its Diaspora, and so this project is an important component of that goal, and that is also why they want to take a version of this exhibit to this year’s World Congress.

Mus Report

Please provide Pierre with names of tournament winners as well as a Mus Contact in each club. Any club with 21 teams or more can send 2 teams to the national tournament. Mus dues are still the same as last year. Mus so far is self-sufficient. Last year just over 600 teams participated so \$12,000 was collected but expenses are increasing. Last year \$11,000+ spent on travel to International Mus and participation fees. Last year we sent 2 delegates to International Mus but at home, NABO only purchases trophies for National tournament while the hosting clubs pay for everything else.

Since we are just breaking even right now in Mus, Pierre suggests raising the Mus dues. Mus dues have been \$10 since 1979. Maybe starting in 2020 with \$20 per player to accumulate more funds since we will have to host International Mus again soon. Cost to host international is approximately \$75k. Mayi refers to finance report - \$86,000 tournament expense offset by \$38,000 income from different countries so \$48,000 from NABO. Question: When we might host again? Response: this year it is in France, then Uruguay then Mexico and next tournament isn’t taken yet. Not many countries can host because of the cost i.e. Venezuela, Australia, and Peru, among others. This is also why he has requested that the Basque Government consider Mus as a cultural activity so grants could be provided. Reminds us that many clubs are part of NABO because of Mus.

Gina suggests to go back to your Mus players and ask if a \$20 per person would make a big difference in participation.

Mayi reads letter from Los Banos - Reno and Los Banos Mus tournaments conflict, so wanted to know if maybe Reno could move dates. Philippe reminds us that NABO doesn’t usually get involved in club matters. Mayi wanted to bring it up as many clubs in close proximity and so may need to think about it. Not looking for a vote. Pierre wants to know who runs each tournament so Mus committee can help in these situations.



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National Mus Tournament June 1, 2019, in Paradise Valley hosted by Santa Rosa Basque Club. Annie let everyone know that June 1st is the only possible date for them to host. Much discussion but Philippe reminded everyone that the date has been set this year, and it is what it is. Pierre will send all tournament information to emails that he has on hand. Make sure your contact information for Mus is correct and up to date.

As decided in Los Baños, beginning in 2020 the National Mus will be the Saturday before Father's Day.

Much discussion ensued on the funding of Mus will \$20 per player be enough? Valerie indicates that majority of the Basque Government grant now goes to salary; we have to pay closer attention to what is spent in our programs, Mus, Udaleku, Pilota etc. because we can't count on the BG Grant to subsidize those programs any longer.

Pierre says we have a bigger problem here gives Gina the floor.

Junior Mus, some changes have been made this year. Jr. Mus has been dwindling a little. It is appreciated that clubs hold tournaments, but then winners can't make it to convention to participate in the NABO Jr. Mus Tournament. Instead of every club sending winners to Convention, we will now return to the system used previously, with regional winners traveling to Convention to compete there. Gina is working with folks in each region to organize a regional tournament with winners of regional tournaments traveling to the national tournament. Also considering two levels to encourage teenagers to participate too. Groups are 10-13, and 14-17 years of age. Regions are provided in the committee reports.

Mayi proposes contributing \$100 to where the Jr. Mus tournament takes place to help subsidize some travel expenses, maybe as an incentive to keep this going in NABO. Pierre feels that Jr. Mus is part of Mus and if we increase the dues then NABO could contribute from those funds to Jr. Mus. Anne Marie Gariador feels that some reimbursement should be provided to parents and kids traveling to the NABO Mus Tournament. Pierre, some clubs pay for Mus winners to travel to tournament and so maybe take it back to the clubs to see if they would contribute for Jr. Mus if needed. More discussion ensued. Maybe consider Aita Tillous Fund for help for kids that can't afford to travel to the Convention.

Mayi brings up Reno Los Banos conflict again. Directed to tell Los Banos to get LB President to get in touch with Reno President to resolve Mus Tournament conflict.

International Mus – Pierre thanks Valerie and Lisa for including all the minutes the beginning of International Mus on Global Mus.com. President rotates annually to the country who is hosting the tournament. This year's tournament will be in Bayonne October 12-19, 2019. More information to come. He continues to explain the workings of International Mus, how officers are chosen etc.

Pilota Report – refer to committee report. NABO pilota tournament will split between Bakersfield and SFBCC due to excess activities in Bakersfield for Convention and club's 75th anniversary. Now looks like handball will take place in Bakersfield and Pala in SF.

Txerriki Contest – Valerie provided a summary of the history of Txerriki. This year will mark the 9th year that Txerriki has taken place. This is an event not a committee. Valerie took over from Gratien Etchebehere after he



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stepped down, and has been organizing the event ever since. Txerriki happens at Convention annually. She was never formally appointed to be the chair of this event, but welcomes anyone who would like to become involved to do so. She has already been contacted by several folks for Bakersfield's event. Philippe asks if anyone would like to become involved with Txerriki. Mayi moved to make Valerie the chairperson of the committee. Philippe reminds us that it would be the organizer of the event, as this is not a committee. Mayi amends her motion to reflect that wording. Frank seconds the motion. Much discussion regarding the particulars of the event, what is required, categories, etc. Motion and second on the floor. All in favor.

Udaleku – Udaleku 2019 June 16-28, 2019 in San Francisco. Planning for 110 kids total with 30 who have already applied from the Bay Area. Theme is Iparralde. Intent to participate will be March 1 at 6pm PST. Tuition is \$400 per child. Have to be 10 by Labor Day, and still 15 by Labor Day to participate. March 1st is always the registration date for Udaleku. Udaleku 2020 is in Salt Lake, and 2021 will be in Bakersfield. Also informed us about the Perkain pilota camp for kids in Aldudes.

Benan: Euskal Abentura – program for kids born in 2003 and 2004 walk the seven territories for a month. This year second edition and two participated from the Diaspora, one from the US and another from Argentina. They are looking for more participants from the US.

Jasone Agirre Garitaonandia – Basque Parliament -

Philippe provided background on folks from the Basque Government. Gorka, Benan and Jorge all work under the Presidency of the Basque Autonomous Government (Araba, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa). Jasone is an elected representative to the Basque Parliament which is comprised of 75 members from each of the three provinces. Mainly responsible for legislation and appropriation of funds. The Basque Parliament also elects the Lehendakari who presides over the Basque Government. It is our pleasure, for a second time to have a representative from Bizkaia of Euskal Herria Bildu, Jasone Agirre Garitaonandia. John Ysursa will summarize what she says. A rough translation of what she said in Basque is provided below:

She thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to speak to us. She travels extensively and it is such a pleasure to see how the Basque culture and language is maintained abroad. She says it is a miracle how Basque culture is being maintained, and it is very gratifying. Her theory is that it is maintained because of love. Love for the country, culture, and so on. That love brings us together. We are a small country to be so spread out and so that love is what keeps us going. Even though she represents a particular party – the word herri also means people. In Hegoalde, we are very involved in the changes taking place in Spain and the trend for fascists taking over. Before Euskadi was the problem, but this is now moving towards Catalonia. Therefore, it is very important to stay united among all parties and so they have come to an agreement to come up with a proposal for the Spanish Government. At the same time, we also have to work together with other parties. For example, they worked on a seminar last summer organized by UPV. She feels that it is important to work together internationally as well as nationally. In order to progress as a people it is important to also work internationally but the challenge is for the long-term. Therefore, a strategy needs to be developed. Always asks “what can we do,” the response is positive in the Diaspora; our work is proof that the Basques will remain. Our work is important in all facets to maintain the culture. Everyone in their different areas can work together in order to



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keep the culture going. We are a small people but we can do big things. We need to spread our values in the world, hard work, ethics and good word.

She then presented a figure with “Nere Aitaren Etxea” (My Father’s House) by Gabriel Aresti to Philippe.

EuskalKultura.com - Joseba Etxarri – EuskalKultura.com still working on this daily news service related to the Diaspora. Always appreciate Basque club cooperation, as it is not only important to hold events but to publicize them as well. Trying to publish not only on the website but also on Facebook and Twitter. He also introduced us to a new initiative he is involved in the Hotel Heredad de Unanue in Donostia. The hotel opened in September 2018, and is intended to be the hotel of the Diaspora. Basque heritage.com is now based out of the hotel and organizes a cultural program to support Basques in the Diaspora. To educate Basques in the Basque Country about the Diaspora. Next event will be Aitor Inarra talking about the Basque language in the states and Sho Hagio will also do a talk at the hotel about his experience and what links the Basque Country and Japan. People from the Diaspora get a 5% discount at the hotel. Goal is to give the voice and opportunity to people from the Diaspora to talk to people in the Basque Country about their experiences.

OLD BUSINESS

Bizi Emankorra nominations from Bakersfield for three women, Mayie Maitia, Anne Marie Minaberi and Maite Curutchague. Valerie presented the nominees for Bizi Emankorra from Bakersfield. JP Etchechury moved to accept the nominees and Pierre Etcharren seconded – All in favor. Patty let us know that the photos of these women were taken by the same photographer that she had been working with for the “Inner Strength” exhibit.

Soka Dantza -follow up from Los Banos meeting - presentation Philippe summarizes the background of the exhibit. They have been working on project for one year, and has been traveling in the Basque Country. www.soka.eus. The exhibit covers three different areas of Basque dance. Currently they are working on two options depending on interest and participation. Option one: Quebec will do exhibit only in Montreal September 6-October 6, 2019, and Option two: if they get at least four more clubs that are interested, they could design a version of the exhibit in Montreal so that it could travel to North America. Cost of participation is \$2,500 if a minimum of four clubs participate in the project. Need to hear from other clubs by March 31st. This would include only 3 monitors as the traveling exhibit. Interested clubs should contact Noel Fagoaga. An email will be sent out next week with a summary of this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination for NABO Pilota Director – Philippe presents his nomination of Tony Huarte. Refer to his nomination for complete information. Director is responsible for organizing the NABO Pilota tournament, and involved in the US Federation of Pilota. Mayi moves to nominate Tony for NABO pilota director. Frank Y seconds it. All in favor.

NABO Organizational description Survey – As stated in his nomination letter, NABO through the years has had various committees and programs and the word designated to the head of those was Chairman. There are



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certain connotations to using the word chairman so Philippe will meet with each current chair of committees or director etc. to determine what it should really be called to better reflect the reality of each. He will come back in Bakersfield with some proposals for vocabulary for leader roles of each area.

Future meetings:

2019: Convention: Bakersfield - Friday, May 24, 2019; Fall: Mountain Home - Saturday, October 12, 2019

2020: Winter: San Francisco - Saturday, February 15, 2020; Convention: New England - Friday, August 7, 2020; Fall: Rocklin, CA, Saturday, October 10th, 2020

Denver would like Fall 2021 meeting, but will confirm hosting that meeting soon.

Bakersfield Convention information presented by Valerie. Page four of packet is intent to participate for dancers and klika, along with ad information for clubs who would like to advertise.

Lisa – will we order new Mus cards? Mayi has some. Elko has some too.

Philippe reminds us of various deadlines.

World Congress Nominations. If interested in representing NABO at the World Congress in the fall, send your nominations to Kate and Philippe by May 6, 2019. These three individuals will be elected in Bakersfield.

Philippe thanked everyone for coming, and thanked our special guests as well.

Mayi moves to adjourn the meeting, Annie Gavica seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 5pm.